

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вики!

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## 16 FEBRUARY 2025 / 7533 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

*The Holy Martyrs Pamphilius, Porphyrius, and their Companions.*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Feb. 15 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**  
*Suffrages for +Jerry & Kathy Altman – Fr. Regis Dusecina*
- Sun. Feb. 16 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON** *Suffrages pro populo.*
- Sat. Feb. 22 17:00 Vigil: **MEATFARE SUNDAY – ALL SOULS**
- Sun. Feb. 23 10:30 **MEATFARE SUNDAY** *Suffrages pro populo, esp. for +Rosemarie Macchiaroli – husband, Antonio*



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COLLECTION  
ATTENDANCE:

Adults: \$1222  
Fuel: \$40  
Sat. 13 + 4

Candles: \$45  
**TOTAL: \$1532**  
Sun. 30

Maintenance: \$225



### Psalm 136 (137) vs. 1 – 6

By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors, amusement, saying, «Sing us one of the songs of Zion!» O how can we sing the LORD's song **in a foreign land**? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you; if I do not keep Jerusalem in memory even at my happiest hour!



**DO NOT LOSE HEART, O SOUL**, do not grieve; pronounce not over yourself a final judgment for the multitude of your sins; do not commit yourself to fire; do not say: The Lord has cast me from His face. Such words are not pleasing to God. Can it be that he who has fallen cannot get up? Can it be that he who has turned away cannot turn back again? Do you not hear how kind the Father is to a prodigal? Do not be ashamed to turn back and say boldly: I will arise and go to my Father. Arise and go! He will accept you and will not reproach you, but rather rejoice at your return. He awaits you; just do not be ashamed and do not hide from the face of God as did Adam. It was for your sake that Christ was crucified; so will He cast you aside? He knows who oppresses us. He knows we have no other help but Him alone. Christ knows that man is miserable. Do not give yourself up to despair and apathy, assuming that you have been prepared for the fire. Christ derives no consolation from thrusting us into the fire; He gains nothing if He sends us into the abyss to be tormented. Imitate the prodigal son: leave the city that starves you. Come and beseech Him and you shall behold the glory of God. Your face shall be enlightened and you will rejoice in the sweetness of paradise. Glory to the Lord and Lover of mankind Who saves us.

*St. Ephrem the Syrian*



### ~ Announcements ~

- ✠ The first **ALL SOULS'** is **SATURDAY, 22 FEBRUARY**. A special envelope, on which to write the names of departed loved ones, is included among your weekly offertory envelopes. Make checks payable to *Benedictine Fathers*, NOT to the parish, thank you.
- ✠ **THE BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** is selling **\$500 strip tickets**. The winning number will be taken from the «Pick 3 Daily Number 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Drawing» on **Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**.
- ✠ The parish is most grateful for two donations made to help with the unexpected maintenance and fuel bills from January: A \$2000 gift will be used for the propane bills and a parishioner has offered to cover the costs for repairing the retainer wall that collapsed. A third donation of \$300 was given towards this month's bingo. «*May God grant to these His servants peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!*»

