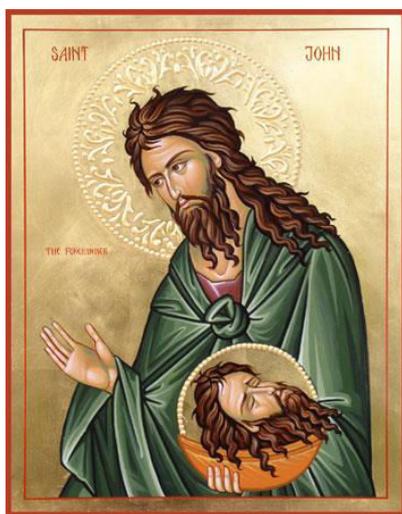




SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

February 24, 2019
39th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of the Prodigal Son / First and Second
Findings of the Head of the Prophet, Forerunner
and Baptist of the Lord, John



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 6 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion (*for St John the Baptist*)

The head of the Forerunner has shone from the earth, sending forth rays of incorruption and healings to the faithful. It gathers together a multitude of Angels above and summons the human race below// to send up glory with one voice to Christ our God.

Tone 2 Kontakion (*for St John the Baptist*)

O Prophet of God and Forerunner of Grace, we have found thy head as a sacred rose. Therefore we always receive healings from it, and, as in times past, now thou dost preach repentance to the world.

Tone 3 Kontakion (*from the Lenten Triodion*)

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: "I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; receive me as a penitent, // and make me as one of Thy hired servants!"

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. ¹³Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. ¹⁸Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who

is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:6-15 (St. John the Forerunner)

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

¹¹ Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. ¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. ¹⁴ But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. ²³ And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴ for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. ²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' ²⁸ "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰ But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' ³¹ "And he said to him, 'Son, you

are always with me, and all that I have is yours.³² It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15 (St. John the Forerunner)

Many Years!

Birthdays	24	Don Eberhardt
	1	Molly Croft
	2	Paul Guest / Danny Bush

Announcements for Sunday, February 24, 2019:

- **Memorial Saturday:** next Saturday is Memorial Saturday or Saturday of Souls, a traditional day of prayer for the dead because Christ lay dead in the tomb on Saturday. If you would like your loved one commemorated, please write down their Christian names (first names only) and leave them with Fr. Theophan.
- **Nuns next Sunday:** it is possible that we will have nuns from St. Elizabeth Convent in Belarus visiting us next Sunday.
- **Family Church School:** we will have Family Church School on Saturday, March 9.
- **Services this week:**
 - Friday, March 1 - **6pm** - Memorial Saturday Vespers.
 - Saturday, March 2 - **9 am** - Memorial Saturday Liturgy, **6 pm** - Great Vespers

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall!