

The Way Of The CROSS

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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Sts. Athanasius (373) and Cyril (444), Archbishops of Alexandria. St. Cyril, schemamonk and St. Maria, schmanun (1337). Ven. Marcian of Cyrrhus (c. 388). Vem Maximus the Serb (1546). St. Leobardus of Marmoutier (VI)

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 1: When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / and the soldiers were guarding Your Most Pure Body, / You arose on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / Therefore, the Powers of Heaven cried out to You, O Giver of Life: / glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. / Glory to Your Kingdom. // Glory to Your Providence, O only Lover of mankind

Tone 1: O Lord, save Your People, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries, / and by Your Cross // preserve Your Commonwealth.

Glory... Both now...

Tone 3: Having foolishly abandoned Thy paternal glory, / I squandered on vices the wealth which Thou gavest me. / Wherefore, I cry unto Thee with the voice of the Prodigal: / I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father. / Receive me as one repentant, // and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

The Epistle

Reader: The Prokimenon in the **1st Tone:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.

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Reader: The Reading is from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians: [Cor. 6:12-20]

Reader: Alleluia in the **1st Tone:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: God avenges me, and has subdued peoples under me.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: He magnifies the salvation of the king and deals mercifully for His anointed, for David and his seed forever.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: [Luke 15:11-32]

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I Corinthians 6:12-20 (Sunday Epistle)

12. Everything is permissible for me, but not everything is helpful. Everything is permissible for me, but I will not allow anything to control me.

13. Food is for the stomach, and the stomach is for food, but God will put an end to both of them. The body is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

14. God raised the Lord, and by his power he will also raise us.

15. You know that your bodies are parts of Christ, don't you? Should I take the parts of Christ and make them parts of a prostitute? Certainly not!

16. You know that the person who unites himself with a prostitute becomes one body with her, don't you? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."

17. But the person who unites himself with the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

18. Keep on running away from sexual immorality. Any other sin that a person commits is outside his body, but the person who sins sexually sins against his own body.

19. You know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you

have received from God, don't you? You do not belong to yourselves,

20. because you were bought for a price. Therefore, glorify God with your bodies.

Luke 15:11-32 (Sunday Gospel)

11. Then Jesus said, "A man had two sons.

12. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So the father divided his property between them.

13. A few days later, the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his possessions on wild living.

14. After he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

15. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

16. He would gladly have filled himself with the husks the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

17. "Then he came to his senses and said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more food than they can eat, and here I am starving to death!

18. I will get up, go to my father, and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and you.

19. I don't deserve to be called your son anymore. Treat me like one of your hired men.'"

20. "So he got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him affectionately.

21. Then his son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and you. I don't deserve to be called your son anymore.'

22. But the father said to his servants, 'Hurry! Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

23. Bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let's eat and celebrate!

24. For my son was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

25. "Now his older son was in the field. As he was coming back to the house, he heard music and dancing.

26. So he called to one of the servants and asked what was happening.

27. The servant told him, 'Your brother has come home, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he got him back safely.'

28. "Then the older son became angry and wouldn't go into the house. So his father came out and began to plead with him.

29. But he answered his father, "Listen! All these years I've worked like a slave for you. I've never disobeyed a command of yours. Yet you've never given me so much as a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends.

30. But this son of yours spent your money on prostitutes, and when he came back, you killed the fattened calf for him!"

31. "His father said to him, 'My child, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

32. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and has been found.'"

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

VESPERS: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

DIVINE LITURGY:

Feb. 7—Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 14—Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 21—Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers—6:00 St. Mary the Protectress

Feb. 28—Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Please make every effort to participate in the services offered during this Great Lent.

Financial Report Dec 09

Income 1600.80

Expenses 2018.81

Net \$418.00

Building Fund

Goal — \$25,000

Collected —

\$9092.76

Fund Raising

Holy Cross has made it's \$420.00 donation for our foster child Sophia.

Prayer for Needs: Chuck, Pamela, and Jeff, Lisa, Dustin, Lucinda, Sandy and Dave (traveling), victims of the earthquake in Haiti

Prayer for Sick: Rose, Merle, Georgina, , Dustin

Prayer for the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

GOD GRANT MANY YEARS: February

Birthdays: Syliva K.(1), Candy (12), Dustin (13),

Anniversaries:

OUR PARISH REQUIRES YOUR REGULAR DONATIONS FOR ITS ONGOING SUPPORT. ANY DONATION YOU CAN GIVE EITHER FOR THE OPERATION OR FOR THE BUILDING FUND WILL BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AS WELL AS ANY FINANCIAL GIFT AND VOLUNTEER TIME YOU CAN GIVE. **THE COLLECTION BASKET FOR DONATIONS IS LOCATED ON THE BACK CORNER TABLE.**

MEETINGS and STUFF

Holy Cross Parish Council: Kitzul Residence:

February 25, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Ed. Class: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday

3rd Sunday of Month: Bring a canned good donation to Church.

WELCOME to all our guests who came to worship with us today IN THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES THAT HAS BEEN PRESERVED UNCHANGED AND IS ETERNAL. May God save you for your prayers.

• Check out our Lending Library: **New Kid's album of Icon Cards are now available.**

• Let's not forget about our Food Bank Donations and 'Pennies from Heaven'.

• If you are working at your computer, turn on Ancient Faith Radio at: <http://ancientfaith.com>

• **Parish is selling Prayer Ropes and Beeswax Candles** as a fundraiser. Great for your devotional needs. See Sandy

Hand your prayer request to Subdeacon Dennis or to one of the Acolytes before the service and he will bring it to the priest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **FRESH HONEY for sale.** 500 g- \$5.00
GRAPE JELLY for sale. Only \$3.00 a jar. Honey and jam. Please see Sylvia Kitzul if you are interested in these delicious items.

2. **Church Calendars: \$3.00 each. They will be available at the back of the chapel.** Please pay Dave.

3. **DIVINE LITURGY SERVICE BOOKS** are now available for sale. You can have your very own copy for \$10.00. Please see Sandy or Fr. Evan.

4. **Holy Cross Mission Clothing Drive.** Holy Cross Mission is collecting men's winter clothing. If you have gently used, hardly used winter clothing in your homes, bring it to Holy Cross. We are also collecting men's long underwear and winter-socks as well. Please have your clothing donations at liturgy this Sunday.

5. **Collection for Haiti.** Holy Cross, on January 31, will be donating that Sunday's collection to the Red Cross for the victims of the devastating earthquake. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

6. **Perogie Orders!** Holy Cross is taking perogie orders again. Get your perogie orders in. Same prices as last time. If you are able to donate flour or potatoes please see Sylvia Kitzul.

Our Parish is housed at St. Andrew's College on the University of Manitoba Campus. Address: 29 Dysart Road.

Monthly Calendars are at the back of the Church.

7. **House Blessings.** This will be the last week for house blessings. If you wish for Fr. Evan to bless your home, please make arrangements with him.

Venerable Schemamonk Cyril, the Father of St Sergius of Radonezh
Commemorated on January 31

Saint Cyril and his wife Maria were the parents of St Sergius of Radonezh (September 25). They belonged to the nobility, but more importantly, they were devout and faithful Christians who were adorned with every virtue.

When the child in Maria's womb cried out three times in church during Liturgy, people were astonished. Although frightened at first, Maria came to see this event as a sign from God that her child would become a chosen vessel of divine grace. She and her husband agreed that if the child was a boy, they would bring him to church and dedicate him to God. This child, the second of their three sons, was born around 1314. He was named Bartholomew at his baptism.

Because of civil strife, St Cyril moved his family from Rostov to Radonezh when Bartholomew was still a boy.

Later, when their son expressed a desire to enter the monastic life, Sts Cyril and Maria asked him to wait and take care of them until they passed away, because his brothers Stephen and Peter were both married and had their own family responsibilities. The young Bartholomew obeyed his parents, and did everything he could to please them. They later decided to retire to separate monasteries, and departed to the Lord after a few years. It is believed that Sts Cyril and Maria both reposed in 1337.

Forty days after burying his parents, Bartholomew settled their estate, giving his share to his brother Peter. He then went to the monastery when he was twenty-three years old, and was tonsured on October 7 with the name Sergius (in honor of the martyr St Sergius who is commemorated on that day).

The true Orthodox way of thought has always been historical, has always included the past, but has never been enslaved by it. The strength of the Church is not in the past, present, or future, but in Christ.