

# ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**February 28, 2016**  
**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
**Basil the Confessor**  
**Kyranna of Thessaloniki**  
**John Cassian**

## **ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ - EPISTLE READING - I Corinthians 6:12-20**

**Α**δελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπό τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῆ κοιλίας, καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῆ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ τὸν κύριον ἡγειρεν καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστίν; Ἄρα οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῆ πόρνη ἐν σώμα ἐστίν; Ἔσονται γάρ, φησὶν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν. Ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἐν πνεύμα ἐστίν. Φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἀμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστίν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἀμαρτάνει. Ἡ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐστίν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ; Καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν, ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἅτινά ἐστιν τοῦ θεοῦ.

**B**rethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

*Epistle Reader* **Lindsey Fan Kallaos**

## ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ - GOSPEL READING - Luke 15:11-32

**Ε**ἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τήν παραβολήν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί· Πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας, καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακρὰν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισε τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἤρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους. καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσει τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μισθοὶ τοῦ πατρὸς μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· Πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου. οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου· ποιήσόν με ὡς ἕνα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμὸν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός· Πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· Ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱὸς μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη. καὶ ἤρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἕνα τῶν παιδῶν ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἦκει καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατὴρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτὸν ἀπέλαβεν. ὠργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρί· Ἴδου τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρήλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱὸς σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγὼν σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σὰ ἐστίν· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη.

**T**he Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

# RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2016

**Sun. February 28, 2016**  
**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
**Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am**

**Tues. March 1, 2016**  
**- Greek Language School, 4pm**

**Wed. March 2, 2016**  
**- Philotochos General Meeting, 7pm**

**Sat. March 5, 2016**  
**SATURDAY OF SOULS**  
**Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am**  
**MEMORIAL FOR ALL SOULS**

**ACOLYTES SERVING TODAY - TEAM A**

## PROSFORO

**February 28** Elefteria Konstantarakis  
**March 5** Kathy Tseheridis  
**March 6** Lela Bonorris  
**March 12** Elefteria Konstantarakis  
**March 13** Maria Tambouris  
**March 13** Eleftheria Skentzos  
**March 16** Kathy Tseherides

## WELCOME VISITORS

If you are Orthodox and are interested in learning who we are and what our beliefs and practices are, we invite you to any of our Bible Study classes and of course the Class on the Orthodox Faith. On the other hand if you are an Orthodox Christian and are not a member in another Orthodox Church we invite you (and your family) to join our parish. (Note: While all may receive the Andidoron, the bread which is given at the conclusion of services which of course is not consecrated, only Orthodox Christians in good standing can receive Holy Communion and other Sacraments.)

+ MEMORIAL - +  
 Eleni Kokkinos - 1 Year  
*\*Coffee hour will be sponsored by the Kokkinos Family*  
 + May her memory be eternal +

Today  
 Greek Dance Group Recognition  
**Come join us during coffee hour today**  
**our Greek Dance Groups for their fantastic success at FDF 2016.**



THE ORTHODOX  
BOOKMOBILE



IS AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY

Bookmobile after Divine Liturgy. We have beautiful icons, and a variety of religious articles and Christian books, as well as Bibles.

Goldenstars invite you to Bingo!

This Saturday

March 5th at 1:00 pm - Small Hall

**Goldenstars invites you to join them for a lovely day of fellowship and a few games of bingo this Saturday! All members of our community are welcome to join us.**

## Body & Soul

**Saint George Parish invites you to an Apokreatiko Glendi. A dinner-dance featuring the talented and award winning Tshouridis Brothers from Veria, Greece and DJ Peter Loukatos!**

**March 5, 2016 at 7pm - 4 c o " c v " U c k p v " L q j p ø u " H g n n**  
**For more info, reservations and tickets please call (323) 806-3886**

The Hellenic Library of Southern California presents  
Musical Latitudes and Bard -Popular Song collective in

### Mikis Theodorakis

Songs beyond the borders of the world

A concert to celebrate the 90th birthday of the great Greek composer

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Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 5:30pm

at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium

16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706

*A reception will follow the event at the hall of St. George in Downey*

*For Reservations call (562) 305 -2356 or email: [info@helleniclibrary.org](mailto:info@helleniclibrary.org)*

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### St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

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The Oratorical Festival is a program sponsored by the Department of Religious Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. Elementary, Middle and High school students are invited to speak about their faith, their church and their heritage.

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their Orthodox Faith. Two speakers from each division, junior and senior, will advance to the District Oratorical Festival on May 14, 2016 at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center.

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## St John's Greek School

invites you to join us for the celebration of

### **Greek Independence Day**

On Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:00 pm

St John's Greek Orthodox Church Hall

Enjoy our students' presentation and a performance by the

Greek Dance groups.

Dinner, music and dancing to follow

To reserve your table please call Raza Kitsigianis (714) 348-8365 or  
email [rkitsigianis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rkitsigianis@sbcglobal.net)

Donations: Adults \$30 Child \$15



# 2016 OC GREEK FEST ADOPT-A-BOOTH

We're kicking off the 2016 OC Greek Fest Adopt-a-Booth program. This year's Festival will take place on, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need your support to ensure a successful festival. Please complete this form and drop it off at the Church Office or give it to a Parish Council member. For additional information, please contact either Spiro Rados (714-319-6431) or Stacy Sotos-Lanyi ([greekstacy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greekstacy@sbcglobal.net); 714-473-3726).

500 – 3 lb Chickens	1500.00	Ice	1000.00	Pastry – Amygdalota	500.00
400 lbs Ground Beef	800.00	Bottle Water	1,000.00	Pastry – Bougatsa	400.00
600 lbs Salad	600.00	Kid's Hot Dogs	400.00	Pastry – Kataifi	500.00
300 lbs Onions	300.00	Microbrewery	750.00	Pastry – Kataifi	500.00
Hall Produce	600.00	Beer Wagon	2000.00	Pastry – Melomakarona	400.00
Tiropita	600.00	Greek Beer	800.00	Pastry – Koulourakia	400.00
Spanakopita	600.00	Greek Beer	800.00	Pastry – Kourambietes	400.00
Moussaka	1500.00	Outside Taverna	1000.00	Pastry – Karidopita	400.00
Pastitsio	1500.00	Hall Bar	600.00	Pastry – Ravani	300.00
Rice	300.00	Margaritas	600.00	Pastry – Pasta Flora	400.00
Dolmathes	300.00	Wine	1200.00	Pastry - Chocolate Florigeres	300.00
Hall - Feta Cheese	600.00	Cappuccino	300.00	Pastry - Chocolate Florigeres	300.00
Olive Oil	500.00	Soft Drinks	1800.00	Pastry - Chocolate Florigeres	300.00
Souvlakia	1500.00	Greek Coffee	300.00	Pastry – Honey	700.00
Mega Booth – Gyro	2400.00	Pastry – Diples	400.00	Religious Booth	2000.00
Mega Booth – Feta Fries	1200.00	Pastry – Baklava	500.00	Printing – Flyers	500.00
Mega Booth – Produce	1000.00	Pastry – Baklava	500.00	Printing – Postcards	1000.00
Mega Booth – Feta	600.00	Pastry – Baklava	500.00	Printing – Raffle Tickets	1500.00
Tzatziki Sauce	300.00	Pastry – Poutinga	550.00	Shuttle Bus – Friday	1500.00
Lamb Taverna	2400.00	Pastry – Galactobouriko	500.00	Shuttle Bus – Saturday	2500.00
Lamb Taverna	2400.00	Pastry – Galactobouriko	500.00	Shuttle Bus – Sunday	2500.00
Calamari	1250.00	Pastry – Marble Koulourakia	500.00	Volunteer T-shirts	600.00
Kitchen Oil	400.00			Website/Social Media	700.00

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\* Donation amounts are suggestions only. In many cases, the actual booth expense exceeds the suggested donation amount. PARTIAL DONATIONS HAPPILY ACCEPTED! In-kind (product) donations gladly accepted subject to advance approval by the Festival Committee.

**Thank you very much for your generosity!**



TODAY - FEBRUARY 28TH

GREEK ORTHODOX BASKETBALL

Start Time 2pm St. John vs. Assumption at Long Beach

Philoptochos General Meeting - Wednesday, March 2nd at 7pm

Our guest speaker that evening will be Pennie Contos. As owner of a Curves for  
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activities. She will discuss and demonstrate exercises to help with balance, fall  
protection, and improve flexibility. Wear casual and comfortable clothing.