

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
**Octoechos Tone 2**  
**Transfer of the Precious Relics**  
**of our Father Among the Saints John Chrysostom**

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DIVINE LITURGY WITH POLYELEOS ON PRE-LENTEN SUNDAY

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 2:* When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,\* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.\* When You raised the dead from the nether world,\* all the powers of heaven cried out:\* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

*Troparion, Tone 8:* The divine Church rejoices\* and the whole world keeps feast with radiance\* at the transfer of your relics, O venerable hierarch John Chrysostom.\* Your life as a bishop was godly\* and you willingly became a martyr.\* Therefore we cry to you, O martyr, passion-bearer and hierarchs’ companion:\* Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion, Tone 3:* Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father,\* wasting the wealth You gave me on vices.\* Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal:\* Loving Father, I have sinned before You.\* Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

***Prokeimenon, Tone 2***

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

*verse:* The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. (Psalm 117:14,18)

***Prokeimenon, Tone 1***

My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart understanding.

*verse:* Hear these things, all you nations; give ear all you inhabitants of the world. (Psalm 28:4,2)

***Epistle***

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

Brothers and Sisters, All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be dominated 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 meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, The two shall be one flesh. But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*Hebrews 7:26-8:2*

Brothers and Sisters, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject

to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up.

***Alleluia, Tone 2***

*verse:* The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

*verse:* Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. (Psalm 19:2,10)

***Alleluia, Tone 2***

*verse:* The mouth of the just man shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak judgment.

*verse:* The law of his God is in his heart, and his steps will not falter. (Psalm 36:30,31)

***Gospel***

*Luke 15:11-32*

The Lord told this parable, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up 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 like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then 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 slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

*John 10:9-16*

The Lord said to the Jews that came to Him: "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

***Communion Hymn***

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1)\* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalm 111:6)