

ST. MELETIUS, ARCHBISHOP OF ANTIOCH

St. Meletius was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia when he was summoned to Antioch by emperor Constantius to help combat the Arian heresy; he was appointed to that See. He struggled against the Arian error, but through the intrigues of the heretics, he was thrice deposed from his cathedra. Constantius had become surrounded by the Arians and had accepted their position. Throughout this time, St. Meletius was distinguished by his extraordinary gentleness, and he constantly led his flock by example of his virtue and kindly disposition.

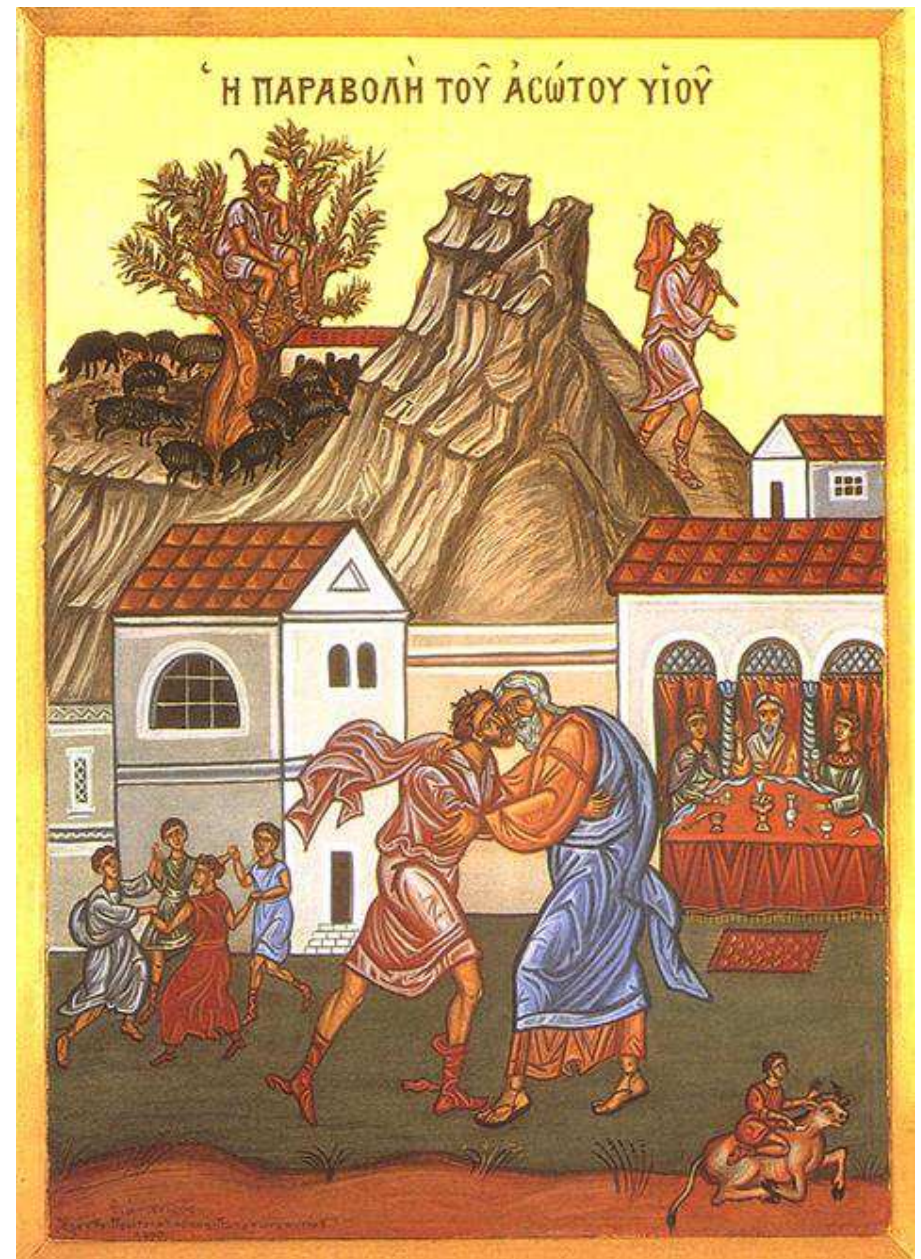
He ordained the future hierarch St. Basil the Great as deacon. St. Meletius baptized and encouraged another great luminary of Orthodoxy, St. John Chrysostom.

After Constantius, the throne was occupied by Julian the Apostate, and the saint again was expelled and hid in secret places for his safety. Returning under the emperor Jovian in the year 363, St. Meletius wrote his theological treatise, "Exposition of the Faith," which facilitated the conversion of many Arians to Orthodoxy.

In the year 381, under the emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395), the Second Ecumenical Council was convened; St. Meletius presided over it. Before the start, St. Meletius raised his hand displaying 3 fingers, and then withdrawing 2 fingers and leaving one extended, he blessed the people, proclaiming: "We understand three hypostases, and we speak about a single nature." With this declaration, a fire surrounded the saint like lightning. During the Council St. Meletius fell asleep in the Lord. St. Gregory of Nyssa honored the memory of the deceased with a eulogy.

St. Meletius has left treatises on the consubstantiality of the Son of God with the Father, and a letter to the emperor Jovian concerning the Holy Trinity.

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FEBRUARY 12, 2017

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch;
St. Aleksy, Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia;
St. Meletius, Archbishop of Kharkov; Ven. Mary and her father, Ven. Eugene, at Alexandria;
St. Anthony, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Kristo the Gardener;
The "IVERON" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos

“Like fools, we left behind our Father’s glory, and by our sins we squandered all He gave us. So now, filled with shame, we beg Him like the prodigal: We have sinned before You, Father, and all we have is our sorrow. In Your tenderness, do not turn us away; take us back at least as hired hands.”

Kontakion, Tone III

“O Meletius, holy hierarch, your flock has recognized you by the brilliance of your works. You are a model of kindness and rule of faith, a teacher of self-control. Your lowliness has raised you to the heights of fame, and your poverty has filled your hands with riches. Beg Christ, our God, to save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 15:11-32

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, February 18 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, February 13	I John 2:18-3:10	Mark 11:1-11
Tuesday, February 14	I John 3:11-20	Mark 14:10-42
Wednesday, February 15	I John 3:21-4:6	Mark 14:43-15:1
Thursday, February 16	I John 4:20-5:21	Mark 15:1-15
Friday, February 17	II John 1:1-13	Mark 15:22-25,33-41
Saturday, February 18	I Corinthians 10:23-28	Luke 21:8-9,25-27,33-36
(Departed)	I Thessalonians 4:13-17	John 5:24-30

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

- 12, TODAY Second Sunday Food Sale
- 13, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 20, Monday 9:00 a.m. Cooking for St. Herman’s House
- 22, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman’s House of Hospitality

<p><u>FOOD SALE:</u> Please support the final food sale of this season, which is being held today in the Fellowship Hall. HTOC cooks and bakers have prepared their specialties for you!</p> <p><u>FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:</u> The statements for your donations to HTOC in 2016 are available in the Fellowship Hall.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:</u> The covers and flowers today are offered by Tom and Sandie Adamczek.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN DONORS:</u> There are still a few 2017 dates in need of donors. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall; your offering helps offset the cost of printing our weekly bulletin.</p>	<p><u>GREETERS:</u> We are looking for people to join our “Greeters” team. If you are interested, contact Alex Cundik at 440-877-1980, or ajcundik@cox.net</p> <p><u>BOOK CIRCLE:</u> The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet tomorrow, Monday, February 13, at 12:30 p.m. We will read <u>St. Nikiforos, The Leper and Wonderworker</u> (+1964). Please read preface through pg. 21 of his life and pages 77-106 (or as you can) of his miracles.</p> <p><u>PARISHIONER SUNSHINE:</u> If you know of a parishioner who could use a “Thinking of You: message, please contact Dianna Kall at 216-741-2888, or dkall@ameritech.net. Include name, address, city, zip code and the need so an appropriate card can be sent.</p>
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I gaze upon the icons in the temple—upon Thy Holy icon, my Lord, and upon that of Thy Most Pure Mother and of the angels and all Thy saints, all adorned and resplendent in gold and silver. And I think to myself how Thou has honoured and adorned our nature, O Lord! Thy saints shine with Thy light, they are sanctified by Thy grace, having conquered sin and washed away the impurities of body and spirit; they are glorious with Thy glory, they are incorruptible through Thine incorruptibility. Glory to Thee for having so honoured and raised up our nature!

St. John of Kronstadt

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, FEBRUARY 5	\$ 3539.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	2420.00
BUILDING FUND	110.00
MORTGAGE FUND	167.00
CANDLES	106.00
IN MEMORY OF TOM BOHURJAK	50.00

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February 12, 2017

THE PRODIGAL SON: SPIRITUALITY IN ART

In the Orthodox Church the Prodigal Son is associated with the Pre-Lenten Sundays. The gospel (Luke 15:11-32) is read following the story of the Publican and Pharisee. Both of these are important lessons about repentance. The Prodigal Son contains several aspects, but at its center is a story of a person who realizes that he needs to change his life. His realization comes with contrition as he admits his sins and seeks forgiveness. Both the Publican and Pharisee and the Prodigal Son will reappear throughout Great Lent to remind us of what we learned from them.



The Prodigal Son is a beloved New Testament story, and no wonder that it has become the inspiration for artists, musicians and authors. One of the most famous is Rembrandt's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. The painting (above) depicts the prodigal son kneeling before his father whose gracious forgiveness is beautifully expressed by his comforting hands. At the same time, the irritated older brother stands in judgment at the right with folded arms. A noted scholar said that it is "a picture which those who have seen the original in St. Petersburg may be forgiven for claiming it the greatest picture ever painted." The Orthodox Church does not have a traditional iconographic image of the Prodigal Son, but we can contemplate this painting as if it were an icon. Catholic spiritual theologian Henri Nouwen wrote an entire book of reflections on this painting where he says that Rembrandt's genius was that here "the most divine is captured in the most human."

Fr. Alexander Garklaus



Greater Cleveland Council
of Orthodox Clergy

Sunday of Orthodoxy Great Vespers

March 5, 2017

5:00 PM

St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral (OCA)

733 Starkweather Avenue
Cleveland OH 44113



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Children are invited to bring Icons and
participate in the procession

*Fellowship and refreshments in the Cathedral Hall
following the service*

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FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon—ZOE for Life class 6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple	2 The Meeting of our Lord in the Temple 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	3	4 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
5 Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Afterfeast of the Meeting	6 T H I S	7 I S A	8 F A S T	9 - F R E	10 6:00 p.m. “GAME NIGHT” E W E E	11 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers K .
12 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Second Sunday Food Sale	13 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	14	15	16	17	18 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
19 Sunday of Meatfare	20 Cooking for St. Herman’s House	21	22 Serving dinner at St. Herman’s House	23	24	25 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
26 Sunday of Cheesefare Expulsion of Adam from Paradise Forgiveness Sunday 5:00 Vespers	27 Beginning of Great Lent 9:00 a.m. Lenten Hours 6:00 p.m. Great Canon	28 9:00 a.m. Lenten Hours 6:00 p.m. Great Canon	1 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Compline & Great Canon	2 6:00 p.m. Compline & Great Canon	3 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy	4 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers Confessions