



ST. MARK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 12, 2017

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON; ST. MELETIUS, ARCHBISHOP OF ANTIOCH

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Saturday, February 18 – Memorial Divine Liturgy at 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, February 18– Great Vespers and confessions at 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, February 19 – Church school 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M.; Meatfare Pot Luck and Ministries Presentation following the Liturgy

OTHER EVENTS: Wednesday – Parish Council meeting at 7:00 P.M.

PRAYERS ADDED THIS WEEK:

newly departed Olga Brunk – Loretta Dimitruck's mother

Marek – Nancy Herman's co-worker's father; in need of a high risk heart surgery

BIRTHDAYS: Brooklyn Hetrick and Anna Alekseyev 2/13; Lidia Levina 2/15; Tareeshia Sapp and Steven Louis 2/18 **ANNIVERSARY:** Ana and Leonardo Freitas 2/14

- Coffee next week: **POTLUCK** – Everybody gets involved

- Greeters next week: Steve and Patricia Morrish

- Attendance last week: 61 adults 18 children

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE MEMORIAL DIVINE LITURGY

All names that have been submitted in the past 30 years are still on the list. If you have any **NEW** commemorations please give them to Fr. Andrew before Saturday so that they may be included in the preparation Liturgy. As always, love for the remembered departed is best expressed when you participate in the Memorial Divine Liturgy.

HAVE YOU PLANNED YOUR ADORNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS?

STEWARDSHIP SIGN-UP

The annual list of activities and "around the parish" jobs is now posted on the bulletin board. Please look it over and consider taking the responsibility for one or more of the tasks. Your fellow parishioners are appreciative of all the energy that goes into making St. Mark a truly special community in Christ. Thank you.

THE NEXT PIEROGHI WORKSHOP will take place on Wednesday, March 1 at 9:00 A.M. Orders are now being taken and new participants are encouraged and welcome.

St. Meletius the Archbishop of Antioch

Commemorated on February 12

Saint Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch, was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (ca. 357), and afterwards he was summoned to Antioch by the emperor Constantius to help combat the Arian heresy, and was appointed to that See.

Saint Meletius struggled zealously 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. In all this Saint Meletius was distinguished by an extraordinary gentleness, and he constantly led his flock by the example of his own virtue and kindly disposition, supposing that the seeds of the true teaching sprout more readily on such soil.

Saint Meletius was the one who ordained the future hierarch Saint Basil the Great as deacon. Saint Meletius also baptized and encouraged another of the greatest luminaries of Orthodoxy, Saint John Chrysostom, who later eulogized his former archpastor.

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

In the year 381, under the emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395), the Second Ecumenical Council was convened. In the year 380 the saint had set off on his way to the Second Ecumenical Council at Constantinople, and came to preside over it.

Before the start of the Council, Saint Meletius raised his hand displaying three fingers, and then withdrawing two 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 Saint Meletius fell asleep in the Lord. Saint Gregory of Nyssa honored the memory of the deceased with a eulogy.

Saint 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. The relics of Saint Meletius were transferred from Constantinople to Antioch.