



**St George the Great Martyr
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**SUNDAY: TONE 6 Sunday of the Prodigal Son/
First and Second Findings of the Head of the Prophet,
Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John**

Tone 6 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion (*for St John the Baptist*)

The head of the Forerunner has shone from the earth, / sending forth rays of incorruption and healings to the faithful. / It gathers together a multitude of Angels above and summons the human race below// to send up glory with one voice to Christ our God.

Tone 2 Kontakion (*for St John the Baptist*)

O Prophet of God and Forerunner of Grace, / we have found thy head as a sacred rose. / Therefore we always receive healings from it, / and, as in times past, now thou dost preach repentance to the world.

Tone 3 Kontakion (*from the Lenten Triodion*)

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; / and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. / And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: / "I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Fa-ther; / receive me as a penitent, // and make me as one of Thy hired servants!"

Luke 15:11-32 (*Gospel*)

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with 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, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

Matthew 11:2-15 (Gospel, Forerunner)

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.' Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Calendar of Events – Starting today: February 10

Sunday	02/24	9:10am - Hours; 9:30am - Divine Liturgy Parish Meeting Today
Monday	02/25	
Tuesday	02/26	
Wednesday	02/27	2:00-5:00pm Office Hours
Thursday	02/28	
Friday	03/01	
Saturday	03/02	6:00pm - Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday	03/03	9:10am - Hours; 9:30am - Divine Liturgy Church School

Weekly announcements, looking ahead:

- ◆ May God guide us in our parish meeting, which is **TODAY during coffee hour.**
- ◆ 2:00-5:00pm Office Hours this Wednesday.

Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers this week:

For good health and healing: Souraya, Alice, Basil, Christina, Eddie, Juan, Ruth, Nicholas, Mary, Dragosh, Sonia, Doreen, Peter, Denise, Traci and the Child to be born of her. Matushka Joan, Fred.

Memory Eternal: Newly Departed Priest Athanasius.