



**SAINT WILLIBRORD ORTHODOX CHURCH**

*A Missionary Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox  
Christian Archdiocese of North America,  
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest*

His Eminence, SABA, Metropolitan of North America

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of  
Toledo and the Midwest

Rev. Fr. Seraphim Schlueter, Pastor



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WE at Saint Willibrord Orthodox Church welcome you. We are pleased that you have joined us today in worshiping God, the Holy Trinity.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, you are welcome to receive the immaculate Body and precious Blood of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ if you have properly prepared yourself through prayer, fasting, and recent sacramental confession.

If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to worship with us, ask questions, and learn about our parish and the Orthodox Christian faith. Although you may not receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to receive some of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

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## **HYMNS OF THE DAY**

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

*Tone 6*

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

### **Troparion of St. Willibrord**

The word of God to the Patriarch Abraham, "Go forth from thy country," thou hast received as a command for thyself, as the Lord doth ask to leave all things for His sake. As an inheritance He hath given thee a distant land which thou hast won for Him through the labor. Intercede for us, O holy Father Willibrord, that we may become worthy children of the Light.

### **Kontakion for the Prodigal Son**

*Tone 3*

*(\*\*On this day the Virgin\*\*)*

Foolishly I sprang away \* from Thy great fatherly glory, \* and dispersed in wicked deeds \* the riches that Thou didst give me. \* With the Prodigal I therefore \* cry unto Thee now: \* I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. \* But receive me in repentance; \* make me as one of \* Thy hired servants, O Lord.

## **THE EPISTLE**

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

*O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.*

### **The Reading from First Corinthians 6:12-20**

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for

fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

## THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 15:11-32**

The Lord spoke 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 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.’”



## CALENDAR

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### Saturday, March 9

2:00 PM – Catechumen Class

2:45 PM – Bible Study

4:00 PM – Great Vespers

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### Sunday, March 10

8:30 AM – Matins

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – Meatfare Potluck

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*Confessions may be made before or after services or by appointment.*

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### FUTURE PRIEST FUND PROGRESS

**2024 Goal:** \$15,148.14 | **Year-to-date:** \$1305 | **To-go this year:** (\$13,843.14)

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