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**Worshipping in the Body** By Rev. Fred Saato

We live our life in Christ in our bodies as well as in our spirits and so the Eastern Churches have insisted that the body join the spirit in worshipping the One who created us as both physical and spiritual. We bow, we kneel, we make the sign of the cross, we prostrate, we kiss, we eat and we drink. We glorify God in the body by entering body, soul and spirit in the worship of the Church.

**One way we glorify God in our bodies at worship is by standing for prayer. In some churches people are directed to stand or sit at different times during the service. Sitting, however, is the stance taken by an audience rather than a participant, whether it be at the theater or at worship. Worshippers are an "audience" during readings or a sermon; during prayers and litanies they are participants and more fittingly stand rather than sit.**

Two bodily gestures in Eastern worship not common in the churches of the West are the metany and the prostration. In the metany we make the sign of the cross and bow from the waist, extending our right hand until our fingers touch the ground. In the prostration we kneel on both knees and bow until our forehead touches the ground. Both gestures indicate our complete submission to the King of all.

Making metanies and prostrations requires a certain amount of free space around the worshipper. In older churches abroad any seating (benches or stalls) was located around the church walls leaving the center of the church free for worshippers. In churches with Western-style pews worshippers often move out into the aisles to make prostrations.

There is a sign-up poster in the hall for different maintenance jobs that need to be done around the church. We will have "Work Days" and you will be notified if you marked your name. Soon we will have a work day to prepare for Holy Week and the Resurrection of our Lord. I urge you to be involved in your church with a spirit of stewardship for the talents that God gave us. If you can help in any way, please sign your name on the poster in the hall today. Thank you.

Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

**You can schedule Divine Liturgies, read our Bulletin, make donations, read our Parish Guidelines for Membership, or follow our Children Education Blog; all from our Web Site, [www.Stjohnofthedesert.com](http://www.Stjohnofthedesert.com).**

**Do not forget the hungry!** (Collection Basket at the door)

**FEBRUARY 5, 2012**  
**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

**LK 15:11-32**

**1 COR 6:12-20**

**ZONE 8**

**St. John of the Desert Calendar**

Saturday, February 11	5:00 pm	Saturday of the Dead Divine Liturgy Followed by the PPC Meeting (Do not Forget to pray for your Dead)
Sunday, February 12	9:00 am	Children Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy followed by Social Hour
Thanksgiving for favors received, (+) Sister Esther, (+) Gloria Herro, Mike Kunisch, Roman Obrycki		

**Today's Intentions:**

- For Peace In Syria by Milad & Ibtisam Ishak and Family
- For the Health and Salvation of Paul Davis' Family by Joseph Davis
- For the Health and Salvation of Paul Davis by Kh. Simone
- For the Health and Salvation of Mike Kunisch by Dave & Sue Bieber
- For the Health and Salvation of Roman Obrycki by Dave & Sue Bieber
- For the Repose of the Soul of Barbara Chisnell by Joseph Davis
- For the Repose of the Soul of Gloria Herro
- For the Repose of the Soul of Mrs. Carato Sr. by Joseph Davis
- For the Repose of the Soul of Sister Esther by Mary & Marti Herro
- For a Special Intention

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Eric Rimmer, Mary Kostisak, Andre and Osama Eid, Lynn Hume, Linda Herro, Kafa Dababneh, Camille Holt, Refga Sayegh, Bo Bolinaga, Pauline Hamra, Sue Bieber, Ray Weirick, Bill Estes, Samira Horan, Baylee Beamer and Nadia Demian.

**Fast & Abstinence - No Abstinence on Wednesday, February 8st and Friday, February 10th**

Wednesday, February 22	7:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, February 24	7:00 PM	First Acathist Hymn
Wednesday, February 29	7:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 2	7:00 PM	Second Acathist Hymn
Wednesday, March 7	7:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 9	7:00 PM	Third Acathist Hymn
Wednesday, March 14	7:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 16	7:00 PM	Fourth Acathist Hymn
Wednesday, March 21	7:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 23	7:00 PM	Last Acathist Hymn
Wednesday, March 28	7:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 30	7:00 PM	Compline
Saturday, March 31	1:00 PM	Parish Retreat (Ends with Vespers)
Monday, April 2	7:00 PM	BrideGroom Service
Tuesday, April 3	7:00 PM	Great Compline
Wednesday, April 4	7:00 PM	Repentance & Holy Oil
Thursday, April 5	7:00 PM	Crucifixion of our Lord
Friday, April 6	12:00 PM	Vespers/Descent of the Cross and Parish Soup
	1:00 PM	Spend an hour with Christ in Silence
	7:00 PM	Office of the Burial of Christ
Saturday, April 7	11:00 AM	Blessing of the New Light
		Liturgy of the Triumph over death
	8:00 PM	Hajmeh/Resurrection Divine Liturgy and Social
Sunday, April 24	10:30 AM	Resurrection Divine Liturgy