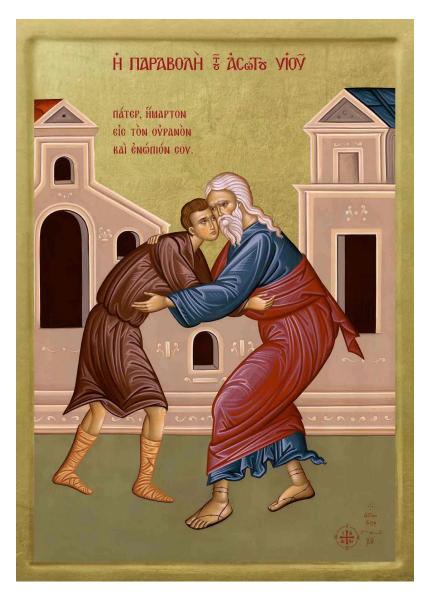


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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

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the Rev. Presbyter Maxim (Davi) Hayes, Pastor



Get Involved

The Mustard Seed ECC is a new mission and we have many opportunities to get involved! While a new mission has lots to do, our focus is building community and connections.

If you are interested in serving we are also planning and getting ready to host liturgies and services. This requires people who can (or will) sing, help with set up and tear down, organize, serve youth and children's ministry, help with liturgies, serve the altar and more.

As a new mission we also have a lot of administrative things to keep up with and develop. We want to start with a strong footing.

If you are looking to serve, connect, are interested in leadership or feel a calling to a vocation please contact us. Our leadership will have a brief 'boot camp' to help them be prepared and equipped for ministry. The Mustard Seed ECC is committed to equipping and supporting all who serve the parish.

<u>The Sacraments – Our Life in Christ</u>

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation. Baptism, Chrismation, Holy Eucharist. We follow the command of the Lord to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Chrismation (Confirmation) and Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion) are imparted at the same time immediately following baptism.

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Infants – scheduled at the Divine Liturgy on Sundays during the year except certain fast periods.

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Adults – follows a period of catechumenate. This is a period of spiritual formation. Please see Presb. Maxim.

Mystery (Sacrament) of Crowning in Marriage – Couples wishing to marry must inform the pastor at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. They will meet with the priest for multiple premarital counseling sessions in preparation.

Mystery (Sacrament) of Ordination – We are pleased to offer resources to assist in the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to assist those currently discerning a call to serve as a priest or consecrated person. Our goal is to provide you with the information, support and encouragement you need to take that next step in responding to the call of Christ.

Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance – The Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance is regularly available before every Divine Liturgy 1:30 PM to 2 PM. In addition, confessions are heard during the Nativity Fast (Including Advent) and the Great Fast (Lent) at other scheduled times. Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life-endangering medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves of confession at church or home where there is more privacy.

Anointing of the Sick – Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life-threatening medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves of the Sacrament of Penance and Anointing of the Sick. If surgery is scheduled, please consider confession and anointing at the church or at your home rather than the hospital since there is more privacy for confession and less chance for interruption. If you are unable to come to church or are at the hospital, family members should contact Presb. Maxim so they can anoint at the hospital.

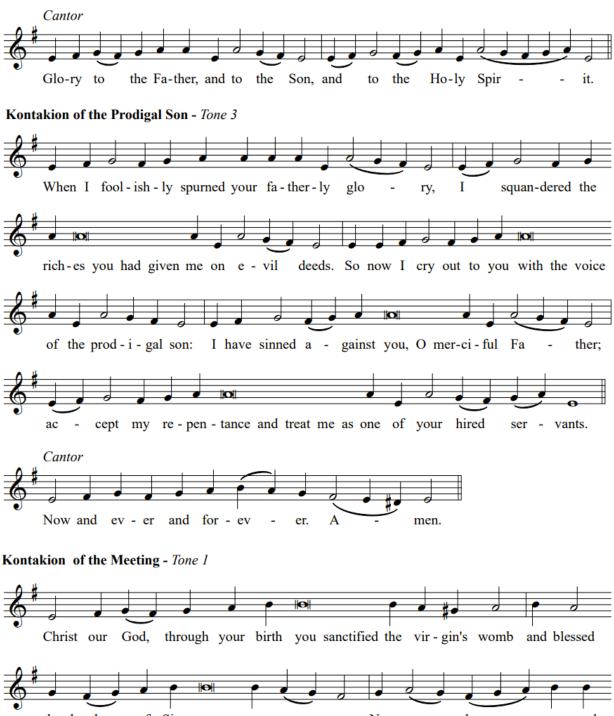
Holy Communion and Visitation of the Sick – Holy Communion is brought to our parishioners who are ill at the hospital or at home on Sundays and at other times by arrangement. Please contact Presb. Maxim by Friday prior to the Sunday communion visitation.

Funeral Services – The Office of Christian Burial is offered in ways to accommodate the needs of the family. Please contact Presb. Maxim to make arrangements.

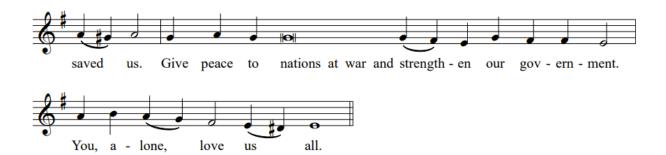
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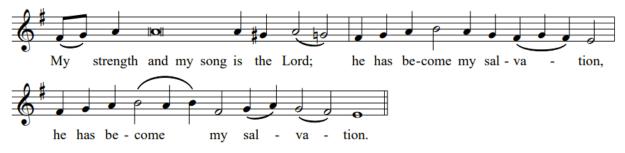
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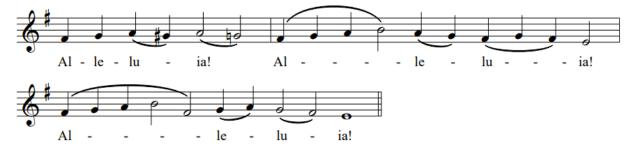


Prokeimenon of the Resurrection - *Tone 2* (Psalm 117:14,18):



Verse: The Lord punished me severely but did not hand me over to Death.

Alleluia of the Resurrection - Tone 2 (Psalm 19:2,10):



Verse: The Lord will hear you on the day of distress; the name of Jacobis God will protect you. *Verse:* O Lord, save the king, and hear us when we call upon you.