

Sunday of the Lost (Prodigal) Sun

The third Sunday of the period of Great Lent is called the Sunday of the Lost Son according to the Parable of the Lost Son told in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 15:15-32), the content of which is the following. There was once a man who had two sons. Upon the request of the younger one he divided his property between his two sons. After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. He spent everything he had. Then a severe famine spread over that country and he was left without a thing. In that time of trouble he remembered his father's house, regretted for his reckless living and returned to his father's home. Seeing that his younger son has regretted, the father received him joyfully. Whereas the elder son complained, saying that during all those years he had worked for his father like a slave and had never disobeyed his orders, and however, he had never deserved such honor. His father answered him: "My son, you are always here with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and to be happy, because your brother was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found."

The elder and the younger sons are the righteous and the sinful souls, and father's receiving his lost son means that in the same way God receives the regretting sinner. The allegoric meaning of the parable is in the elder son symbolizing all those who are righteous or think that there are righteous. The parable admonishes all of them not to be self-conceited.

When is celebrated

17.02.2008
08.03.2009
28.02.2010
20.03.2011
04.03.2012
24.02.2013
16.03.2014
01.03.2015
21.02.2016
12.03.2017
25.02.2018
17.03.2019
08.03.2020

28.02.2021
13.03.2022
05.03.2023
25.02.2024
16.03.2025
01.03.2026
21.02.2027
12.03.2028
25.02.2029
17.03.2030