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MARCH 14, 2021
FORGIVENESS AND CHEESEFARE SUNDAY
EXPULSION OF ADAM FROM PARADISE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

Epistle Reading
Romans 13:11 - 14:4

Gospel Reading
Matthew 6:14-21

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Kontakion (Triodion)

O Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue, Who teachest the thoughtless and protectest the poor, strengthen and enlighten my heart! O Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee: "Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O merciful Lord!"

Memory Eternal ~ Većnaja Pamjat+

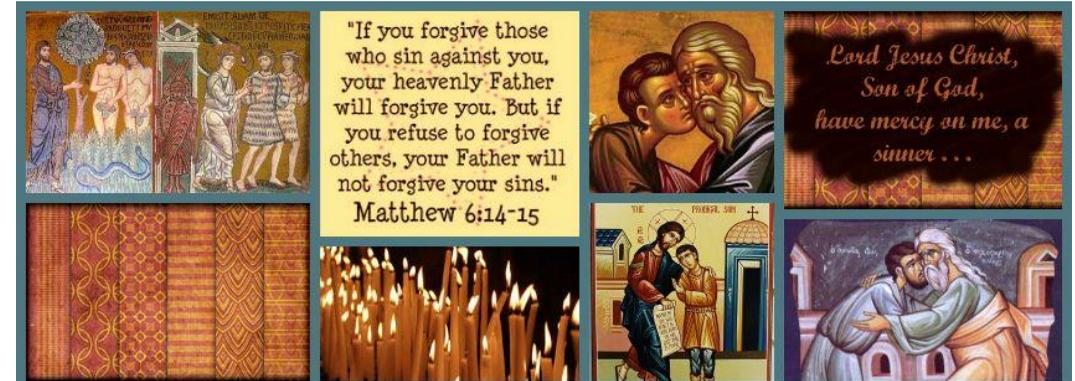
"Grant rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose, O Lord, to the soul of Thy newly-departed servant Viorel." He is Tib Truta's father. Vešnica pomenire+

Forgiveness Vespers - Today after Liturgy ~ "Forgive me, God forgives, I forgive."

Service Schedule for the First Week of Great Lent – Virtual or In-person

Monday, March 15 7PM Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Tuesday, March 16 7PM Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Wed., March 17 7PM Presanctified Liturgy (Fasting begins after lunch)
Thursday, March 18 7PM Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Fr. John's "Lenten Guidelines" are available at the Gift Shop and on our [website](#).



Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

Orthodox Christian Mission Center – "Orthodox Mission Sunday" - Today

We join Orthodox parishes nationwide in praying for missionaries of OCMC. We can support them with [donations](#) and volunteering for a short-term [mission team](#). (See the attached OCMC "Bulletin Insert" for more information.)

St. Luke Annual Assembly - Sunday, March 28 at 3PM

Parishioners are invited to attend the virtual annual meeting on March 28 for discussion on current administrative matters, including the Church Building Project, and election of the Board of Trustees. If there are questions, contact [Ron](#) Keman.

Lenten Youth Retreat – Sunday, April 11

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA) will sponsor a Lenten Youth Retreat for children grades K-12 entitled *Rediscovering Pascha After a Year of Pandemic*. Join the retreat leaders Fr. Tim Hojnicky & Fr. Benjamin Tucci as they help rediscover Pascha as we emerge from our long season of separation and isolation. Attendance is free; [Registration](#) is needed to receive the Zoom link.

From the Stichera of Cheesefare Sunday - Ideomelon (excerpt)

"The arena of the virtues has been opened. You who desire to struggle for the prize now enter and gird yourselves for the good fight of the Fast; for those who strive rightly are justly crowned! Having taken up the armor of the Cross, let us fight against the Enemy! Let the Faith be our invincible wall, and let prayer be our breastplate, and let mercy and almsgiving be our helmet! Instead of a sword, let us use fasting, which cuts out all evil from the heart! He who does these things shall receive the true crown at the Day of Judgment from Christ the King of All."