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MARCH 6, 2022  
**CHEESEFARE AND FORGIVENESS 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)  
When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

**Kontakion** (Forgiveness Sunday)  
Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue, you teach the thoughtless and protect the poor: Strengthen and enlighten my heart. Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to you: Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O merciful Lord!

**Kontakion** (St. Luke)  
Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

**Metropolitan Tikhon’s Letter to Metropolitan Onufriy of Kyiv and all Ukraine**  
Your Beatitude, Dear Brother and Concelebrant in the Lord’s Mysteries:  
During this time of unimaginable difficulty, I want to assure you of my prayers for you and for Ukraine. Please know that the Holy Synod, together with the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America are praying to the Almighty God bring this war to a just and quick end. May he also console the grieving, the wounded, the displaced, and the suffering. May he also keep eternally in his memory all those who have died in this unjust war.

**Ukrainian Refugee Relief** The OCA and the Orthodox Church of Poland announced an Urgent Financial Appeal running through March 7. Go to <https://oca.org/relief> to donate.

**Welcome** to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, please talk with Fr. John and any parishioner. Come again for worship and fellowship.

**Cheesefare Sunday and Forgiveness Vespers– March 6**

- Today is the last day for eating dairy products until Pascha. Fr. John is available to answer questions on personal fasting disciplines.
- Forgiveness Vespers will begin at 1PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend as we begin our Lenten journey with our parish family in mutual forgiveness. “God forgives and I forgive.”

**Service Schedule for the First Week of Great Lent – March 7 – 13**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete at 7PM
Wednesday, March 9	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 7PM
Sunday, March 13 at 5:30PM	Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Mark Orthodox Church, 7124 River Rd, Bethesda MD

**Ordination of Stefan Glomazic to the Holy Diaconate – Saturday, March 12 – 9:30AM**  
We joyfully anticipate this coming Saturday when Metropolitan Tikhon will ordain Stefan as a deacon during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 9:30AM here at St. Luke’s. If you would like to attend, please contact Fr. John about available seating.

**Clothing Drive for Prison Ministry – Sunday, March 13**

We continue our parish prison ministry with OAR (Offender Aid and Restoration) with a clothing drive next Sunday. Please donate business attire and work wear, new or used, to help men and women who are newly released from prison and looking for work. Contact Louise Romanchak with any questions.

**St. Luke Annual Assembly - Sunday, March 27**

Parishioners are invited to attend the in-person annual meeting on March 27 for discussion on current administrative matters, including the Church Building Campaign. Fr. John, members of the Board of Trustees, committee and ministry group leaders will give reports. President Ron Kecman sent out the agenda last week. If there are questions, contact [Ron](#).

**OCA 20<sup>th</sup> All-American Council – July 18-22, 2022 - Call for Volunteers**

Our Archdiocese will host the OCA All-American Council in July at the Hilton Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore. Planning has been well underway and now volunteers are needed to serve on various committees. See the AAC flyer and talk with Fr. John and Popadija Kitty about this wonderful gathering of clergy and laity from across the USA, Canada and Mexico.

**God Grant You Many Years!**

God bless George Minahan on his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday! Warm greetings also to Diana Kinker, Jeremy Klein, and Irena Whitestone on their birthdays. Mnogaja Ljeta!