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FEBRUARY 26, 2023
CHEESEFARE SUNDAY
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!**

Reception into the Catechumenate

At the beginning of today's Divine Liturgy, Rob Pyott will be received as a Catechumen. God bless his spiritual journey and formal instruction in the Orthodox Christian Faith.

Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of thy 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 (Cheesefare 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!

Cheesefare Sunday, Forgiveness Vespers and the Beginning of Great Lent

- Today is the last day for eating dairy products until Pascha. Fr. John sent out Lenten Guidelines and is also available to answer questions on personal fasting disciplines.
- Forgiveness Vespers begins at 1PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend as we enter Great Lent with our parish family in mutual forgiveness. **"Forgive me." "God forgives, I forgive."**

Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to join us at Coffee Hour and get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

Assembly of Bishops Designates February 26 as Mission Sunday

Today we honor and pray for Orthodox missionaries as they serve around the world to spread the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. See the many ways to support the Orthodox Christian Mission Center: <https://www.ocmc.org/serve-from-home/give>. Their [Facebook](#) page has a complete overview of current missions.

Service Schedule for the First Week of Great Lent – February 27 – March 2 at 7PM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Wednesday

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Lenten Potluck

Addictions Recovery Support Network – Monday, February 27 at 7PM on Zoom

Join the Orthodox Ministry conversation on problems and solutions related to addiction. Meeting ID: 210 068 7480; Password: 208156; Contact Samantha Cath for more info: samanthacath@yahoo.com 703-919-6334.

Sisterhood Meeting – Sunday, March 5

All women of the parish are invited to next week's meeting to discuss upcoming events.

"First Sunday of the Month" Food for the Needy – March 5

Donations of canned and boxed foods will be gladly accepted next Sunday and delivered to Ccap (Congregational Community Action Project) in Winchester, VA. It is a charitable non-profit, funded by faith communities, businesses, civic groups, and generous donors.

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers – March 5 at 5PM

Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 721 Norwood Rd., Silver Spring, MD, is hosting the annual Lenten Vespers for all local area Orthodox Churches. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lewis Patsavos, Professor of Canon Law emeritus at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology on the topic: *The Triumph of Orthodoxy: its Peril and Challenge*.

Schedule Change: Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 11 at 9AM

Schedule Change: First Saturday Great Vespers will be on March 11 at 5PM

Notice: St. Luke 2023 Annual Assembly - Sunday, March 26 - Agenda to be announced.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

Birthday greetings and blessings to Matushka Anne Gariano and Kelly Pavela. Many Years! God grant peaceful lives, health, strength, salvation and furtherance in all Godly things to Fr. John and Popadija Kitty on the 14th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood! AXIOS! Thank you for the liturgical services, pastoral care, teaching and friendship of both.