# **Forgiveness Sunday**



The theme of this Sunday refers to the expulsion of Adam from Paradise. Adam in Paradise misused his freedom by allowing himself to be persuaded by the evil one to disobey the command to not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The evil one convinced him that by so doing he would know more than God. The Church in its hymnology presents the condition of Adam outside of Paradise as weeping and working hard for his livelihood. The Gospel passage of the day refers to the manner of praying, fasting, almsgiving and all good works. These are to be done in se-

cret, without boasting. The meaning of this Sunday is the condescension of God to the human weakness, "for if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (v. 14-15). This is emphasized in the Lord's Prayer., The week (six days) preceding Sunday of Cheese and after Meat Sunday, is the addition to the period of the Great Lent which completes the forty days of fasting (excluding Saturdays and Sundays). The name of this Sunday, "Cheese", implies that the fast of this week is the gradual transition from eating meat to the strict fast of Lent, which starts the next day, Monday, with the first Sunday of Lent at the end of the preliminary seven days (Sunday of Orthodoxy).

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

(In English and Phonetic Arabic)

ur Father who art in heaven, Hallowed-be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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Sunday March 13, 2016 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese Fair)

The translation of the relics of Nikephoros, patriarch of Constantinople; Poplias and Marios the bishops

Tone VIII

Eothinon VIII

**Troparion of the Resurrection VIII** 

From the heights thou didst descend O Compassionate One, and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to thee.

باللحن الثامن

انْحدرْتَ مِن العلَّو يا مُتحّنِنُ، وقبْلتَ ادفنَ ذا الثلاثةِ الأيَّامِ لِكي تعتقَنا من الآلامِ. فيا حياتَنا وقِيامَتنا يا ربُّ المحدُ لك

Troparion of St. George IV

As Deliverer of Captives and Defender of the Poor, Healer of the Infirm, Champion of Kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our salvation



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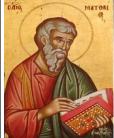
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#### Kontakion of Theotokos for Cheesefare Sunday VI

O Thou who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.

#### CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

- Mar 13 Relics St Nicephorus Martyr Sabinus of Egypt Martyr Christina of Persia
- Mar 14 Ven Benedict St Euschymon Confessor St Theognostus
- Mar.15: Mm Agapius & companions Plesius, Romil, Timolas Alexander, Dionysius
- Mar.16: Martyr Sabinas St Serapion St Christodule of Patmos
- Mar.17: Ven Alexis Man of God Ven Macarius of Kalyazin Martyr Marinus
- Mar.18: St Cyril of Jerusalem St Aninas Martyr Trophimus
- Mar.19: Martyrs Chrysanth, Daria & Companions Claudius, Hilaria, Jason & Maurus



# How much would you suffer for your faith?

St. Mathias, the Apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, was stoned and then beheaded.

# The Epistle

Sing praises to our God, sing ye: sing praises to our king, sing ye. O clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14:4

BRETHREN, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinion. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

# The Holy Gospel

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 6:14-21

he Lord said; if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who sees in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

# إنجيل اليوم: متَّى (ص6:ع 14-21)

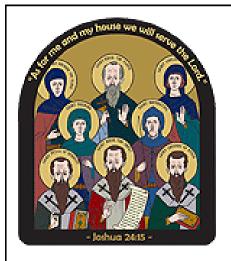
قال الرب: إن غفرتم للناس زلاتهم يغفر لكم أبوكم السماوي أيضًا. وإن لم تغفروا للناس زلاتهم فأبوكم أيضًا لا يغفر لكم زلاتكم. ومتى صمتم فلا تكونوا معبسين كالمرائين، فإنّهم ينكرون وجوههم ليظهروا للناس صائمين، الحقّ أقول سك واغسل وجهك لئلاً تظهر للناس صائمًا بل لأبيك الذي ألكم إنّهم قد أخذوا أجرهم. أمّا أنت فإذا صمت فادهن ر في الخفيّة، وأبوك الذي يرى في الخفيّة يجازيك علانية. لا تكنزوا لكم كنوزًا على الأ إض حيث يقسد السوس والآكلة وينقب السارقون ويسرقون. ولكن أكنزوا لكم كنوزًا ي السماء حيث لا يفسد سوس ولا آكلة ولا ينقب السارقون ولا يسرقون. لأنّه حيث تكون كنوزهم هناك تكون قلوبكم.



# The Feast of The Annunciation of The Most Holy Theotokos

This special gathering in honour of the Most Holy Virgin on this the Feast of The Annunciation, inspires us to say of Her a word of praise, of benefit also for those who come unto this churchly solemnity. It comprises a praise of women, a glorying of their gender, which (glory) is brought by Her, She who is at one same time both Mother, and Virgin.

Please join us for this evening Divine Liturgy celebrated on FRIDAY March 25th @ 6:00 pm.



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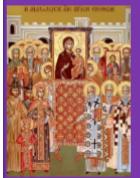
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Sunday Lenten Vespers and Pot-Luck



Please join us throughout Lent at 6pm on Sundays for Vespers and Fellowship Lenten Sunday Night Vespers Schedule

March 27<sup>th</sup>: St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

April 10<sup>th</sup>: Prophet Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church

April 17th: St. George Orthodox Cathedral-Rossford

A blessed Lent!

# Our prayers continue...

For Metropolitan Boulos, Archbishop Youhanna, for their quick release from captivity and safe return; let us pray to the Lord!

# Abducted by terrorists in Syria on April 22, 2013

The international silence continues during the genocide

of the Christians of the Middle East. Let us continue to pray for them all!



#### DEPART TO SERVE...

#### PROPER ETIQUETTE WHILE IN CHURCH

نرفع صوتنا... بالصلاة لعورتكما

- Turn off cell phones before entering church.
- There should be no talking or chewing gum while in church.
- No water or any other beverage should be consumed while in church.
- The only persons permitted behind the Holy Altar are the Clergy and Altar servers.
- No walking up or down the isle if the Gospel is being read.
- The only persons that should be standing in the back are the ushers to keep order.
- If you are planning to partake of Holy Communion, please prepare yourself properly.

#### THE PROPER WAY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

It's as easy as 1,2,3...

- 1. Approach the chalice with reverence with arms crossed over your chest.
- 2. State your name for the priest
- 3. Tilt your head back and open your mouth to avoid touching the spoon with your mouth. Following these three simple steps will ensure us that we are receiving Holy Communion in the correct order prescribed by the Orthodox Church and at the same time gives consideration to our fellow parishioners.

His Eminence The Most Reverend Metropolitan JOSEPH



#### Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

# Apr. 13 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:00 pm (in chapel)

Compline Service 6:00 pm

# Apr. 15 Lenten Meal 6:00 pm

Apr. 11

**5th Akathist (Madayeh) Service** 7:00 pm Hosted by The Ladies Benevolent Society (LBS)

Apr. 17 **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: Mary of Egypt** Orthros 9:00 Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Apr. 18 **Compline Service** 6:00 pm

Apr. 20 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:00 pm

Apr. 23 **Saturday of Lazarus the Righteous**Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Followed by communion Breakfast for the Children

Apr. 24 **Palm Sunday Jesus' Glorious Entrance into Jerusalem**Orthros 9:00 Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Apr. 24 **Palm Sunday Evening** Orthros of the Bridegroom 7:00 pm

Apr. 25 **Holy Monday Evening** Orthros of the Bridegroom 7:00 pm

Apr. 26 **Holy Tuesday Evening** Orthros of the Bridegroom 7:00 pm

Apr. 27 **Holy Wednesday Evening** Holy Anointing 7:00 pm

Apr. 28 **Holy Thursday Morning** Liturgy Last Supper 7:30 am **Holy Thursday Evening** 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

Apr. 29 Great and Holy Friday Morning 9:00am Great and Holy Friday afternoon vespers 3:00 pm

**Great and Holy Friday afternoon vespers** 3:00 pm **Holy Friday Evening Lamentations** 7:00 pm

Apr. 30 Holy Saturday Vesper Liturgy 7:30 am
GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Rush and Orthros /Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection 10:00 pm

May 1 AGAPE VESPERS 12:00 Noon

# ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

#### The Antiochian Women – Project 2016 Feeding Hungry Children

Greetings and Blessings in the Name of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ!

This year the Antiochian Women are tasked with raising money to help feed hungry children here in our country and elsewhere in the world. This project will leverage the hard work and determination of our Antiochian Women to address one of the most pressing global tragedies, one which is exacerbated by war and poverty, and which is felt most acutely by children. This is a task that the Antiochian Women gladly have accepted. The care of children -- especially poor and hungry children -- motivates us to immediate action! The enormity of this task seems overwhelming. However, our task is not to eradicate hunger; our task is to feed hungry children. As St. Paul reminds us, when faced with such an enormous task, we must "not grow weary of doing good." (2 Thess. 3:13), and we remember that when the Apostles went out into the whole world, they did not work alone, because "the Lord worked with them, and confirmed their message by accompanying it with miracles." (Mark 16:20)

Feeding the poor was (and is) a central concern for the Church even from the earliest days. In reading the Book of Acts (6:1ff), we know that the office of Deacon was specifically created by the Apostles for overseeing the distribution of food among the orphans and widows of the Church. We also know that the Apostles believed that caring for the poor went hand-in-hand with preaching the Good News of salvation. St. Paul writes: "... James and Cephas and John, esteemed as pillars (of the Church), gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go unto the Gentiles, and they unto the circumcised -- they only asked that we should be mindful of the poor, the very thing of which I also was eager to do." (Gal 2:9-10)

Asking all of you to give your utmost support to this project, and praying that it will be greatly blessed. I remain

Your Father in Christ,

Netropolitan Joseph

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Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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Sc Mar. 14	Clean Monday. First day of Great Lent Compline Service 6:00 pm
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Mar. 21	Compline Service 6:00 pm
Mar. 23	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:00 pm (in chapel)
Mar. 25	Feast of The Annunciation Evening Liturgy 6:00 pm
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Apr. 03	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: Adoration of Holy Cross
Apr. 04	Compline Service 6:00 pm
Apr. 06	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:00 pm (in chapel)
Apr. 08	Lenten Meal 6:00 pm
Apr. 10	<ul> <li>4th Akathist (Madayeh) Service 7:00 pm</li> <li>Hosted by St. George Teen Soyo</li> <li>4th Sunday of Great Lent: St. John of the Ladder</li> <li>Orthros 9:00 Divine Liturgy 10:00 am</li> </ul>

# **Memorials and prayers of Oblation**

It is customary in the Orthodox Church when families wish to remember a loved one who has passed on that a Trisagion Service (**Memorial Service**) be held at the end of Liturgy. The names are written in the bulletin as well as mentioned during the Great Entrance.

A loaf of Holy Bread is then given by the priest to the family to take with them in remembrance of the those whom we've prayed for.

It is also customary, but not obligatory, when remembering loved ones (**Memorials**) or praying for the health of friends and family (**Oblation**), that a donation be given to the church and/or a gift of thanks to the presiding priest.

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To schedule a **Memorial Service** or give names for an **Oblation**: **Please contact Kh. Adma at 419-351-7941 or daouedy@yahoo.com** 

## **CONFESSION**

As our Divine liturgy is our entry into the Kingdom of God from the moment of the Great Proclamation:

"Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen"

It is very proper to cease hearing confession from this moment.

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- 1. A private appointment can be made
- 2. Sunday during Orthros at 9:00 AM



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- ~ 12/9/16 @ 6:30pm

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