

Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)
March 10, 2019, Sunday Bulletin



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Youngstown, Ohio



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**9:15 AM Confessions; 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Cheesefare - Sunday of Forgiveness (Tone 8)**

Expulsion of Adam from the Paradise of Bliss.

St. Tarasius, archbishop of Constantinople (806).

The Last day before the Great Lent

Readings: Epistle: Romans. 13:11–14:4 ■ Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Forgiveness Sunday

On *Forgiveness Sunday*, the last of the pre-Lenten Sundays, we contemplate our separation from God -- our expulsion from paradise. The services for this day continually resound this theme as recorded in Matthew 6:14-21.

We find ourselves cast out of paradise, sitting outside in darkness and apart from the God Who is the source of Life and Light. We are weeping. We desire forgiveness. We seek mercy. And, so we must ourselves forgive and be merciful. 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. -- Matthew 6:14-15.

The whole of Great Lent, as the whole of life, is a movement toward resurrection in paradise. We may enter only if God forgive us our sins -- and God *will* forgive us *if* we forgive others. With forgiveness not only in mind but also in action, we enter the season of Great Lent. (Fr. Thomas Hopko)



FROM THE TRIODION – FIRST DAY OF GREAT LENT

Matins - Second Canon (Tone 2).

This is the time of great spiritual efforts, The course of the Fast. Let us all begin with sincerity, Bearing good works to the Lord as gifts.

Monday Vespers - An Aposticha Verse (Tone 3)

Let us present a good fast, well-pleasing to the Lord!
A true fast is alienation from evil;
The holding of one's tongue, the laying aside of all anger,
The removal of all sensuality,
Of accusation, falsehood and sins of swearing.
The weakening of these will make the fast true and well-pleasing.

Pre-Lenten Sundays



9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

February 17
**PUBLICAN &
PHARISEE**
2 Tim. 3:10-15
Lk. 18:10-14

February 24
PRODIGAL SON
1 Cor. 6:12-20
Lk. 15:11-32

March 3
LAST JUDGMENT
1 Cor. 8:8-9:2
Mt. 25:31-46

March 10
FORGIVENESS
Rom. 13:11-14:4;
Mt. 6:14-21

Are you LISTENING? What is Christ ASKING us to DO?

ACKNOWLEDGE

SIN AND
REPENT

TAKE ACTION

LIVE RIGHTLY

**FORGIVE
OTHERS**

STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Don't Just go to Church, Be the Church/Thank you for your Gifts of Love

Thank you to our sponsors, donors, food preparation workers, food servers, volunteers and all those who turned out to support our Ukrainian Dinner. Your participation is so uplifting and contributed to an outstanding success!

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for good health for our following parish family members and others:

Fr. Gregory Becker, Fr. Andrew Gall, Fr. Paisius McGrath, Fr. John Nakonachny, Pani-matka Mary Ann Nakonachny, Mykola Prychodczenko, Walter Duzzny, Alice Dobransky, Nancy Tiedeman, James Bobersky, Kay Malys, Marie Pupa, Deborah Harvey, Mary Lapushansky, Stella Woytek, Kathy Duzzny, Mary Ann Owens, Pauline Witkowsky, Dr. Dinah Fedyna, Mary Goncy, Catherine Rogenski, Marianne Carmack, Kenneth, Matthew, Peter, Michelle, Basil

UPCOMING PARISH AND OTHER EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule Panikhidas, request Bulletin Dedications, or make Prosphora Offerings.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019: FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

- 9:30 – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great followed by the Service of Forgiveness
- Immediately following the Divine Liturgy – **St. Mary's Sisterhood Meeting**
- Great Lent begins Monday, March 11, 2019.

1st WEEK OF GREAT LENT 3.11.2019 – 3.15.2019 SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, March 12 – 6:30 PM The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- Wednesday, March 13 – 6:30 PM The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- Thursday, March 14 – 6:30 PM The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- Friday, March 15 – 6:00 PM Confessions; 6:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019: THE TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY

- 9:30 – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
 - Lenten Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy to formally welcome Father Ivan and Blessing of the Renovated Rectory.
 - 5:00 PM Lenten Vespers: St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 305 Struthers-Liberty Road, Campbell, OH 44405
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2nd WEEK OF GREAT LENT 3.18.2019 – 3.23.2019 SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Friday, March 22 – 6:00 PM Confessions; 6:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
 - Saturday, March 23 – 9:30 AM Memorial (Soul) Saturday Divine Liturgy
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GREAT LENT SUNDAY VESPER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM - March 17th - St. John, Campbell, OH

5:00 PM - March 24th - St. Mark Youngstown, OH

5:00 PM - March 31st - St. John the Forerunner, Youngstown, OH

5:00 PM - April 7th - Holy Trinity, Youngstown, OH

5:00 PM - April 14th - Sts. Peter & Paul, Youngstown, OH

NEXT PEROGIE SALE**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019 (PICKUP 10 AM – NOON)****Don't forget: your help is always welcome and needed.**

Task	Time	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Potato Prep	9:30 AM	20 th (Wed)	3 rd (Wed)	8 th (Wed)
Pinching	9:30 AM	21 th (Thurs)	4 th (Thurs)	9 th (Thurs)
Pick-up	10:00 AM-Noon	22 th (Fri)	5 th (Fri)	10 th (Fri)
Potato Prep			17 th (Wed)	22 nd (Wed)
Pinching			18 th (Thurs)	23 rd (Thurs)
Pick-up			19 th (Fri)	24 th (Fri)

MARCH 26, 2019 – COMMUNITY DINNER:

(Did you feed me?)

Please start collecting personal care products children's books, and recent magazines which are much appreciated. We are so Blessed to have such dedicated volunteers! If you have any questions or would like additional information on you can this wonderful outreach, please contact Dr. Dinah Fedyna.

UPCOMING MEETINGS**UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE (UOL)****March 24, 2019**

Immediately following the
Divine Liturgy

APRIL

NO MEETING

May 19, 2019

Immediately following the
Divine Liturgy

Forgiving What We do not Know

The first service of Great Lent in the Orthodox Church is “Forgiveness Vespers,” served on the eve of Monday of the First Week. There is nothing unusual about the service itself – other than the “rite of forgiveness” appended to it. The priest and the faithful ask forgiveness of one another. When it is complete, the long labors of Lent can begin. Fasting without forgiveness would be a hollow activity.

Perhaps the most generous words spoken by Christ are those we hear from the Cross: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Taken at face value, the words make little sense. Surely, those who crucified Christ knew that they were killing a man. Surely, they were even aware that his execution was largely political and unjust. The centurion in charge of the crucifixion is said to have stated, “Surely this man was the Son of God.” So how could Christ say, “They do not know what they are doing?”

I believe this goes to the very heart of our lives and actions. We almost never know what we are doing. The greater context, the meaning of anything, is hidden from us. We have children, work at a job, and live our lives, hoping that these have been worthwhile actions. We know that much, even most of what we have done has been tainted with bad intentions and other less-than-worthy motivations. But we never actually grasp the full scope of our actions. Even those good things that we do have a hidden aspect. Did that kind word spoken earlier make a difference? Did that act of charity actually change anything?

This hidden aspect of our lives is an inherent part of the human condition. We simply don’t know what we’re doing. This makes it very hard for us to judge our actions or to weigh them for their value.

Christ’s words are addressed to the Father on behalf of all of humanity. For it is not just the small number of people in Jerusalem who were consenting to His death. His death is “on behalf of all and for all.” And this brings us to Forgiveness Sunday. “Why do I need to ask forgiveness of others if I have done them no wrong?”



The simple answer is: You don't know what you have or have not done. But it is commonly understood in Orthodoxy that "each person is responsible for the sins of the whole world." Our lives are deeply connected—we are never uninvolved in the lives of others. What I have done and what I have not done effects the lives of the whole world. I may have had no direct hand, and yet I cannot excuse myself as if I have no share in what happens everywhere. The world is as we make it.

I once heard a monk say, "The person of prayer does not need to go any further than his own heart to find the source of all violence in the world."

But none of this is to call us to a morbid guilt. It calls us to Christ and calls us to hear His words. On Forgiveness Sunday each of us asks forgiveness of the others around us. It is both a personal matter and a collective. I have failed and need forgiveness. We have failed and need forgiveness. And perhaps the even greater call comes to us to join ourselves with Christ who says: "Father, forgive them!"

"Forgive me," we say. "God forgives us all," comes the response. It sometimes feels awkward, even embarrassing. Some people begin to weep. Others begin to giggle. Both are part of the human condition within our shame.

But the actions of Forgiveness Sunday unite us necessarily to the actions of Christ. By submitting Himself to crucifixion, Christ put Himself in the place of the sinner, the one needing forgiveness. He was displayed naked, nailed on high for all the world to see, the shame of the whole world.

In the mild social embarrassment of saying, "Forgive me," to another human being, we unite ourselves to the deep, profound healing shame of Christ. And with brazen boldness we confess, "God forgives us all!" uniting ourselves with the priestly cry of Christ Himself, "Father, forgive them!"

And having read this, and done all that, we still will not know what we have done. But we are not saved by knowing what we do. We are saved by doing what He does. (*Fr. Stephen Freeman, Ancient Faith Radio*)



THE GREAT PROKEIMENON

(Lenten Vespers 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays of Lent)

Turn not away Thy Face from your child for I am afflicted. Hear me speedily,
draw near unto my soul and deliver it.

Praying Our Way Together

Through Great Lent 2019

Eph.6:17-18 "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to the end with all perseverance..."



Come join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ on a Lenten journey as we pray and read the Psalter each day for 20 days!

What: Reading the Psalter

When: March 18, 2019 – April 12, 2019, five days a week, Monday - Friday, at any convenient time

Where: In the comfort of your home or wherever you may be with your device.

Why: To heighten your Lenten journey by reading the Prayer Book of the Church!

If you would like to journey with us, please email your name, address, phone number, parish name, and parish address to Janice Meschisen at Bridesong150@gmail.com and more information will be sent to you.

Please respond by March 13, 2019

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