

February 18, 2018

SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (CHEESE FARE)

Sunday of Cheesefare: Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

As we begin the Great Fast, the Church reminds us of Adam's expulsion from Paradise. God commanded Adam to fast (Gen. 2:16), but he did not obey. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendents became heirs of death and corruption.

Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative

thing, a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature, and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ.

At Forgiveness Vespers we sing: "Let us begin the time of fasting in light, preparing ourselves for spiritual efforts. Let us purify our soul, let us purify our body. As we abstain from food, let us abstain from all passion and enjoy the virtues of the spirit...."

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



ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

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COMMEMORATIONS:

LEO THE GREAT, POPE OF ROME (461)
AGAPITOS THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF SYNNAIDA IN
PHRYGIA (4TH C.)
VENERABLE COLMAN, BISHOP OF LINDISFARNE (676)
ST. FLAVIAN THE CONFESSOR, PATRIARCH OF
CONSTANTINOPLE (449)
ST. COSMAS, MONK, OF YAKHROMSK (1492)

Tone 4 - Eothinon 4

Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16:9-20

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 6:14-21

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

KONTAKION FOR FORGIVENESS SUNDAY - Tone 6 - 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.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am, & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Donation Luncheon Coffee Hour, Sunday School &
Teens, 11:45 am
Forgiveness Vespers, 1 pm

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Feb 25):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	---	Justin G/Mary Lynne B
EPISTLE READER:	Jennifer Howanetz	David Hyatt
ALTAR CANDLES:	Kh. Elizabeth	Howanetz Family
GREETERS:	Teen SOYO	Colin & Sandra Miller
CLEANING TEAM:	Kim, Todd & Kristi	The Teens
COFFEE HOUR:	The Morrash's	Kovalenko/Marquardt

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS NEEDED! Many upcoming weeks do not have sponsors - can you take a turn?

Mark Your Calendar:

Choir Workshop
Saturday, March 10 - Retreat, 9 am - 9 pm

Friends & Family Day – Choir Concert
Sunday, March 11 - Concert, 1 pm

Lenten Retreat - “A Christian Ending”
Saturday, March 17 – 9 am - 7pm

Please speak with Fr Noah, Martha, or Stephanie about Burial Ministry Teams.

Pascha
Sunday, April 8

Pentecost
Sunday, May 27

Parish Life Conference
June 27 - July 1

SAINT PHILIP'S is a place of prayer and repentance and a “Pan-Orthodox” parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who are following the commandments, have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, who are dressed modestly, and have arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Everyday Evangelist

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (Jn 20:21)
Pray daily for St. Philip's Outreach and Evangelism.

This Week: **Clean Week – Great Fast**

- Monday, Feb 19:** Clean Monday
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Great Compline & Great Canon, 7 pm
- Tuesday, Feb 20:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Great Compline & Great Canon, 7 pm
- Wednesday, Feb 21:** 6th HOUR & Great Canon, 12 p.m.
Presanctified Liturgy, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb 22:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Great Compline & Great Canon, 7 pm
- Friday, Feb 23:** Presanctified Liturgy, 10 am
Akathist, 7 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 8 pm
- Saturday, Feb 24:** Creative Arts Festival, 2 pm
Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 pm
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5pm
VESPERS 6 pm.
Fr Noah's Mt. Athos Slideshow, 7 pm
- Sunday, Feb 25:** **MATINS 9 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am
Parish Council, 12:45 pm
Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, 4 pm (Lehigh Valley area)

Pray For:	
Living	Departed
Vladimir R	John N.
Valentine	Assaad
Christine S	Daria
Angela G	Steve-Stavros
Mary K	Christopher-
R Maxime	John
Michael I	
Steven	
Carolyn-Anna	
John D	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	
Mat. Linda D	
Mark L	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
Robert C	Catechumens
Kristen C	
Stephanie	Couples prepar-
Helen	ing for marriage
Constantine	
R Herman E	Corrine
Nicholas A	Faith
	Mary
	Michael

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Paper Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Always remember and say to yourself: God is near!

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Feb 10: 54 Divine Services on Feb 11: 163
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$398.09. Collections, \$285. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf, \$2. Camping Fund, \$200. Cemetery Fund, \$100. Women's Fund, \$867. Stewardship, \$4,534.50. Total received: \$6,387.59.
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!