

Forgiveness Sunday (Feb 26)

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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February 26, 2023 FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (CHEESEFARE)

COMMEMORATIONS:

PORPHYRIUS, BISHOP OF GAZA
THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR PHOTINE, THE SAMARITAN
WOMAN AND THOSE WITH HER
HOLY MARTYR THEOCLETUS
JOHN CLAPHAS THE NEW MARTYR

Tone 4 - Eothinon 4
Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12
Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4
Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 6:14-21

RESURRECTIONAL 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 SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS - 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 & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School
Coffee Hour
Forgiveness Vespers 1 p.m.

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Mar 5):
COFFEE HOUR	All – Potluck	A-Ca – Bagels
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	Bushellis <small>Sophia's 21st Birthday</small>	----
USHERS:	Steve K. & Bill H.	Sdn John & Tom A.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Moores; Kim B.; Monica C.	Moodys; Natalia M; Jocey J
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin; Angie; Dale	Kendra; Keiko; Felicia

Mark Your Calendar:

Men's Retreat:
“Reclaiming Masculinity”
w/ Fr. Hans Jacobse
March 10-11

Prosphora Baking Class
March 11, 3pm

Hosting Pan-Orthodox Vespers
@ St. Philip's
March 26, 4pm

Choir Concert
April 2 (tentative)

Pascha 2023
April 16
We live from Pascha to Pascha!

VCS 2023
July 31-Aug 4

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Metropolitan-Elect SABA Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine Earthquake Refugees and Relief Workers Faithful in Ethiopia and Eritrea Kh. Joyce Linda Tadessa Nicole Raymond Patrick Doris John John James James Lasha B Otari B Tatiana Helen Wadieh Anesia Mary Mary Sophia Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries New & Expectant Mothers & their children For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends – George, Bill, Jim, Jatil, Mark, Joel, Eric	+Christos +Georghe +Katina +Marlene +Earthquake Victims (February Parish Dptychs) +Frank +Kristina +John +Steve +John +Hertanse +Thomas +Wendy Susannah <u>Catechumens</u> Christian Christina Peter, Sarah, Alina, William, & Elsa Kate Ryan Zachary, Brandy, Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto Taylor & Bethany Denis Nicholas, Rachel, Luka, Leo Michael Evan Lucretia Tiffany

**FEBRUARY OUTREACH
COLLECTION:**
Paper Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:
“You are the Salt of the Earth”

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

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the
Camp Scholarship Fund
Glory to God, we have ~20 campers planning to attend this year! Thank you and
may God bless your generosity!

This Week:

Clean Week – Blessed Lenten Struggle!

~~ Times for Confession before and after most services ~~

- Mon, Feb 27:** Great Compline & Great Canon of Repentance 6:30pm
- Tues, Feb 28:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Great Compline & Great Canon of Repentance 6:30pm
- Wed, Mar 1:** 6th Hour & Great Canon of Repentance 12pm
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m. w/fasting potluck to follow
- Thurs, Mar 2:** Great Compline & Great Canon of Repentance 6:30pm
- Friday, Mar 3:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 10 a.m., w/fasting potluck to follow
Akathist 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Mar 4:** Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Mar 5: SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**
ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Women of St. Mariamne 12:45 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.
*Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Nicholas OCA, Bethlehem,
PA, 4pm*

*St Philip's Orthodox Christians for Life invites all to receive an **emailed Lenten daily devotional, focusing on the Sanctity of Life.** If you would like to receive this daily for the next few weeks, **email Rachel Chebeleu – rachel.chebeleu@comcast.net***

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for Feb 18: 62 Divine Services Feb 19: 226
OFFERINGS 2/19: Candles, \$215. Collections, \$474. Youth, \$1. Book
Shelf Ministry, \$140. Camping Fund, \$587.81. Classical School Fund,
\$587.82. Mission Chapel, \$170. Mortgage Reduction, \$125. Women's Fund,
\$5,296. Stewardship, \$15,312. Total received: \$22,908.63.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!