

March 14th, 2021
Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheese Fare)

*As we enter the Church let us pray.....
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.*

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8

Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

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.

SYNAXARION

On March 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Venerable Father Benedict of Nursia; and Eusebios, bishop of Lampsakos.

On this day, we make remembrance of the exile of the first-fashioned, Adam, from the Paradise of delight. It is the Sunday of Forgiveness, known also as Cheese Fare Sunday. Today's lesson from the Holy Gospel teaches us about forgiveness and fasting, and how both are crucial to our own return to Paradise. The divine Fathers also set the anniversary of the exile of Adam from the Paradise of bliss on this day, at the entrance of Great Lent, to show us by deed as well as word how great is the benefit that accrues to man from fasting and repenting; and, on the contrary, how great the harm that comes from destructive gluttony and from disobedience to the divine commandments. The sin of gluttony resulted in Adam and Eve's banishment from Paradise, because they disobeyed God by eating from the tree which He had forbidden them. The Church reminds us of this event to encourage us to return to that ancient glory and primeval happiness by means of fasting and obedience to God and His commandments. By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us worthy of the delight of Paradise and have mercy on us, as Thou art alone the Lover of mankind. Amen.

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St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of North America, Primate

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

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The Inquirer's Class – will meet virtually today, March 14th, at 1:00 pm. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

Great Compline & Book Discussion - Mondays @ 6pm Following Great Compline, Dn. David will lead a discussion of **Thirty Steps to Heaven** by Vassilios Papavassiliou. Copies are available in the church bookstore or online. There will be no class the First Week of Great Lent. Class begins March 22.

Pre-Lent Virtual Retreat: Becoming a Living Sacrifice – At 1:30 pm today, Dr. Justin Gohl will offer The third and final study of Sacrifice in Holy Scripture and the Church Fathers. Dr. Gohl will demonstrate the continuity and “logic” of Sacrifice from the Old Covenant into the New and the differences between the Orthodox Christian understanding of Sacrifice and that found in certain Western Christian teaching. <https://zoom.us/j/98507983847?pwd=Tzdiby9VL2V6b0VLMnFSQ05MczFxQT09>

Weis and Giant Grocery Gift Cards – are available for purchase. You pay the face amount of the card and the church receives 5% of the value of the card. Please see Marjorie Barrett after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

Attendance Last Week: 87

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$5,815.00

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: \$5,770.00

Church Calendar

March 14 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy (live streamed). Forgiveness Vespers.
March 15 6:00 pm Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
March 16 6:00 pm Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
March 17 5:20 9th Hour and Typika. 6:00 pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy.
March 18 6:00 pm Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
March 19 6:00 pm Little Compline and Akathist Hymn.
March 20 9:00 am Orthros. 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. 6:00 pm Vespers
March 21 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (live streamed).

Remember In Your Prayers

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear" (Is. 65:24)

The Living – for their health and healing

Metropolitan Joseph
Bishop Thomas
Olena Bassarab
Jamey Miller
Matthew Miller
Officer Jamie Miller
Joyce “Kassiane” Williams
Kathryn Velen
Wayne “Stephen” Coleson
Michael Acierno
Ray Jauncito
Ian Snyder
Nicolas El Atieh
Marjorie “Marion” Barrett
Jerry “David” Desautels
Renee McChutan

Eva “Marie” Kailian
Nicholas Raptapolus
Walter and Mary Damm
Donnell Gregory Beck
Michael Bogosh
Christos Tsakiris
Grace Dorian
Marianne Rupp
Mary Bincarowsky
Gene “Paul” Strayer
Katherine Monsour
George and Darla Feeser
Cindi “Monica” Bennett
Mary Kopey
Martha Allen
Mary Lou Grove
Melinda “Magdalena” Stika
James Fetter

The Departed – Memory Eternal!

Metropolitan PHILIP
Bishop Antoun
Priest Boniface Black
Leavitt “George” Keener
Mary Jane Glagola
Norm “Nourhan” Kailian

Andrew Himes
Patty May
Julie Acierno
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic
Steven Smith
Edward Boner
Cheryl “Alexandra” Bury

Thomas Lehman
Barry "John" Hart
Mary "Rebecca" Beck
Angela Pandelidis
Kathryn Velen