

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**  
**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 3**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting 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 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Martyr Hesychios the Senator; Theodotos, bishop of Cyrene in Cyprus; and Virgin-martyr Euthalia of Sicily.

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 SABA, Metropolitan of New York and North America  
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 next on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

**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 go to the church office after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

**Attendance: 195**

**Operating Fund Offering Received: \$5,623.00**

**Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: \$8,432.00**

### **Church Calendar**

**March 2** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Cheese Luncheon & Forgiveness Vespers  
**March 3** 6:00 pm Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.  
**March 4** 9:00 am Lenten 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour and Pray & Play. 6:00 pm Great Compline & Canon.  
**March 5** 5:20 pm 9<sup>th</sup> Hour. 6:00 pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy. Pot Luck Supper following  
**March 6** 6:00 pm Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.  
**March 7** 6:00 pm Akathist Service.  
**March 8** 5:00 pm OCCSCP Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers.  
**March 9** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. SCS.

### **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 & wellbeing**

Metropolitan SABA

Bishop Thomas

Denise Zakula

Subdeacon Ron Bartholomew Bassarab

Olena Bassarab

Jayne Miller

Matthew Miller

Officer Jamie Miller

Joyce "Kassiane" Williams

Michael Acierno

Jerry "David" Desautels

Christopher Reese

Beverly Kushner

Michelle Prince

Richard "Stephen" Vangel

Joshua "John" Ranck

Ronna "Sophia" Castle

Kera McBurnett

Arlene "Éirene" Maisch

Christine Bogosh

Sasha Florenz

Nicholas Glagola

Marjorie "Marion" Barrett

The infant Jesse Hanna

Leavitt "George" Keener

Mary Jane Glagola

Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian

Nicholas Raptapolus

Walter and Mary Damm

Donnell Gregory and Mary "Rebecca" Beck

Michael Bogosh

Christos Tsakiris

Harry and Grace Dorion

Marianne Rupp and 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

Andrew Himes

Patty May

Julie Acierno

Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic

Steven Smith

Edward Boner

Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury

Thomas Lehman

Barry "John" Hart

Angela Pandelidis

Kathryn Velen

Karl and Nancy Usner

#### **The Departed – Memory Eternal!**

Metropolitan PHILIP

Bishop Antoun

Priest Boniface Black

Helen Diamond

Angela Burke

Wayne "Stephen" Coleson

Georgette Habib Soliman

Joseph Danyo