

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

**Forgiveness Sunday (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 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.

**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 February 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the uncovering of the Seven Martyrs' relics at Gate of Eugenios in Constantinople; and Martyr Anthusa and her twelve servants.

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 Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic  
The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

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**The Inquirer's Class** – will meet next Sunday, March 1<sup>st</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: 210**

**Operating Fund Offering Received: \$9,804.00**

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

### Church Calendar

- Feb. 22** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Cheese Fare Luncheon. Forgiveness Vespers.
- Feb. 23** 6:00 pm Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
- Feb. 24** 9:00 am Lenten 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour and Pray & Play. 6:00 pm Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
- Feb. 25** 5:20 pm 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Typika. 6:00 pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy.
- Feb. 26** 6:00 pm Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.
- Feb. 27** 6:00 pm Little Compline and Akathist Hymn.
- Feb. 28** 8:30 am Pre Communion Prayers. 9:00 am Divine Liturgy. Miracle of the Koliiva. 5:00 pm OCCSCP Pan Orthodox Vespers @ St. Nicholas Church Oberlin, PA.
- March 1** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Procession of the Holy Icons. SCS. Inquirer's Class.

### 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  
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  
Vincent McKee  
Christine Bogosh  
Sasha Florenz  
Nicholas Glagola  
Marjorie "Marion" Barrett

Metropolitan PHILIP  
Bishop Antoun  
Priest Boniface Black  
Helen Diamond  
Angela Burke  
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson  
Georgette Habib Soliman  
Joseph Danyo  
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

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

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  
Ray Jauncito  
Jayme Miller