

Pre lent - Forgiveness Sunday:

Finally, on the eve of Great Lent, the day called **Cheesefare Sunday** and **Forgiveness Sunday**, we sing of Adam's exile from paradise. We identify ourselves with Adam, lamenting our loss of the beauty, dignity and delight of our original creation, mourning our corruption in sin. We also hear on this day the Lord's teaching about fasting and forgiveness, and we enter the season of the fast forgiving one another so that God will forgive us

If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses (Mt 6:14-18).

(from the Rainbow Series)

Great Lent:

The beautiful Lenten services more than anything else help us to deepen our spiritual vision.

Each Friday evening, our parish will celebrate a special Vespers called the **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**. It consists of solemn Great Vespers and communion with the Holy Gifts consecrated on the previous Sunday. This service can "crown" the week of fasting, with the partaking of the Bread of life, the ultimate fulfillment of our efforts.

Each Sunday afternoon (4:00 PM), around the New Jersey Deanery, different parishes invite everyone to a Lenten Vespers Service. This year it is:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Homilist:</u>
March 13 <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i>	Holy Spirit Church 102 Route 284 Wantage (Sussex), NJ 07461	His Grace, Bishop Michael
March 20 <i>Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas</i>	Ss Peter and Paul Church 76 Whitehead Avenue South River, NJ 08882	His Grace, Bishop Elejo , Bishop of Mexico City and the Exarchate of Mexico
March 27 <i>Sunday of the Holy Cross</i>	Holy Cross Church 11 Wilkens Station Road Medford, NJ 08055	Archpriest Daniel Skvir
April 3 <i>Sunday of Saint John of the Ladder</i>	Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church 29 Huron Avenue Clifton, NJ 07013	<i>(To be announced)</i>
April 10 <i>Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt</i>	Saint Vladimir Church 812 Grand Street Trenton, NJ 08610	Priest Stephen Evanina
April 27 <i>Bright Wednesday Vespers (7:00 PM)</i>	Christ the Saviour Church 365 Paramus Road Paramus, NJ 07652	His Grace, Bishop Michael

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Expulsion from Paradise

On this day the Church remembers:

- **Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday - Expulsion from Paradise** • 42 Martyrs of Ammoria in Phrygia (ca. 845) • Martyr Constantine of Ammoria in Phrygia (ca. 845) • Martyr Aetitus of Ammoria in Phrygia (ca. 845) • Martyr Theophilus of Ammoria in Phrygia (ca. 845) • Martyr Theophilus of Ammoria in Phrygia (ca. 845) • Martyr Melissenus of Ammoria in Phrygia (ca. 845) • Martyr Callistus of Ammoria in Phrygia (ca. 845) • Martyr Basoes of Ammoria in Phrygia (ca. 845) • Uncovering of the Precious Cross and the Precious Nails by the Empress St Helen (326) • Monkmartyr Conon and his son of Iconium (270-275) • Martyr Conon with his father of Iconium (270-275) • Venerable Arcadius of Cyprus (4th c.).

*Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue,
you teach the thoughtless and protect the poor:
Strengthen and enlighten my heart.*

*Word of the Father,
let me not restrain my mouth from crying to you:
Have mercy on me, a transgressor,
O merciful Lord!*

(Kontakion - Forgiveness Sunday)

March 6, 2011
Forgiveness Sunday - Cheesefare

Triodion week 4

| **Tone 8** of the Octoechos. |

41st Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Bulletin is Sponsored:**For the memory of:**

Newly departed **Ann Berniche**, sister of Bill Kuzemchak

For the health of:

All members of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos, for their service to our church, by the Parish Council.

Readings:

• **Romans 13:11-14;14:1-4**

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

• **Matthew 6:14-21**

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Sunday service:

9:40 AM – Hours

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Church School - 9:30

Choir practice - 9:30

Coffee hour after Liturgy

2011 Services for Great Lent

Today, after Sunday Liturgy - Forgiveness Vespers

Friday, March 11, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 18 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 25, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, April 1, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, April 8, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, April 15, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, April 16, 6:00 PM - Vespers - Saturday of Lazarus' Resurrection

We would like to welcome all parish visitors.**Announcements:**

- The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos will have a **luncheon** today, **Cheesefare Sunday**. **Cost is \$5 at the door**. All are invited.
- **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be served every Friday, at 6:00 pm, during lent.
- **Choir practice** will be held at 9:30 Sunday mornings, downstairs.
- Today and throughout Lent, there will be a **special collection after the sermon**. This collection is for **Plaschinitsa Flowers** and for Pascha basket raffle items.

Special Announcements:

- **Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored**; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.
- **Special Announcements** for the bulletin can be submitted to Andy Romanofsky by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- **Dues and assessments** are being collected for the year 2011, **Total is \$175**. (\$30 dues, \$145 assessment) Partial payments are gladly accepted.