

## Looking Ahead . . .

### February

Feb 28 - First day of Lent

Strict fast - NO meat or dairy

### March

March 19 & 26 Pysanky Class

### April

April 24 - Parish Easter Dinner

## Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

Cheesefare Sunday

The Sunday of Forgiveness is the last Sunday prior to the commencement of Great Lent. On the Sunday of Forgiveness focus is placed on the exile of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, an event that shows us how far we have fallen in sin and separated ourselves from God. At the onset of Great Lent and a period of intense fasting, this Sunday reminds us of our need for God's forgiveness and guides our hearts, minds, and spiritual efforts on returning to Him in repentance. The Sunday of Forgiveness, the last of the preparatory Sundays before Great Lent, has two themes: it commemorates Adam's expulsion from Paradise, and it accentuates our need for forgiveness. There are obvious reasons why these two things should be brought to our attention as we stand on the threshold of Great Lent.

One of the primary images in the Triodion is that of the return to Paradise. Lent is a time when we weep with Adam and Eve before the closed gate of Eden, repenting with them for the sins that have deprived us of our free communion with God. But Lent is also a time when we are preparing to celebrate the saving event of Christ's death and rising, which has reopened Paradise to us once more (Luke 23:43). So sorrow for our exile in sin is tempered by hope of our re-entry into Paradise.

The second theme, that of forgiveness, is emphasized in the Gospel reading for this Sunday (Matthew 6:14-21) and in the special ceremony of mutual forgiveness at the end of the divine liturgy. Before we enter the Lenten fast, we are reminded that there can be no true fast, no genuine repentance, no reconciliation with God, unless we are at the same time reconciled with one another. A fast without mutual love is the fast of demons. We do not travel the road of Lent as isolated individuals but as members of a family. The Sunday of Forgiveness also directs us to see that Great Lent is a journey of liberation from our enslavement to sin.

The second condition is forgiveness—"If you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you" (vv. 14-15). The triumph of sin, the main sign of its rule over the world, is division, opposition, separation, hatred. Therefore, the first break through this fortress of sin is forgiveness—the return to unity, solidarity, love. To forgive is to put between me and my "enemy" the radiant forgiveness of God Himself. To forgive is to reject the hopeless "dead-ends" of human relations and to refer them to Christ. Forgiveness is truly a "breakthrough" of the Kingdom into this sinful and fallen world.

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# Our Weekly Bulletin

## Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!  
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

<b>Sunday, Feb 27</b>	Sunday of Cheesefare	Margaret Reighard
<b>Feb 28</b>	No Liturgy - 1st day of Lent	
<b>Mar 1</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Mar 2</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Mar 3</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Mar 4</b>	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 5:00PM	
<b>Mar 5</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, Mar 6</b>	1st Sunday of Lent Sunday of Orthodoxy	✠ Ann Bellock

Week of February 27 to March 6, 2022

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ  
and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part  
of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

## Sunday of Cheese Fare - Forgiveness Sunday

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 6:14-21

### *Troparion (Tone 7)*

By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

### *Kondakion (Tone 6)*

Glory be ... O Master, Guide to Wisdom, Bestower of prudent counsel, Instructor of the foolish and Defender of the poor ones; make firm my heart and give it understanding. Give me a word, O Word of the Father: Behold, I shall not stop my lips from crying out to You: In Your mercy, have mercy on me who am fallen.

### *Prokeimen (Tone 8)*

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

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*verse:* In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

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### *Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Your name,  
O Most High.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### *Communion Verse*

Praise the Lord from the heaven; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

## PARISH NEWS

**Weekly Collection** - February 20, 2022 - \$360.00 Thank you for your generosity.

**Confessions** - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

**Saturdays with Jesus** - Saturday, March 5, 2022 - 10:00AM - Adult class

Saturday, March 12, 2022—2:00PM - Children from 5 and up

**All Souls Saturdays** - Please be sure to place your names of your deceased loved ones in the basket so that they can be remembered during the Panihkida.

**Relief for Ukraine** - Anyone wishing to help send financial help to Ukraine may do so by writing a check to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine. Place it in the collection basket and it will be sent to the chancery.

### Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family,

Jeremiah Hunt

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Tuinstra family, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family, Lindsey Lamer.

### Joke of the Day

Shortly before morning worship, a minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he could ask the congregation for more money for church repairs. He was even more troubled when he learned the regular organist was sick. When the last-minute substitute asked what to play, the pastor replied with a sigh, "Whatever you think best."

Opening the service with announcements, the pastor said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty. The roof repairs have cost twice as much as we expected and we need another \$4,000.00. Anyone who can pledge a hundred dollars or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the organist began playing "The Star-Spangled Banner."



## Pray for Peace in Ukraine