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Bulletin for the Week of March 17-24th

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE — Tone 8. The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. Ven. Aleksy (Alexius) the Man of God (411). Ven. Macarius the Wonderworker, Abbot of Kalyázinsk (Tver'—1483). Martyr Marinus. St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland 461).

Greeter: McAuley

MONDAY, March 18

Great Compline with Canon, 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY, March 20

Great Compline with Canon, 6:00 pm

THURSDAY, March 21

Great Compline with Canon, 6:00pm

FRIDAY, March 22

Presanctified with Canon to St. Theodore the Recruit & Blessing of Koliva, 6:30pm

SATURDAY, March 23

Inquirers' Class, 3:30 pm
Choir Practice, 3:30 pm
Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, March 24

Sunday of Orthodoxy: Bring your Icons for the procession!

Liturgy, 9:00 am

Pan-Orthodox Vespers, 5:00 pm at St. John the Baptist & Lenten Dinner

Sunday of Orthodoxy. Forefeast of the Annunciation. Ven. Zachariah the Recluse. St. Artemius (Artemon), Stephen and Peter of Kazan' (1552).

TODAY'S EPISTLE Romans 13:11-14:4

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to dispute over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 6:14-21

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

For your reflection: The Canon of St. Andrew

The end is drawing near, my soul, is drawing near! But you neither care nor prepare. The time is growing short. Rise! The Judge is at the very doors. Like a dream, like a flower, the time of this life passes. Why do we bustle about in vain?

(Monday's reading: 4.2)

“If we wish to make progress in the area of prayer and be sensitized to spiritual things we must fulfill three basic tasks: First, we must be deeply committed to a certain amount of prayer at a certain time every day, without fail. We must fulfill this task, not just as a rule or an obligation, but out of concern for cultivating our relationship with God. This is our salvation and joy. (Our time of prayer can be in the morning and/or evening as the circumstances of our life permit.) Second, as St. Theophan the Recluse says, we must always pray as if we have never prayed before. This means we always approach the mystery of God without expectation or illusion, without letting our past success or failure distract us from our present contact with the Lord. As God can only be found in the present, nostalgia can be harmful to prayer. In addition, imagination should never be used when praying as it can potentially be the conduit for demonic energy. Third, we must always be willing to start again no matter how long it has been since we have prayed or what the outcome, good or bad, has been in the past. This also applies to our repentance so that no matter what we have done, seen, thought, or heard, we approach God for forgiveness, in search of our medicine. St. Paul reminds us: “Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:13-14), for “a broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise” (Ps. 50:19 lxx).

— *Archimandrite Sergius Bowyer, Acquiring the Mind of Christ: Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church*

Annual Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 30, 2024

St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church
Retreat Speaker: Archimandrite Sergius,
Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery
Tickets are \$15
Make sure to buy tickets today !!

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers Schedule 2024

Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 5:00 pm
**First Sunday of Lent/Sunday of Orthodoxy/
Great Vespers of the Annunciation**
St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
5300 El Camino Road, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Homily by Father Paul Hamner, Lenten Meal to Follow

Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 5:00 pm
**Second Sunday of Lent/St. Gregory Palamas
St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church**
5400 Annie Oakley Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89120
Homily by Archimandrite Sergius,
Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery, Lenten Meal to Follow

Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 5:00 pm
**Third Sunday of Lent/
Veneration of the Holy Cross**
Ss. George and Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church
1250 S. Jones Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89146
Homily by Father John Hondros
Lenten Meal to Follow

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 5:00 pm
**Fourth Sunday of Lent/
Sunday of St. John Climacos**
St. Simeon Serbian Orthodox Church
3950 S. Jones Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Homily by Father Florin Ristache; IOCC Presentation by
Nick Kasemeotes; Lenten Meal to Follow

For the sick and suffering

Archbishop Benjamin	Maria (Kuolt)
Archpriest Anthony	Victoria (Potter)
Marteen (Moore)	Child Monika
Kris (Stambaugh)	Etta (Sundberg)
Anita (Maresca)	Al (Geralt)
Cody (Wells)	James (Brophy)
Stephen (Osburne)	Child Nathaniel
Vram (Sarafian)	Sarah (Pertz)

Please pray for our Catechumens

Josh; Cody; Mackenzie & Daniel and sons Jesse, Nico, Erik; Brad; Patrick; Adam & Maggie and daughters Freya and Priscilla; Nathan & Erika; Justin & Sarah and children Brayden and Alice; Emily; Laurie; Kamuela; Julie; Jules; Cody; Jason; Mary; Silver; Mason & Carol, Keith, Perry, Patrick, Lauren, and Gregory