

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of
the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

Kontakion (Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the
earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,//
He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (Tone 6)

O Master, Teacher of wisdom,
Bestower of virtue,
Who teaches the thoughtless and protects the
poor,
strengthen and enlighten my heart!
O Word of the Father,
let me not restrain my mouth from crying to
You:
“Have mercy on me, a transgressor,
O merciful Lord!”



February 26, 2012

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 3. Sunday of
the Last Judgment.** Apostles of the Seventy
Archippus (Arkhipp) and Philemon, and Martyr
Apphias (1st c.).

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Living: Lena, Bobby, David, Nina,
Anna McCartney, Veronica McCafferty,
John Donohue, Olga Macalush, Corba
family, Kavalkovich family and friends,
Riley family, Patricia, Patricia, Edward,
John, Anastasia, Alexander,
Christopher, Marc. **May God Grant
Then Many Years!**

Departed: Rdr. Leonty, William
Brasko, Charles Fortner, David
Glovach, John, Corba family members,
John, Julia, John, Bridget, Anne,
William, John, Theresa, Helen,
Andrew, Marion, Al. **May Their
Memories Be Eternal!**

Upcoming Services

Monday- Thursday	Canon of St. Andrew, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Great Vespers, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy</i>

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 disputes 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.

Matthew 25:31-46

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.

Announcements

Readers, Coffee Hour, and Church Cleaning

Please consider volunteering for any of the above. The church needs help especially with cleaning and coffee hour. Sign-up sheets are downstairs on the bulletin board.

New Vespers Time

Starting yesterday, Vespers will begin at 5:00 p.m. Note that there will be no Vespers on February 11.

Centennial Team

Please see Debbie Kavalkovich if you would like to serve on the team preparing for our centennial next year.

Lenten Calendars

Please note the Lenten calendars, which are now available. These calendars will also be posted online on our website.

Forgiveness Vespers Today

Forgiveness Vespers will be held immediately following the Divine Liturgy today. Please make every effort to stay for this central service.

Weekly Financial Statement (02.19.12)

Attendance: 49

Money In: \$2828.00

Money Out: -\$567.66

Net Total: \$2260.34

As we begin the Great Fast, the Church reminds us of Adam's expulsion from Paradise. God commanded Adam to fast (Gen. 2:16), but he did not obey. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendants became heirs of death and corruption. Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative thing, a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature, and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ. At Forgiveness Vespers we sing: "Let us begin the time of fasting in light, preparing ourselves for spiritual efforts. Let us purify our soul, let us purify our body. As we abstain from food, let us abstain from all passion and enjoy the virtues of the spirit...."