



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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February 14, 2021

Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.



Sunday of Cheesefare – Sunday of Forgiveness, the Repose of Our Venerable Father Constantine the Philosopher, in the Monastic Life, Cyril, Teacher of the Slavic Nations ; and our Venerable Father Auxentius; and the Venerable Maron the Wonder

Epistle: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21 Tone: Sheet

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

SATURDAY: Not Now! 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM

**Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and
9:30AM until 10:00AM**

**Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.**

**Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule,
mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael
Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young**

**Address or Name Change/New Phone Number –
Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or
Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info. Returned
checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee**.**

**Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be
in writing by Wednesday @6PM to be included in
that week's bulletin.**

**Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of
every month @7:15pm in the church hall.**

**Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon
or by Appointment on other days**

******Please Note ******

**Mass Offerings , Sorokousty
Mother's Day, Father's Day**

**Checks must be made out to the Fr. Young
not the Church ! Thank You...**

Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.**

In your Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.

Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

Special Share in the Eucharist *- Bread & Wine

offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00 Donors/intentions will be listed.

Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

Eternal Light *- offered to light for a week \$10.00.

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Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.

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All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

A Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below**. Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ Email _____




City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)

Vespers of Sunday of Cheesefare: Adam was banished from Paradise through disobedience and cast out from delight, beguiled by the words of a woman. Naked he sat outside the garden, lamenting, "Woe is me!" Therefore let us all make haste to accept the season of the Fast and hearken to the teaching of the Gospel, that we may gain Christ's mercy and receive once more a dwelling-place in Paradise. *Glory...* Adam sat before Paradise and lamenting his nakedness, he wept: "Woe is me! By evil deceit was I persuaded and led astray, and now I am an exile from glory. Woe is me! In my simplicity I was stripped naked, and now I am in want. O Paradise, no more shall I take pleasure in your joy; for I shall return to the earth from whence I was taken. O merciful and compassionate Lord, to You I cry aloud: I am fallen, have mercy on me."

Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered

02/13	Saturday		No Liturgy
02/14	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Judith B. Walker req. by Peter & Barbara Pysarchyk
02/15	Monday	1 st Day of Great Lent	Abstain from meat and dairy products on the first day of Lent No Liturgy
02/16	Tuesday	10:00 AM	+Jerry Kasprzyk req. by Melania Kasprzyk
02/17	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Station of the Cross in English
02/18	Thursday	10:00 AM	+ James & Adele Comcowich
02/19	Friday	6:00 PM	Station of the Cross in Ukrainian
02/20	Saturday		No Liturgy
02/21	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Stephen Petriw Jr. req. by Scott & Jean Walker & Family

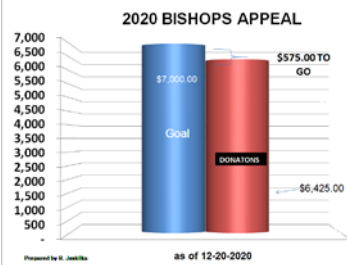
ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory of +Maxim & +Mary Kowtko by Karen & Alan Wilson</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Marilyn Michel by Karen & Alan Wilson</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Leo Michel by Karen & Alan Wilson</i>

Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates 3/8/21-3/14/21	Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates 2/22/21-2/28/21 3/8/21-3/14/21 3/22/21-3/28/21 4/26/21-5/02/21 5/3/21-5/9/21 5/10/21-5/16/21 5/31/21-6/6/21 6/14/21-6/20/21 8/2/21-8/8/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21 9/20/21-9/26/21 11/22/21-11/28/21	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 3/1/21-3/7/21 4/26/21-5/02/21 5/10/21-5/16/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES None Offered
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2020 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.
Please bring your dues book to the church hall dues will not be collected in the rectory Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.
Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!
Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

******Notice****** The Men's room **is closed for renovation** till further notice. Ladies bathroom will be used by everyone.



2020 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of February continues and hope to complete

the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2020**.

This fund provides support for many programs in the Diocese as indicated in the Sower. Our offering reminds us that we are members of a greater body of the Church that operates beyond the barriers of our local parish and that each one of us has a role to play in the Church's mission of evangelization and sanctification.

Please note: that at this time our seminary in Stamford is growing and needs your support.

You have received by mail your request for support.

Please help this fund as you have in the past.

Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!! Do not use Paypal !!!

There will be collectors to take your donation for 2020 in the church hall or mail it in to church !

Donations \$6,425.00 or 90.4% to go \$575.00 This week \$0.00.

The 2020 Stamford Diocesan Charities Appeal form has been sent. Please make checks payable to:

"The Byzantine Rite Diocese of Stamford" and send or bring your donation to the church.

Cash is acceptable form for payment.

Do not use Paypal for your donation !

Since every parish in the diocese has been assessed a target for this campaign, **please do not send your gift directly to Stamford.**

Our parish needs to be properly credited to meet its goal of seven thousand dollars. We have met our goal over the last nine years and have not had to put any additional strain on our parish's treasury. While many of our regular contributors have fallen asleep in the Lord, it is even more essential that every parishioner consider such diocesan programs as vocations, religious education, evangelization, and stewardship worthy of personal charity.

This Year 2020 because of Covid-19 we are beginning the Charities Appeal in September which is later than other years. Hopefully now by God's grace as Autumn approaches we all will be blessed with good health in our homes and our community.

ION BANK DONATIONS: Parishioners and friends who have a savings account at Ion Bank are encouraged to vote during the month of February thru March 31st, 2021 for **Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church**, so that our church would be able to receive a donation from the Ion Bank Foundation Community Awards Program. Ion Bank is a Connecticut Bank with a main office in Naugatuck and branches in Ansonia and Oxford. If you have any questions call Ion Bank at 203-729-4442.

PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting
February 17th
2021



Monthly Meeting of St Peter & St Paul Board of Directors

Wednesday evening February 17th, 2021

@ 7:15 pm in the church hall

All Board members are requested to attend!!!!

Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced !

ANNUAL PARISH CORPORATION MEETING of Saint Peter & Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

is scheduled for **Sunday, February 21st, 2021**

in the church hall immediately following the 10 AM Divine Liturgy.

Snow date February 28th, 2021.

All parishioners in good standing are urged to attend!

Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced !

Lenten Regulations 2021 Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford

By the threefold discipline of fasting, prayer and almsgiving the Church keeps the Great Fast/Lent from Monday, **February 15** (March 15 - Julian Calendar), after Cheesefare Sunday to the day before Easter, Holy Saturday, **April 3** (May 1).

The following regulations apply, in general, to all Ukrainian Catholics of the Stamford Eparchy between ages 21 to 60:

Abstinence from meat and dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast, **February 15** (March 15), and on Good Friday, **April 2** (April 30).

The following regulations apply, in general, to all Ukrainian Catholics of the Stamford Eparchy between ages 14 to 60:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on **all Fridays** of the Great Fast.

Abstinence from meat is suggested and encouraged on all Wednesdays of the Great Fast.

Note: The following are exempt from abstinence: 1. The poor who live on alms; 2. The sick and the frail; 3. Convalescents who are returning to their strength; 4. Pregnant women, and women who are nursing their children; and 5. Persons who perform hard labor.

Meat is to be understood as including not only the flesh, but also those parts of warm-blooded animals that cannot be rendered, i. e., melted down, e. g., the liver, lungs, blood, etc. meat gravy or soup made from meat is included in this prohibition.

Dairy products are to be understood as comprising products derived from mammals and birds, but not regarded as meat, e. g., cheese, lard, butter, milk, eggs, etc.

Eucharistic Fast:

A fast of one hour from food (prior to service starting time) should be kept by those receiving the Eucharist at the evening celebration of the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, as well as the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great.



The Prayer of Saint Ephraim Explained by Fr. Alexander Men –

Every day of Great Lent, with the exception of Saturdays and Sundays, the prayer “O Lord and Master of my life” is read. According to tradition, this prayer was written in Syria in the fourth century by the ascetic Mar Afrem or, as we have grown accustomed to calling him, Ephraim the Syrian. He was a monk, poet, and theologian, one of the most eminent sons of the Syrian Church, who entered world literature as a remarkable writer.

The words of the prayer, which were quite accurately transmitted by Pushkin [1], sound as follows when translated from the Syrian: “O Lord and Master of my life,” that is: Ruler of my life, Who gave me life, Who is the center and focal point of my life. “Give me not a spirit of idleness,” that is, laziness, which is, according to the old adage, the mother of all vices. Laziness seems like an innocent thing, but it engenders much that is dark and black.

Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem (St. Ephraim the Syrian)

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.

“Despondency (Despair).” Christianity is a joyful doctrine; joyful, too, is he who is despondent – for it will leave him. St. Seraphim of Sarov, the great Russian saint of the nineteenth century, said: “We have no ways to be despondent, for Christ has saved everyone.”

“Ambition (Lust for power).” This means love of authority. Everyone has it; do not think that the cult of personality exists only in politics: it can also be present in the family or in any small community. Everyone has in himself the seeds of the aspiration to crush the will of others, to strangle and subdue it.

“Idle talking.” I exempt children: they have the right to chatter, but only until the age of fifteen or sixteen. When children chatter they are learning to communicate and are practicing their language; but when these “children” are already twenty, or sometimes older than forty – this means they are being pitiless towards their own lives. Let us consider (and let us be honest with ourselves): how much longer do we have to live? Not much longer at all. Therefore, I repeat, we should value life and love the gift that God has given us, remembering that we will carry into eternity only that which we have in our hearts. Idle talk and blathering are frightful words, for they involve killing time.

“Spirit of chastity.” Further on the prayer says: “a spirit of chastity... patience, and love bestow upon me Thy servant.” Chastity is purity of relations with the world and with people, wholeness of soul, without duality, and without the passions gaining possession over you.

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“Humble-mindedness (Humility).” This means the wisdom of the healthy person. Humility here, in the given context, means knowing where you stand against the backdrop of eternity. Do not inflate yourself like the frog in Krylov’s fable– it burst [2]. There is no need to exaggerate, but one should know one’s worth. The wisdom of modesty is extraordinary and beautiful. The wisdom of modesty is not abasement beyond pride, but healthiness of soul. Here is an example for you. When someone begins to imagine himself as something that he is not, he is only a few steps from megalomania. Megalomania is a pathological state of pride. One person announces that he is the chairman of the Council of Ministers or Napoleon, and he is placed in a psychiatric hospital; another makes no such pronouncement, for which reason he is not in the hospital, but in his soul he thinks he is superior to everyone else.

patience is a form of courage

“Patience, and love.” What is patience? I will put it briefly so that you will remember. Patience is not the state of cattle, which tolerate everything. It is not humiliation – not at all. It is not a compromise with evil – under no circumstances. Patience is the ability to maintain equanimity of spirit in circumstances that impede such equanimity. Patience is the ability to achieve one’s goals when encountering various obstacles along the way. Patience is the ability to maintain a joyful spirit even when there is an excess of grief. Patience is a victory and an overcoming; patience is a form of courage. This is what real patience is.

Finally, love. **Love** is the utmost happiness of man; it is the ability of our souls to be open, immanent (as the philosophers say), inwardly open to the other person. When you are riding the escalatory in the subway, test yourself to see if you are able to love or not. When you look at the people riding on the other side and you find it repulsive to look at their faces, it means that all the pores of your soul are clogged and that your feeling of love is in an embryonic state.

But the power of Christ’s grace is capable of rebuilding a person in such a way that he sees people in an entirely different manner; so that his first reaction will be benevolence; so that he will immediately see the beautiful in both women and men, in as inspired manner, even where no one else notices it; so that when seeing a suffering face he will feel compassion; so that he will be open. Such a person is always happy, because he is united with people and lives lovingly.

The greatest cure from condemnation is the ability to criticize oneself. At the end of the prayer it says: “Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my failings and not condemn my brother.” You understand this. The greatest cure from condemnation is the ability to criticize oneself. We are extremely careful – I would say observant and even psychologically sophisticated – when we are considering the sins of our neighbors or the sins of other people. Here we display maximum knowledge of all moral laws in all their subtleties. Here we act like strict judges, although we have no right to do so, since we ourselves are guilty of the very things of which we condemn others.

You ask me: perhaps this is appeasement and compromise with evil? Under no circumstances. Never. We must call evil by its name. But we must have compassion for the person who falls into this sin. This is the essence of this prayer read daily with prostrations during Great Lent.

Today we stand right on the edge of the Great Fast / Lent, for the weeks of preparation to follow our Savior to His Passion begins tomorrow. In today's Gospel lesson the Lord offers us a three-part recipe / challenge for the Fast: Forgiveness, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Our first challenge for the Fast is to receive God's forgiveness and to forgive each other. At this time the Church calls upon us to look at the cross of Jesus and His great mercy. She invites us to come to Christ during the Fast in the Sacrament of Confession - Repentance is the proper term for confession - to exchange our sins for the riches of His Grace, to taste and experience for ourselves the sweetness of His forgiving love.

The second challenge is fasting: "When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face that your fasting may not be seen by man but by your Father who sees in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you." Love was one of the main purposes for fasting in the early Church. This is the fast we are called upon to practice during the this time. We are called upon to fast not only for reasons of self-control and prayer, but also for the reasons of love: to deny ourselves something that we may share what we have saved with a needy person. The Lord God said through the prophet Isaiah, "Is not this the fast that I choose...Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked to cover him..." (Isaiah 58:6-7). This is the fast that is pleasing to God. The Triodion which contains our Church services for the fast says the following about the Fast: "The Lenten spring has come, The light of repentance... Let us receive the announcement of Lent with joy! For if our forefather Adam had kept the fast, we would not be deprived of paradise... While fasting physically, brothers, Let us also fast spiritually; Let us loose every knot of iniquity, Let us tear up every unrighteous bond, Let us distribute bread to the hungry and welcome to our homes those who have no roof over their heads so that we may receive great mercy from Christ our God."

Christ himself expresses the third part of His challenge in these words: "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 or rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." All our treasures on earth said Jesus, will last only as long as this life. But in Jesus we find real treasures that will never lose their value. What are some of these treasures that God commands us to accumulate? There is the treasure of love. There is the treasure of forgiveness. The strongest walls between people are not built of iron or steel but are created by fear, hate and prejudice. The only way to break down these walls is through the practice of forgiveness.

The Fast is a time to strengthen our relationship with the most important person, the Lord Jesus by extra prayer every day, by reading His word daily, by frequent reception of the Eucharist and by attending the Lenten services. The Fast is a time to weed out and cancel some of the unnecessary activities and create time for God and the soul; time to accumulate some treasure in heaven where "neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal."

To know Christ personally is the greatest treasure there is. There is the treasure of faith in Christ. Without faith no man can be saved. Faith is powerful, so powerful it can 'move mountains'. Truly what a privilege and treasure it is to carry everything to God in prayer.

The last treasure is of service to others—charity / almsgiving, in the name of Christ: "And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water... truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward" (Matt. 10:42).

These then are the treasures that really count in God's eyes, treasures that are not rust collectors but will last forever, the treasure of love, forgiveness, knowing Jesus personally, faith, doing God's will, prayer and service to our fellow humans through the fast of love.

Why not try Christ's three part challenge for the Fast: Forgiveness, Fasting and laying up treasures in heaven. You will find it to be the perfect means if you are looking not only for a resurrected Christ but also for a resurrected YOU this Easter. (Excerpts from writings of Anthony M. Coniaris)

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :

REPENTANCE: Page 154, Section 449-455; Page 189, Section 569; Page 254, Section 781-784

FASTING AND ALMSGIVING: Page 355, Section 786-787

PARISH GREAT FAST / LENTEN PRAYER CAMPAIGN VOCATION CRISIS

"THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW" (Matt. 9: 37)

If we look around, are we aware of the lack of vocations? Are we concerned that in the future we will not have priests to serve our parishes, to serve the people of God; we will not have religious men and women to teach our children, to come and preach the Word of God to us? We know that God's voice is heard in and through the Church, and the Church is heard in the words of the clergy, those who are serving in the consecrated life and through the faithful of the parish. But will that 'voice' be silenced?

If we are not aware or concerned, we need to take a good hard look within our Eparchies, our Deaneries / Protopresbyterates, our parishes and begin to acknowledge that there is a Vocations Crisis; that in a few short years it will affect each of us. With this awareness, we need to become more involved in the fostering of vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, the monastic and religious life.

As we are entering the Churches Liturgical season of preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection, we are instructed by the Church, during this penitential season of the Great Fast, to “Pray, Fast and do Charitable works – Almsgiving”.

As a Vibrant Parish Faith Community, let us enter the Great Fast with the resolve and goal to devote our personal prayer time, offering them for Vocations to our Church. We all need to make a concerted effort to promote vocations... a concerted effort to become aware of potential candidates and encourage them in their discernment. Pray that they may truly listen to God’s call.

It is the hope that beginning with the first day of the Great Fast, February 15, each of us will totally commit to this 40 day Journey to Pascha with the resolve to sincerely pray that the hearts of many will be open to the call to a life of service to God and his faithful.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Troparion—Tone 8: O Savior, you called the fishermen and they immediately left their nets to follow you. Your voice resounds with authority, “Make disciples of all nations, teach them to carry out everything I have commanded: Give us today zealous workers for your kingdom to reap the harvest of faith; for you provide always for your beloved Church.

Theotokion—Tone 8: O Holy Virgin, Mother of God, with confidence you told those at the wedding of Cana, “Do whatever my son tells you.” Ask Him to provide an abundance of vocations for the Church.

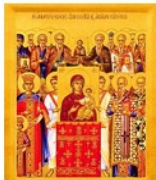
REMEMBER: A VOCATION IS GOD’S INVITATION OR CALLING TO EACH INDIVIDUAL TO LOVE AND SERVE HIM AND HIS CHURCH IN A PARTICULAR STATE OR WAY OF LIFE. HOW DO YOU ANSWER THE INVITATION? DO NOT REFUSE CHRIST IF HE IS OFFERING YOU THIS SPECIAL INVITATION

SUNDAYS OF GREAT LENT

Great Lent ends on Palm Sunday, the Entrance of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Following Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins. It is a week of strict fasting and deep thinking about the events that precede Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord.

First Sunday


Triumph of Orthodoxy



On this Sunday in 842, the heresy of iconoclasm that contradicted the Orthodox Faith was defeated.

Second Sunday


Saint Gregory Palamas



Through his writings, this Saint gives every Christian the opportunity to be enlightened with the light of Mount Tabor.

Third Sunday

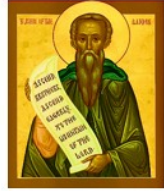
Adoration of the Cross



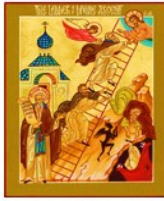
On this Sunday, the Cross is carried out of the Sanctuary as a reminder to us of Christ’s suffering at the Cross and of our call to be brave in the trials of our lives.

Fourth Sunday

Venerable John the Ladder




This Sunday honors the 7th century saint, the author of The Ladder, where he describes the levels of spirituality.



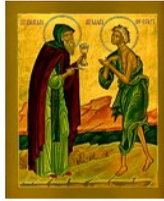
Fifth Sunday

Venerable Mary of Egypt



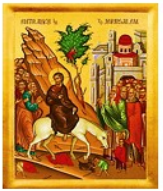
The life of St. Mary of Egypt is an example to us of God’s mercy to sinners, seen through her sins and conversion.

On the preceding Wednesday, the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete is served during Vespers.



Sixth Sunday

The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday



The day before this feast is called Lazarus Saturday, in honor of the time Christ rose Lazarus from the dead after Lazarus was in his tomb for three days. This event reminds Christians about our inevitable resurrection from the dead by Christ.

On this Sunday, Christ’s glorious Entrance into Jerusalem is remembered. The citizens of Jerusalem came to meet Him and welcomed Him with palm branches saying, “Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

After this Sunday, Holy Week begins, and after Holy Week is Pascha, the Resurrection of Christ.

The Great Fast (The Holy Forty Days)

The weekdays of the Fast are aliturgical, meaning that there is no celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The readings listed are for the Liturgical Hours and for Vespers (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) or for Vespers and Presanctified Liturgy

(Wednesdays and Fridays).

First Week of Great Lent

Monday	Sixth Hour: Isaiah 1:1-20 Vespers: Genesis 1:1-13 Proverbs 1:1-20
Tuesday	Isaiah 1:19-2:3 Genesis 1:14-23 Proverbs 1:20-33
Wednesday	Isaiah 2:3-11 Genesis 1:24-2:3 Proverbs 2:1-21
Thursday	Isaiah 2:11-21 Genesis 2:4-19 Proverbs 3:1-19
Friday	Isaiah 3:1-14 Genesis 2:20-3:20 Proverbs 3:19-34
Saturday	Hebrews 1:1-12 Mark 2:23-3:5
First Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy (Sixth Sunday before Pascha / Easter)	Hebrews 11:24-26,32-12:2 John 1:43-51

Prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian said during Great Lent Sunday evening to Friday evening, But not Saturday and Sunday.

+O Lord, and Master of my life, give me not the spirit of slothfulness, faintheartedness, lust for power, and vain talking; (Full bow to the ground)

+Instead, grant to me. Your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love; Full bow to the ground (Full bow to the ground)

+O Lord and King, grant that I may see my own transgressions, and not judge my brother, for You are blessed. Amen. (Full bow to the ground)

After this 12 small bows, praying:

God, merciful be me, sin.

God, cleanse my sins and have mercy on me.

I have sinned without a number, O Lord, forgive me.

+O Lord, and Master of my life, give me not the spirit of slothfulness, faintheartedness, lust for power, and vain talking; Instead, grant to me. Your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love; Full bow to the ground O Lord and King, grant that I may see my own transgressions, and not judge my brother, for You are blessed. Amen. (Full bow to the ground)

У часі Великого посту (чотиридесятниці) мовимо цю покайну молитву з поклонами:

+Господи і Владико життя мого, дух лінивства, недбальства, владолюбства й пустослів'я віджени від мене. *Доземний поклін.*

+Дух же доброчесності і смиренномудрія, терпіння й любові даруй мені, недостойному рабові твоєму (недостойній рабі твоїй). *Доземний поклін.*

+Так, Господи царю, дай мені бачити мої прогрішення і не осуджувати брата мого, бо ти благословенний еси на віки вічні. Амінь.

Доземний поклін. Після цього 12 малих поклонів, молячись:

+Боже, милостивий будь мені, грішному (грішній).

+Боже, очисти мої гріхи і помилуй мене.

+Без числа нагрішив (нагрішила) я, Господи, прости мені.

Відтак: +Господи і Владико життя мого, духа лінивства, недбальства, владолюбства і пустослів'я віджени від мене. Дух же доброчесності і смиренномудрія, терпіння й любові даруй мені, недостойному рабові твоєму (недостойній рабі твоїй). Так, Господи царю, дай мені бачити мої прогрішення і не осуджувати брата мого, бо ти благословенний еси на віки віків. Амінь.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 14 Cheesefare/ Forgiveness Sunday: Ask forgiveness of all in your household	February 15 Clean Monday The Great Fast Begins! Here we go!!	February 16 Clean Tuesday It's a great day to clean your room!	February 17 Clean Wednesday Practice your prostrations	February 18 Clean Thursday Learn the Prayer of St. Ephrem	February 19 Clean Friday Make Kutjia (Koliva) in honor of St. Theodore's miracle	February 20 Saturday of Theodore the Recruit Read this really cool story at ByziMom.com
February 21 Sunday of Orthodoxy Gather your icons and have a procession!	February 22 Visit someone who is sick or lonely, or maybe send them a card	February 23 Plant some basil seeds in pots today for Pascha	February 24 O Joyful Light Make beeswax candles for your icon corner	February 25 Learn about your patron saint	February 26 Take time to look outside notice the wonderful things God has made.	February 27 Remember to practice obedience, as Jesus was obedient to his parents too!
February 28 Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Practice prayer today!	March 1 Dust your room and think about cleaning the dust from your soul too!	March 2 Defend your faith...learn and review the concepts in the Creed	March 3 Make a chothki bracelet with 10 beads to pray with every day and night!	March 4 Learn and practice the Jesus Prayer with your new beads	March 5 The Family is made in God's image...3 in 1! Review Psalm 127	March 6 Learn or review the Prayer before Communion
March 7 Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross We Bow to Your Cross!	March 8 Reveiw the litany said at Divine Liturgy and think of someone you know for each petition	March 9 Do a secret good deed for someone who is in need.	March 10 Watch for another opportunity to be a helper today!	March 11 Review and discuss the guidelines for proper behavior at Liturgy with your family	March 12 Tonight,listen for this hymn: Let my prayer ascend to you like incense...	March 13 Clean your closets today and consider donating things you've outgrown
March 14 Sunday of St. John of the Ladder Step by step we're getting close!	March 15 Make "Crown of Thorn Pretzel Rolls" Get the recipe at ByziMom.com	March 16 Be a helper like Simon of Cyrene. Help someone with a difficult task today	March 17 Set aside a special time to sit before your icon corner and rest with Jesus a while	March 18 Help someone whom you are tempted NOT to love today	March 19 Tonight, listen for the entrance hymn & pray with the angels when Jesus enters!	March 20 Think about the angels today and how your own angel helps you keep the fast
March 21 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Learn her story and be inspired!	March 22 As we get closer to Pascha, lets practice singing the troparion... secretly, of course. It's still lent.	March 23 Learn about St. Longinus today and how his eyesight was restored by Jesus. How merciful is HE?!!	March 24 After you receive Jesus in the Eucharist tonight, close your eyes and snuggle with Him a while.	March 25 The Annunciation Practice the prayer to the Theotokos today!	March 26 Today is the last day of the Great Fast. Passion week is coming soon.	March 27 Lazarus Saturday Listen to the gospel story & think about what you would do if you saw that!
March 28 Palm/Flowery Sunday Hosannah in the Highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!	March 29 Great and Holy Monday Mt 21:18-20 Talk with your family about ways you can be a fruitful branch.	March 30 Great and Holy Tuesday Mt 24:36-28:20 Keep the light burning for Jesus in your soul!	March 31 Great and Holy Wednesday Mt 26:6-16 Tonight YOU can receive HOLY UNCTION!	April 1 Great and Holy Thursday 1 Cor 11:23-32 Spend some extra time with Jesus in prayer tonight.	April 2 Great and Holy Friday Be especially quiet and solemn today in honor of Jesus suffering and death.	April 3 Great and Holy Saturday Help your family prepare for the celebration to come.... Tomorrow is PASCHA!