



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
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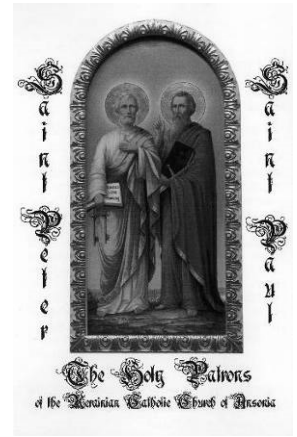
*Leaders of the Apostles and
teachers of the world, pray to the
Master of all to grant peace to the
world and great mercy to our souls.*

Web Site: www.stspucc.org.

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor
February 23, 2020

**Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday, The First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of the
Holy, Glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist**

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



DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 9:00AM

SATURDAY: 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.

Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young
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 _____ E-mail _____


City _____ State _____ Zip _____


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


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Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered

2/22	Saturday	4:00PM	+Jerry Kasprzyk req. by Melania Kasprzyk
2/23	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян Offered for the Health of Helen Stuban req. by Thomas & Susan Monks & Family
2/24	Monday	1 st Day of Great Lent	Abstain from meat and dairy products on the first day of Lent Priest's Retreat
2/25	Tuesday		Priest's Retreat
2/26	Wednesday		Priest's Retreat
2/27	Thursday		Priest's Retreat
2/28	Friday	6:30 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gift Sung by the Students of St Basil Seminary
2/29	Saturday	9:00AM 4:00PM	+LEON & ANNA, JULIA & MARY, +WASYL, PAIZA, MICHAEL, THEODORE & KATHERINE SKRYPACK +Melania Lypen req. y Michael Pawlyk
03/01	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Andrey Duz req. by Ania Kuncik & Oksana & Wladysaw Gebuza
03/02	Monday	9:00AM	+James Michael Comcowich
03/03	Tuesday	9:00AM	+Mary Elizabeth Koalchic Garahan req. by Rosalie Yacabacci
03/04	Wednesday	6:00PM	Station of the Cross in English
03/05	Thursday	11:00AM	Offer at St. John's in Trumbull PROFIL, EFFIE MICHAEL, PETER, WILLIAM, JOHN & MARY LECHUS
03/06	Friday	9:00AM 6:00PM	Lenten Sixth Hour with Presanctified Gifts Station of the Cross in Ukrainian
03/07	Saturday	9:00 AM 4:00PM	Second All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy offered for All the Faithfully departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved Deceased +Walter Duda req. by Dorothy Duda
03/08	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян Health of the Malinak & Kardos families req. by Anne Malinak

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory of +Leo & +Marilyn Michel by Karen & Alan Wilson</i>
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BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>
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SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>
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Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates 3/2-3/8/2020 4/6-4/12/2020 5/4-5/10/2020 6/1-6/7/2020 7/6-7/12/2020 8/3-8/9/2020 9/7-9/13/2020 10/5-10/11/2020 11/2-11/8/2020 12/7-12/13/2020	Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates 3/9/2020-3/15/2020 05/11-05/17/2020 08/3-8/9/2020 9/21-9/27/2020 11/23-11/29/2020 12/21-12/27/2020	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 03/2/20-3/07/20 03/16/20/03/21/20	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!!

*HOLY NAME
MEETING*



**Meeting of St Peter & St Paul
Holy Name Society – Sunday March 8, 2020 right after
the 10AM liturgy in the church hall...
Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Plans**

ION BANK DONATIONS: Parishioners and friends who have a savings account at Ion Bank are encouraged to vote during the month of February or March, 2020 for Saint Peter and Saint Paul 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. For information, please contact Michael Smerznak @ 203 734 6201

Minimum Prescriptions for Fasting: According to the decision of the Episcopal Synods of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, the minimal prescriptions regarding fasting are the following: Those Bond by Fast and Abstinence are those who are reached their 14 year of age till one has completed their 59th year of age. To abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year, except when a feast of the Lord or the Mother of God falls on a Friday, or during the Fast Free zahalnytsi, that is, periods when, owing to the nature of that period, we do not fast. These periods Fast-Free (zahalnytsi) are: The period from Christmas to Theophany From the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee to the Sunday of the Prodigal Son From Pascha (Easter Sunday) to Thomas Sunday From Pentecost to the following Sunday (of All Saints). To abstain from meat and dairy products on the first day of Lent (**Monday 24 February 2020**) and on Good Friday (**Friday 10 April 2020**). To abstain from meat products (dairy products may be consumed) -according to local customs – on the following days: The eve of Christmas (December 24/January 6) and Theophany January 5/18) Exaltation of the Cross (September 14/27) Beheading of Saint John the Baptist (August 29/September 11) and all the Fridays of Great Lent. **Traditional Fast Periods:** While the prescriptions for fasting listed above constitute a kind of minimum requirement for Ukrainian Greek-Catholics, all Eastern Christians are encouraged to observe- to the best of their abilities- the following traditional periods of fasting. Lent- the Great Fast: Lent begins forty days before Flowery (Palm) Sunday, on the Monday after Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese-Fare Sunday), and lasts until the Friday preceding Palm Sunday. Holy Week is a special Fast in honor of our Lord's Passion, and lasts from the evening of Palm Sunday until Holy Saturday inclusive. The Fast of the Holy Apostles: The Fast of the Holy Apostles begins on the Monday after All Saints Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost) and lasts until June 29 (July 12), the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. This Fast varies in length depending on the date of Easter. The Dormition Fast: The Fast which precedes the feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God begins on August 1 (14) and lasts until the eve of the Feast, which is celebrated August 15 (28). St. Phillip's Fast: The Fast before Christmas begins November 15 (28) and lasts until the eve of the Feast of the Nativity, December 24 (January 5).

Lenten Regulations 2020

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford

By the threefold discipline of fasting, prayer and almsgiving the Church keeps the Great Fast/Lent from Monday, **February 24** (March 2 - Julian Calendar), after the Cheesefare Sunday to the day before Easter, Holy Saturday, **April 11** (April 18).

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 24** (March 2), and on Good Friday, **April 10** (April 17).

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

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Eparchy of Stamford Clergy Retreat, this week, February 24 thru 27, 2020 at the Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappinger Falls, NY, will begin Monday and formally conclude after lunch on Thursday. Father Edward Young will be on retreat. If there is a great need to contact Father Edward please call his cell number which is 413-218-6404.

Note: Sunday 23 February 2020 The Great Fast/Lent begins with Forgiveness Vespers celebrated today in the afternoon or evening. **Note:** Three full prostration with the sinning of *Preterpivj* ... are made following every service during Lent, except those services which are celebrated from Friday evening to the start of Sunday Vespers; those celebrated on the eve and the morning of a holy day; and the week beginning with the Third Sunday of Lent (when *Khrestu Tvojemu* ... is sung, with prostration). **Note:** All weekdays of Lent are aliturgical and the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is not prescribed. On Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated (See Dolnytskyj *Typikon* p. 349). **Monday, 24 February 1st Day of Great Lent Note: Monday** is a day of strict abstinence from both meat and dairy products.

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.



CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Fundraiser

March 15, 2020

Following the 10:00 Liturgy

Tickets \$15.00

Children 5-10 years old \$5.00

Tickets will not be sold the day of the event!

Take Out Available

MONETARY DONATIONS TO PURCHASE NEEDED
ITEMS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!

PLEASE BAKE DESSERTS FOR THIS EVENT!!!!

For TICKETS contact **Michael Smerznak 203-734-6201**

or **Josephine Sembrat 203-929-4813**



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.

Доземний поклін.



SAINT BASIL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC SEMINARY



THIS COMING FRIDAY 28 FEBRAURY 2020

AT

6:30 PM

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

WILL BE CELEBRATED BY THE

VERY REV. BOHDAN TYMCHYSHYN, RECTOR OF THE SEMINARY

THE LITURGY WILL BE SUNG BY THE SEMINARIANS OF SAINT BASIL SEMINARY

PLEASE BE PRESENT TO BE SPORTVICE OF

OUR FUTURE PRIESTS OF YOUR EPARCHY

From the Vespers of Cheesefare: Let Yours ears be attentive* to the voice of my prayer.

The Lord my Creator took me as dust from the earth* and formed me into a living creature* breathing into me the breath of life and giving me a soul;* He honored me,* setting me as a ruler upon the earth over all things visible,* and making me a companion of the angels.* But Satan the deceiver,* using the serpent as his instrument,* enticed me by food;* he parted me from the glory of God* and gave me over to the earth* and to the lowest depths of death.** But, Master, in compassion, call me back again. If You mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand?* But with You forgiveness is that You may be revered. In my wretchedness I have cast off the robe woven by God,* disobeying Your divine command, O Lord, at the counsel of the enemy;* and I am clothed now in fig leaves and in garments of skin.* I am condemned to eat the bread of toil in the sweat of my brow,* and the earth has been cursed so that it bears thorns and thistles for me.* But, Lord, who in the last times was made flesh of a Virgin, call me back again** and bring me into Paradise.


I have waited for You as You have commanded; my soul patiently relies on Your promise,* for it has trusted in the Lord.

O precious Paradise, unsurpassed in beauty,* tabernacle built by God, unending gladness and delight,* glory of the righteous, joy of the prophets and dwelling of the saints,* with the sound of your leaves* pray to the Maker of all:* may He open to me the gates which I closed by my transgression,* and may He count me worthy* to partake if the Tree of Life* and of the joy that was mine** when I dwelt in you before.



Adam and Eve Worshipping at the Heavenly Altar

Adam sees the magnificent beauty in God's created world, and yet he agonizes over what he lost in being exiled from Paradise. The pleasures of this world are nothing compared to Paradise Adam tells us. The entire world was his – a vacation paradise. Yet, he finds nothing on earth comparable to the Paradise lost. Great Lent is trying to help us believe Adam's lament – what we humans have lost is far greater than anything we might experience on earth. We may be quite attached to this world, yet Great Lent calls us to yearn for something greater, something we've never known. Can we feel Adam's exile and believe there is something even more glorious awaiting us, if only we will let go of the things we value so highly on earth?

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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	<p>Sixth Hour: Isaiah 1:1-20 Vespers: Genesis 1:1-13 Proverbs 1:1-20</p>
Tuesday	<p>Isaiah 1:19-2:3 Genesis 1:14-23 Proverbs 1:20-33</p>
Wednesday	<p>Isaiah 2:3-11 Genesis 1:24-2:3 Proverbs 2:1-21</p>
Thursday	<p>Isaiah 2:11-21 Genesis 2:4-19 Proverbs 3:1-19</p>
Friday	<p>Isaiah 3:1-14 Genesis 2:20-3:20 Proverbs 3:19-34</p>
Saturday	<p>Hebrews 1:1-12 Mark 2:23-3:5</p>