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Sunday	Mar 14	<i>40th Sndy afr Pntcst / Tone 7 / Cheesefare / Forgiveness Sunday</i>
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
		5:30 pm Great Vespers Rite of Forgiveness
Monday	Mar 15	<i>1st Day of Great Lent</i>
		6:30 pm Great Canon of St Andrew
Tuesday	Mar 16	<i>2nd Day of Great Lent</i>
		6:30 pm Great Canon of St Andrew
Wednesday	Mar 17	<i>3rd Day of Great Lent</i>
		4:00 pm Confession
		6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday	Mar 18	<i>4th Day of Great Lent</i>
		6:30 pm Great Canon of St Andrew
Saturday	Mar 20	<i>Martyr Photini</i>
		4:00 pm Confession
		5:30 pm Great Vespers Confession
Sunday	Mar 21	<i>1st Sndy of Lent / Tone 8 / Cheesefare / Triumph of Orthodoxy</i>
		Readings: Heb 11:24-26, 32-12:2 John 1:43-51
		9:45 am Children's Procession
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

STEWARDSHIP / Mar 7

Operating	\$4,677
OCA Assessments	248.00
Maintenance	104.00
Icons	30.00
Uganda	135.00
Charities	295.00
Alms	10.00
Wi Fi	25.00

BEGINNING OF GREAT LENT

Great Lent officially begins this Sunday evening with the Vespers Service at 5:30 pm. The Rite of Forgiveness, following the Vespers will proceed as normal with masks and six feet of distance between all who form the line. This service is an open invitation.

CONFESSION NOTE

Please note the special times added for Confession throughout Lent and approach in timely manner. Everyone should offer their Confession during the Great Fasting Season.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Ted Geletka, Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr), our Parish Faithful, the Furman family, Marie Gaydos (Maryann S' csn), Mary Ellen (Ruth B's mom), Fred Bessel (Jean M's frnd), Dr Michael Soroka, Mike Nadolski (Gloria H's frnd), Richard Mirauntz, Tim Price, Francis James (Anna D's frnd), Kim H (Maryann S's friend), Bruno Christani, suffering Christians in the Middle East.

Birthdays: Bobby Wick (3/16), Christina Cindric (3/20).

Expecting: Greg & Grace, John & Michelle, Matt & Michelle, David & Maria, Patrick & Deanna, Jairus & Riley.

Newly Departed: Joesph Weiland (Cindy R's friend 3/11), Fr John Tkachuk (Fr A's frnd, 2/19), Nick Stchur (Tom A's frnd 2/7), Fr Daniel Hubiak (Deb's cousin 2/5).

Adam's Lament

by Fr Andrew Clements

On Cheesefare Sunday, also called Forgiveness Sunday, Adam's expulsion from paradise is a central theme.

The Lord took a handful of dust from the earth. He breathed into it, and created me, a living man! He made me lord and master of all things on earth; truly I enjoyed the life of the angels! But Satan the deceiver tempted me in the guise of a serpent, I ate the forbidden fruit and forfeited the glory of God. Now I have been delivered to the earth through death. O my compassionate Lord, call me back to Eden. (Vespers of Cheesefare Sunday)

Thankfully here, the Church puts Adam's words into our own mouths. Is it not appropriate, as we prepare to enter Great Lent, for us to join Adam in his lament; and to bemoan our own exile from the Lord's glory brought about by our own sins? Is it not proper for us to legitimately join Adam in his longing for that which

has been lost, our true life in God?

This is the new life offered to us by our Lord Jesus Christ, and so gloriously commemorated on Pascha. His saving death and resurrection resulted in Him being called "the last Adam" by St Paul. For what the first Adam lost in his disobedience, the Lord, as "the New Adam," reclaims for us all in his becoming obedient.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19)

May we enter the Great Fast with a true and repentant longing for a restored relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Being honest with ourselves, we can rightfully join Adam in his supplication and with contrition of heart cry out, "O my compassionate Lord, call me back to Eden."

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