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Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Mon., Feb. 27 th	Compline & Canon of St. Andrew	7 pm
	Tues., Feb. 28 th	Compline & Canon of St. Andrew	7 pm
	Wed., Mar. 1 th	Compline & Canon of St. Andrew	7 pm
	Thurs., Mar. 2 nd	Compline & Canon of St. Andrew	7 pm
	Fri., Mar. 3 rd	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	7 pm
	Sat., Mar. 4 th	Great Vespers with Confession	6 pm
	Sun., Mar. 5 th	Sunday of Orthodoxy	
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy (w/ icon procession)	10 am
		Mission Vespers	4:30 pm
		<i>St. George Antiochian Cathedral, Oakland</i>	

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 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.

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.

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday Liturgy.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

Sunday of the Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley

This last of the pre-Lenten Sundays is also called Cheesefare Sunday, since dairy is allowed on this final day before the fast. Often the Rite of Mutual Forgiveness is appended to the Sunday service, so that it is also called Forgiveness Sunday.

The gospel for the day is from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, and it focuses on the right way to fast. We are to guard our hearts, so that our motivation for fasting is to please God, not to garner the applause of men. We must take all care not to flaunt our fasting before the eyes of the world—or the Church—as if their approval were paramount. For it is not. All that matters is that God sees our efforts and our hearts. We offer our appetites and efforts to Him to win His approval. Our abstinence from foods is the expression of our penitence; it is how we cry out to Him, "Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O merciful Lord!" It is God who will see our secret penitence and give us our reward.

Announcements:

Paska! Paska! Paska! Nothing could replace this precious tradition to celebrate the joyous Resurrection! The men and women of HROC will be rolling up their sleeves on **Thursday, March 30th Friday, March, 31st and Saturday April 1st** to assure that past and new customers will have this wonderful delicacy to enjoy for their Easter. As an insert in today's bulletin you will find Baba's Paska Order Form.

Most importantly,

***Don't forget to include a valid telephone number
on the order form so we can arrange for you to pick-up!***

The orders are due **Sunday, March 19th**. Please leave your orders at the candle stand or see either Marie or Mary S. Due to the large demand for Baba's Paska, no orders can be accepted after the due date.

This upcoming Lenten Season -- Let us start refocusing our hearts and minds towards humility, forgiveness, repentance, and love towards our fellow man as we begin our Lenten journey on the path to Golgotha with Jesus. We are continuing our support and love of our seminarians and their families by taking a special Paschal collection through **April 9th**. The families are most appreciative of all support!

HOT OFF THE PRESSES! The annual "**Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 10 Week Calendar**" is available for home reference to keep you abreast of all Lenten services during this holy season. Pick yours up **TODAY** at the candlestand.

Don't Forget: Fr. Stephan will hear confessions after all scheduled services throughout Lent. If one cannot make it due to health or other noble reasons, Fr. Stephan will be glad to hear your confessions at your house.

Attention Choir Members: There will be *two* upcoming important rehearsals. We will be rehearsing for the upcoming mission vespers service for St. Gregory Palamas on March 12th, Holy Week services and the Paschal celebration. The first rehearsal will be on **Saturday, March 4th at 3 pm at HROC**. The second rehearsal will be held at **St. Nicholas in Donora on Saturday, March 11th at 3 pm**. (*Pls note location change*). Reader Peter has been asked to direct a *combined* choir at St. Nicholas' scheduled mission vespers service on March 26th. Anyone interested in joining the choir is encouraged to come!

Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshops ~~ Learn how to write Ukrainian Easter Eggs, known as pysanky eggs, in the traditional methods. Five workshops are included in these sessions where you will learn how to do line work, apply wax, dye & finishing. Registration fee is \$30 and all supplies are included. Space is limited, and you are not required to attend every week. Recommended for ages 10 and up. All experience levels welcome. Classes scheduled for **Thursdays in March, 6 pm-8 pm at St. Nicholas, Donora**. RSVP to Kelly at kbavusox@gmail.com or call/text to 724/882-8561.

Please Note: *As of March 1st, the donation on the large candles will be \$5.00 per candle. The donation on the beeswax tapers and small votive candles will be \$2.00 per candle.*

A Note from Council ~~ ***Don't forget:*** If you have any changes/updates to your phone/cell number, e-mail address or home address, please let us know. Please drop off any new information at the candlestand or give to Mary Merella to help us keep the information on our contact lists up-to-date. Thanks!

Interested in learning how to make Prospora? If interested, please let either Marie or Mary know. A demonstration/class is on the horizon.