



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

MARCH 14TH, 2021  
SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE  
& FORGIVENESS

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4**

Brethren, 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**

The Lord said: 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.

## MAR Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3rd - Madalyn Schulte
- 5th - Nicole Fischer
- 6th - Larry Don Meier
- 6th - Fr. Stephen: Priesthood Anniversary
- 8th - Jedidiah Leithead
- 9th - Chris Dumler
- 9th - Harold & Dee Eurich
- 10th - Brilee Herron
- 11th - Polly Mikita
- 12th - Butch Sakala
- 13th - Robin Mikita
- 15th - Fr. Stephen: Diaconate Anniversary
- 17th - LeAnn Perry
- 17th - Ashlynn Stevens
- 18th - Riggie Fuchs
- 25th - Lacie Leithead

## SERVICES

- KANON OF ST ANDREW - 6:00 PM (15TH)
- KANON OF ST ANDREW - 6:00 PM (16TH)
- PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY - 6:00 PM (17TH)
- GREAT VESPERS - 5:00 PM (20TH)
- ADULT EDUCATION - 9:00 AM (21ST)
- LITURGY W/ VESPERS - 9:30 AM (21ST)

## WISDOM

*God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination."*

- St. Augustine of Hippo

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Special Collection for Rest of March and April

We received word yesterday from Fr. Anthony that his associate priest, Fr. Joseph Sharman (who many may know as someone who “grew up” at Holy Theophany) has been diagnosed with Large B-Cell Lymphoma. The good news is that this is the most common non-Hodgkins lymphoma and relatively treatable; however, outside of insurance it is still going to be expensive and a burden to their young family. For the rest of March and all of April, we will have a special collection plate setup next to the blessed commemorate loaves. Please be generous, above and beyond your normal tithing. We will send them a check during Holy Week.

## Updated Covid Directives / Future Coffee Hour

Our Archbishop Benjamin, along with the Holy Synod has released an update to the Covid Guidelines. It largely doesn't effect us as we keep doing what we are doing. The one major change is coffee hour. The Parish Council and I will explore options today for how to work within these new directives in order to bring back this aspect of our community. If anyone has any suggestions, please let any council member or myself know.

## Photo Directory (It is coming...)

We have samples of the printed directory and are making the last changes to the final draft of the Directory. A PDF and printed version will hopefully be available soon. This is not something we budgeted for so if you would like to donate above and beyond your normal tithing to the printing of the directory, please see Lori or Fr. Stephen. We would really appreciate it.

## Parish Council (Today)

Parish Council will be having their monthly meeting today after Forgiveness Vespers. Previous rules apply.

## Great Lent starts tomorrow (March 14th)

Great Lent technically begins today after Forgiveness Vespers. The schedule during Lent will be: the Kanon of St. Andrew, March 15th and 16th this week. There will be no Pan-Orthodox Vespers this year but we will serve Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers right after Liturgy next Sunday. Presanctified Liturgies will be every Wednesday at 6 PM, unless noted otherwise. Annunciation will be a little different this year, as we will serve Vespural Liturgy at 6:00 PM on the 25th. There will be no Presanctified that week (24th). Holy Week Schedule will return to the normal schedule as it was in years prior. Please note all of these in your calendars. This year's theme will be “Let us Attend.” Lent is a time of re-commitment to the Lord, which includes fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, but it also means putting that into action by making every effort to attend as many services as you are able to do so. In other words, put God first, as He puts us first in all that He does.

## Church School Schedule:

We have already had our first classes but just a friendly reminder that the remaining modified Church School schedule is: 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/16, 5/23.