

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вѣки!

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## 14 February 2021 / 7529: FORGIVENESS SUNDAY – Cheesefare Sunday

*Our Venerable Father Auxentius. The Venerable Maron, Hermit and Wonderworker. The Passing of our Venerable Father Constantine, whose monastic name is Cyril, the Apostle to the Slavs.*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Feb. 13** 17:00 Vigil: **Forgiveness Sunday** Suffrages for **+John Krynicky** - daughter, Joanne;  
1 Year Memorial Service: **Jack Overdorff**
- Sun. Feb. 14** 10:30 **Forgiveness Sunday** Suffrages pro populo, esp. for the health and well-being  
of **Luka Hurst** – grandparents: James & Patricia Krisner
- Mon. Feb. 15** 18:30 **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** Suffrages for **+Christopher Davis** –  
James & Mary Ann Kontir
- Wed. Feb. 17** 18:30 **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** Suffrages for **+ Christopher Davis** –  
Audrey Suroviev
- Sat. Feb. 20** 17:00 Vigil: **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast** ~ Sunday of Orthodoxy: **BLESSING OF  
ICONS**, Suffrages for **+Jack Overdorff** – wife, Joanne
- Sun. Feb. 21** 10:30 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast** ~ Sunday of Orthodoxy: **BLESSING OF ICONS.**  
Suffrages pro populo, esp. for **Dolores Harhai** on her birthday – daughter, Christine and for  
**+Rosemarie Macchiaroli** - husband, Antonio

**02 / 07 / 2021  
COLLECTION**

Adults: \$2218  
Candles: \$56

Children: \$20  
Initial Off.: \$5

Maintenance: \$25  
**TOTAL: \$2479**

Fuel: \$45 Holy Day: \$110

**From the Triodion:** «In days of old on Mount Sinai, **Moses** received the vision of God by fasting, and **Elijah** the prophet was carried aloft in a chariot of fire. Purified by fasting, **Isaiah** received the burning coal on his lips, an ember which the Seraphim had taken from the altar. By fasting, **Daniel** and **the three Youths** closed the mouth of lions and trampled underfoot the flames of fire.»

Even in 2021, true fasting, like that of Israel's prophets of old, can produce visions, heavenly journey, and life saving events; awesome and tremendous encounters with the divine – *mysterium tremendum et fascinans*. Perhaps our modern day reluctance to fast reveals our uneasiness about the possibility of having a direct encounter with God, for fear of what He may require of us?

#### **CLEAN MONDAY:**

**L**et us begin this Fast in *joy, shining* with the commandments of Christ our God, with the *light of charity* and the *brightness of prayer*, with the *purity of heart* and the *energy of the strong*, so that we might nobly hasten to the third day **Resurrection**, which sheds its **immortal light** over all the earth.

**L**et us accept the beginning of this Fast with joy. Let there be no sad faces, but let us wash our face in the waters that free us from passions; let us bless and exalt Christ forever. Let us massage our soul with the oil of compassion; and in prayer, let us not make great speeches. Let us simply address our Father in Heaven, blessing and exalting Him forever.

**C**lothing ourselves in the splendid garment of the Fast, let us cast off the garment of drunkenness and darkness; henceforth, we shall *shine* with the *light of heavenly virtues*, so that we may contemplate the *luminous* Passion of the Savior in faith.

**N**ow is the time of the bright Fast. Let us begin it with a holy conversion, abstaining from every quarrel and dissension.

#### **AMBON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS SUNDAY**

**W**e thank you, O Lord Jesus Christ, that You have brought us to this opportune time of fasting towards salvation, for in this short time You have arranged to heal the great wounds of our soul, and to bring about the rejection of our many sins. Good Master, we pray You, remove from us any pharisaical hypocrisy in fasting, and banish all false sorrow. Drive from us all pride in our self-denial and moderation in deeds, words or thoughts. Fill us with light and the truth which You have taught. Strengthen us in the struggle against passions and in the war against sin. By alienation from passions prepare us to follow You by our fasting. Show us victory over the devil that we may partake of your death and resurrection, and rejoice in the joy which You have prepared for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. For You are the God of mercy, and glory is yours, together with the Father and the Son and your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

#### **Suggested Reading during the Great Fast:**

**Hymns of Repentance** St. Romanos the Melodist. SVSP, 2020. The 'father' of the *Kontakion*, Saint Romanos composed many hymns in Constantinople during the reign of Emperor Justinian. This volume brings together a selection of Romanos' hymns of repentance, which were sung in church during the Great Fast. They explore the story of the prophet Jonah, the prodigal son, the

crucifixion of Christ, and other important Lenten themes, evoking compunction and its purifying power, and praying to God for His great and abundant mercy. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE ABOVE, A SIGN-UP SHEET IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.**



In the event of **SEVERE WEATHER** check after 3:00 pm the message machine at the parish office regarding the possible cancelation of services: **724-423-3673**. If there is no mention of a cancelation, the liturgies will be served at their regular times.