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Schedule for the Week of February 22 - 28, 2015

Sunday Feb 22	Cheese-fare Sunday / Нед. Сыропустная
Monday Feb 23	Beginning of Lenten Fast Начало Великого Поста
Monday – Thursday Feb 23 – 26	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 6:30 PM
Friday Feb 27	Presanctified Liturgy / Лит. Преждеосвящ. Даров 6:00 PM
Saturday Feb 28	5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday Mar 1	Sunday of Orthodoxy / Торжество Православия 8:15 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия

*всех вмещаю в свое сердце. Вы меня не вмещаете. (2Кор.6,12). Вот, если бы вы вникли в эти слова! Представьте себе какое доброе, святое сердце у него. Оно не жестокое. Оно всех вмещает. Почему же оно всех вмещает? Да потому, что все они – творение Божие. У нас же с вами нет рассуждения. Мы видим в человеке грех, и мы этот грех не любим, а вместе с этим грехом мы не любим и ближнего. Идет нарушение заповеди Божией. Господь заповедал ближнего любить, как самого себя. Если мы ближнего не любим, жестоко к нему относимся, значит, мы не любим и Господа.
(Архим. Амвросий Юрасов).*

This year as in the past, at various Churches in the area, on Sunday afternoons at 4 PM, there will be Lenten Vespers. Here is a list for those of you who wish to attend:

Lenten Vespers Schedule:

March 1st, Sunday of Orthodoxy, St Mary's OCA
1701 Fifth St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

March 8th, St Gregory Palamas, St George's Greek
1111 Summit Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55105

March 15th, Elevation of the Cross, St Mary's Greek
3450 Irving Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55408

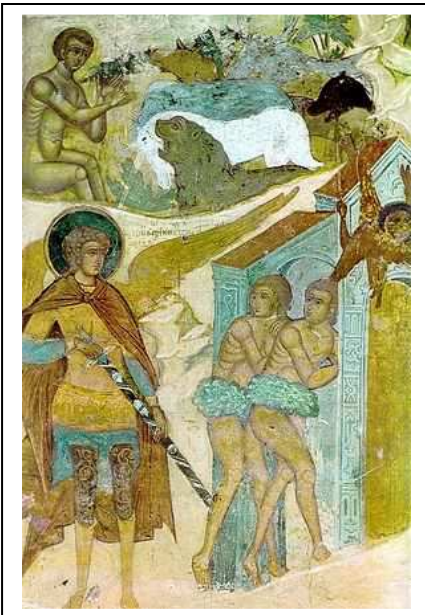
March 22nd, St John Climacus, Holy Trinity OCA
956 Forest Street, St Paul, MN 55106

March 29th, St Mary of Egypt, Holy Myrrhbearers OCA
601 7th Avenue S, St. Cloud, MN 56303

April 5th, Bridegroom Matins, St. Herman's OCA
5355 38th Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55412

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In Matthew 18:21-22, we get the answer to a question: How many times am I supposed to forgive someone who is forever doing something to



Когда у нас сердце жестокое, мы не можем прощать ближнему. А надо научиться себя переламывать. Надо за этого человека помолиться и сделать ему доброе дело. Когда мы будем этому человеку делать добро

(если он наш враг, недруг), то наше сердце не будет жестоким. Оно будет добрым. Апостол Павел пишет к коринфянам такие слова: Я вас

hurt me? In Matthew, Peter comes to our Lord and asks Him the same question, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Till seven times?" Jesus answered him, "I say not unto thee, until seven times; but, until seventy times seven."

To understand Jesus' answer we need to know what significance seven has. In Holy Scripture the number seven indicates wholeness, completion, fullness.

The Lord forgives sinners seventy times seven, and more. But, we may ask, if sinners persist in sinning after this, will God save them against their will? He will not, for that is not the principle of the salvation of men. The rule is that people must willingly consent to salvation by God. If people, for seventy times seven, refuse the salvation of God, then God will not save them. *(from The Orthodox Herald)*

Great Lent -- Guide for Examination of Conscience

- Did I deny or doubt God's existence?
- Did I doubt the teachings of the Orthodox Church?
- Did I neglect my morning or evening prayers?
- Did I miss Divine Liturgy because of laziness or carelessness?
- Did I fail in my duties to God for fear of ridicule?
- Did I fast as required?
- Did I consult fortunetellers or believe in superstitions?
- Did I make a promise and fail to keep it?
- Did I anger others and provoke them to curse or swear?
- Did I do unnecessary work on Sunday or holydays?
- Did I pray at home if I was unable to attend church because of illness (or weather)?
- Did I teach my children respect for the Lord's day?
- Did I ever deny that I was an Orthodox Christian?
- Did I ever wish that I were dead?
- Did I deliberately look at obscene pictures or books?
- Did I entertain impure thoughts or desires?
- Did I commit impure actions alone or with others?
- Did I envy others? Did I attend movies or dances during Lent?
- Did I steal, or cheat, or help others in doing so?
- Did I rashly gamble, give or accept bribes?
- Did I go to Confession and Communion at least once a year?
- Did I go to Communion without fasting properly?
- Did I do a full day's work in return for a full day's pay?
- Did I give God thanks for my daily food?

В этот день происходит заговенье на Великий пост. На Литургии читается Евангелие о прощении обид нашим ближним, без чего мы не можем получить прощения грехов от Отца Небесного. Сообразно с этим христиане имеют благочестивый обычай просить в этот день друг у друга прощения грехов, ведомых и неведомых обид и принимать все меры к "примирению с враждующими". Поэтому это воскресенье принято называть Прощеным воскресеньем.



Too often these days we hear people say. "it's not what goes into the mouth, but what comes out of it that is important." They use this as an excuse to not fast during the times prescribed by the Church. They fail to take into account that both what goes into the mouth and what comes out of it are equally important.

The readings for Cheesefare Sunday, Rom. 13:11-14:4 and Matt. 6:14-21, are very specific as to what fasting is and what it is not. It states that fasting is a religious duty. It does not say if you fast, but when.

We are warned in the readings not to make fasting a mere formal, outward act, as though it were good and meritorious in itself and not a means of grace. The Orthodox Christian will fast, but he will not make a display of it. True, he will not be ashamed of it, but he will so fast that God, and not man, may see and approve.....