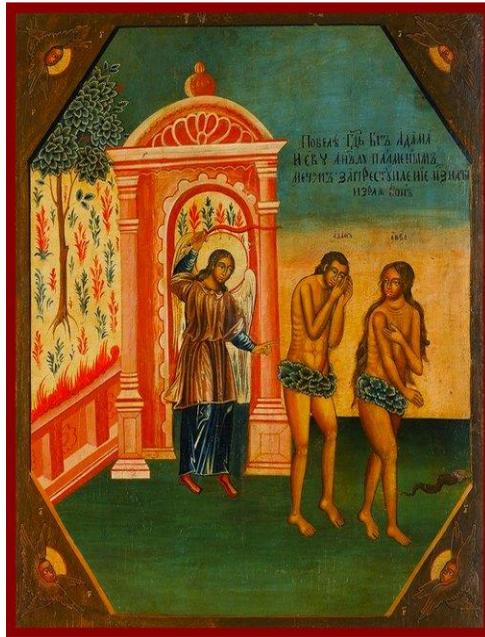




SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

February 26, 2017

Sunday of Cheesefare
Expulsion of Adam from Paradise
Forgiveness Sunday



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Troparion and Kontakion for February 26, 2017

Tone 3 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world//great mercy.

Tone 3 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs//they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 6 Kontakion (*from the Lenten Triodion*)

O Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue, Who teach the thoughtless and protect the poor, strengthen and enlighten my heart! O Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to You: "Have mercy on me, a transgressor//O merciful Lord!"



Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

13 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the

Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts. **14** Receive one who is weak in the faith, *but* not to disputes over doubtful things. **2** For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats *only* vegetables. **3** 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. **4** 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

6 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15** But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. **16** "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. **17** But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, **18** 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. **19** "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



Many Years!

Birthdays

March

1 Molly Croft

2 Paul Guest

Announcements for Sunday, February 26, 2017

- Today is Forgiveness Sunday, after the Divine Liturgy we will serve Forgiveness Vespers with the rite of mutual forgiveness.
- Lent begins tomorrow. For the first week of Lent we will have services every night at 6:30pm.
- On Saturday, March 4th from 10AM - 3PM, Fr. Anthony Salzman will make a presentation on the "Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim" at Holy Cross. The people of St. Innocent are invited. Please let Fr. Theophan know if you plan on attending. A luncheon is included. Afterwards, we'll have confessions.
- Please look at our new parish directory online. Download the app, update your picture, let Fr. Theophan know if anything needs to be changed.

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall