

# *Holy Cross Orthodox Church*

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**Cheesefare Sunday** – Tone 4 Forgiveness Sunday. The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. Martyr Eudoxia of Heliopolis (160-170). Martyrs Nestor and Tribimius (3<sup>rd</sup> c.). Martyr Antonina of Nicaea in Bithynia (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> c.). Martyrs Marcellus and Anthony. Virgin Domnina of Syria (450-460). St. David, Bp. Of Waies (6<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Agapius of Vatopedi. Ven. Martyrius.  
Romes 13:11-14:4 Matthew 6:14-21

## **Announcements**

Sunday, March 8th – 5:00 pm Lenten Mission Vespers at Holy Spirit Church in Venice, Florida

Sunday, March 15th – Lenten Mission Services at Holy Cross – Vespers at 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 22th – after Divine Liturgy & coffee hour, **Dr. Constantine Kallaur will speak on the, "Road to Autocephaly"**

Church School and Fellowship following Divine Liturgy on Sundays.

Choir Rehearsal Saturday half hour prior to Great Vespers.

Votive Candles: Donations have been provided through July, and the month of October.

2020 Church Directories are available. Please see David Bartos to update any information.

## **Liturgical Schedule:**

**Divine Liturgy Sundays: 9:30 am**

**Great Vespers Saturdays: 4:00pm (5:00 pm beginning the first Saturday of March)**

Saturday of Cheesefare

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Forgiveness Vespers following Divine Liturgy.

Monday, Great Fast begins with the Great Cannon at 5:30 pm

TROPARIA - Resurrection – Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

KONTAKION - Forgiveness Sunday - The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

O Master guide to wisdom, Giver of prudent counsel, Instructor of the foolish and Champion of the poor, make firm my heart and grant it understanding. O Word of the Father, give me words, for I see, I shall not stop my lips from crying out to Thee: I am fallen, in Thy compassion have mercy on me.

## **OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD By St. John Chysostom**

Let us give thanks to God continually. For it is monstrous that, enjoying as we do His bounty in deed every day, we should not so much as in word acknowledge His favors; and that, too, through the acknowledgment again yield all its profit to us, since He needs not anything of ours, but we stand in need of all things from Him. Thus our thanksgiving adds nothing to Him, but causes us to be nearer to Him.

For if men's bounties, when we call them to memory, do the more warm us with their love-producing charm, much more, when we are continually bringing to mind the noble acts of our Master towards us, shall we be more diligent in obeying His commandments. For this cause Paul also said, "Be ye thankful." For the best preservative of any benefit is the remembrance of the benefit, and a continual thanksgiving.

For this cause also even the dread Mysteries, so full of that great salvation, which are celebrated at every communion, are called a Eucharist, or Thanksgiving, because they are the commemoration of many benefits, and they show forth the very sum of God's care for us, and in all ways they work upon us to be thankful. For if His being born of a Virgin was a great miracle, and the Evangelist said in amazement, "Now all this was done;" His being also slain, what place shall we find for that? Tell me, I mean, if to be born is called *all this*; to be crucified, and to pour forth His blood for us, and to give Himself to us for a spiritual Feast and

Banquet, what can that be called?

Let us, therefore, give Him thanks continually, and let this precede both our words and our works. But let us be thankful, not for our own blessings alone, but also for those of others; for in this way we shall be able both to destroy our envy, and to strengthen our love, and make it more genuine; since it will not be possible for you to go on envying those in behalf of whom you give thanks to the Lord.

Wherefore, as you know, when the Sacrifice is set forth, the priest also enjoins us to give thanks for the world, for the former things, for the things that are now, for what has been done to us before, for what shall befall us hereafter. For this is what removes us from earth and transports us into Heaven, and makes us angels instead of men. Because they, too, form a choir, and give thanks to God for His good things bestowed on us, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men." -*On St. Matt. Hom. 25.*