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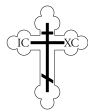
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2013

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE — Tone 8. The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise.

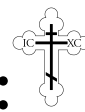
Ven. Aleksy (Alexius) the Man of God (411). Ven. Macarius, Abbot and Wonderworker of Kalyázinsk (Tver'—1483). Martyr Marinus. St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland (ca. 461).

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

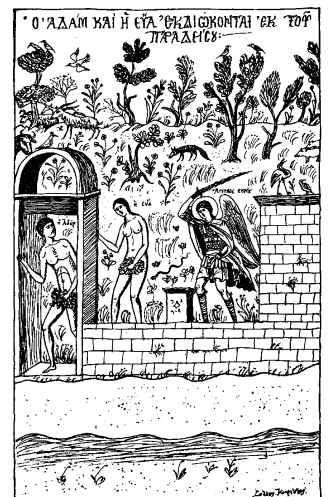
Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:



Confessions:	Following Vespers on Saturdays <i>Also by appointment</i>
Vespers:	Saturdays at 6:00pm
Vigil	Eve of the Feasts at 7:00pm
Divine Liturgy:	Sundays at 9:30am Feast Days at 9:00am



UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Mon, Mar 18:	Beginning of Great Lent. Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – 7:00pm
Tue, Mar 19:	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – 7:00pm
Wed, Mar 20:	Presanctified Liturgy – 7:00pm – <i>For those communing, fast from Noon.</i>
Thu, Mar 21:	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – 7:00pm
Fri, Mar 22:	Presanctified Liturgy – 7:00pm – <i>For those communing, fast from Noon.</i>
Sat, Mar 23:	Easter Food Sale – 10:00am, Great Vespers and Confessions – 6:00pm
Sun, Mar 24:	Sunday of Orthodoxy. Divine Liturgy with Icon Procession – 9:30am, 11:00am Easter Bake Sale (<i>approximately</i>), Deanery Lenten Mission Service with Bishop Mark at St. Nicholas Church, Philadelphia – 4:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Easter Food and Bake Sale: The Easter Food and Bake Sale will be held on Sat, Mar 23 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Pierogies are \$7.00 a dozen. Order forms are available. Send in your orders to Jeanette Ruano by Fri, Mar 15. A bake sale will be held on Palm Sunday, Mar 24. Bake sale selections are Nut and Poppy Seed Rolls for \$14.00 each, Babka (Easter Bread) for \$7.00 and Kielbasi for \$13.00 per ring. Artisan Christa Bain will join us on that day to show us her collection of Pysanky eggs. She'll be available from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Please stay after coffee hour.

Celebrations: All parishioners are strongly encouraged to submit their birthdays and name's days so we can celebrate throughout the year. Let us do this in obedience to Apostle Paul who reminds us to rejoice with those who rejoice as well as weep with those who weep and that we are members of one another. The Church is God's Family, we are part of God's Family, really and truly. Let's live like in this small way.

Cleanup: Liberty Tree Service came and took care of much of what was left from Hurricane Sandy in October. This is a huge project which we are fortunate to have done at the extremely reasonable price of \$3,000. If you would like to donate to defray this expense, please feel free to do so. We already have \$700 donated. Thank you to those who have donated.

Food Donation: Please bring a non-perishable item of food when you come to Lenten services. All items will be donated to a local food pantry.

Floor: Today we see fruits of the sacrifices of our new flooring. Thank you to all who donated and to all who labored to remove and restore all furniture. May this renewal of our temple serve as a reminder and encouragement to all of us to renew our souls during the Lenten season.

The Scrip Program: Last month our program provided \$136.21 due to parish participation. Our total for the year so far is \$296.48. In two months we have raised 1/3 of what we raised for all of last year. Please continue to use this program and encourage others to try it. If you have any ideas to make it easier/more efficient, constructive suggestions are always welcome. Please take a list of vendors, see who you patronize and place and order with Larissa Ravetto. **Phone 215-860-9640 or Email ravetto2001@gmail.com.**

Parish Website: Our new parish website is up at stmarksoca.org. Take some time to take a look. Suggestions are welcome for additions. Other areas are planned for the future so check it out regularly and refer friends and interested parties to it as well.

Facebook Page: Our new Facebook Page is up at facebook.com/stmarksoca. Like our page and tell your friends.

Lenten Mission Schedule: The Lenten Mission Schedule for the Philadelphia Deanery are available. All Services are at 4:00pm.

- 03/24 – St. Nicholas Church, Philadelphia (His Grace, Bishop Mark will preside)
- 03/31 – Holy Trinity Romanian Church, Philadelphia
- 04/07 – St. Herman Church, Gradyville
- 04/14 – Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown (His Grace, Bishop Mark will preside)
- 04/21 – St. Michael the Archangel Russian Church, Philadelphia
- 04/28 – Bridegroom Matins • St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia

THE GREAT FAST

St. John Chrysostom on Fasting

Fasting is the change of every part of our life, because the sacrifice of the fast is not the abstinence but the distancing from sins. Therefore, whoever limits the fast to the deprivation of food, he is the one who, in reality, abhors and ridicules the fast. Are you fasting? Show me your fast with your works. Which works? If you see someone who is poor, show him mercy. If you see an enemy, reconcile with him. If you see a friend who is becoming successful, do not be jealous of him! If you see a beautiful woman on the street, pass her by. . .

Let the mouth fast from disgraceful and abusive words, because, what gain is there when, on the one hand we avoid eating chicken and fish and, on the other, we chew-up and consume our brothers? He who condemns and blasphemes is as if he has eaten brotherly meat, as if he has bitten into the flesh of his fellow man. It is because of this that Paul frightened us, saying: "If you chew up and consume one another be careful that you do not annihilate yourselves.

YOUTH INFORMATION:

- △ We look forward to a visit from the Office of Young Adult Activities of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania to discuss opportunities for activities for young people in our diocese. They also want to hear from us, young people, parents, grandparents alike.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Peridkis family:

In Memory of

Evangelia, Ekaterini, Kleo, Zografia, Nikolas, Demetrios

For the Health of

Archpriest Theodore, Archpriest Thomas, Arthur Sr.,
Angelo, Patricia, George, Angela

From the Moser family:

In Memory of

Deacon John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Stephen

For the Health of

Archpriest Alexander, Archpriest John, Sophia

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS,
THE NEWLY DEPARTED, MILDRED**