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Gospel: Matt.6:14-21

**March 14, 2021, Cheesefare &
Forgiveness Sunday**

Epistle: Rom.13:11-14:4

Schedule of Lenten Services

Sunday, March 14, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Parastas for Evelyn Fish, (Mother of Vicky Kravetsky) offered lovingly by Ed & Vicky Kravetsky.

Monday, March 15, Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17, Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 21, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

The responses to the Divine Liturgy this morning will be sung by students from St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary. There will be a free-will offering basket. **Please be generous in support of our Seminarians!**

Great Lent in the Orthodox Church begins this Monday, March 15. Please make every effort to keep the prescribed fast. Please make an effort to attend the modified prescribed services for the first week of the of Fast. **Great and Holy Pascha -Easter this year will be Sunday, May 2.**

The First Presanctified Liturgy will be held this Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. The responses will be chanted by Bill and Maryann Dubee. **Please began the fast from 12:00 (noon)**

We extend our love & sympathy to Vicky Kravetsky on the recent falling asleep of her Mother; Evelyn Fish. **May her memory be eternal!**

The interview process for a new St. Michael Center Caterer has begun. If anyone is aware of someone who might be interested in this position, or might have some possible leads, kindly contact Fr. John or Protodeacon Gabriel.

Making Pascha Bread for Easter: If we get enough help, we will try to have Pascha Bread available. If you can give us some time in this project, please contact Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak at 570-876-0411. A determination will be made based on the level of volunteer commitment.

OCA Online Church School Please go to OCA.org and click on OCA Online Church School. Classes will be held every Tuesday at 7:00 pm EST/4:00 PM PST. Click on the buttons to enter the appropriate class. The links will go live 15 minutes before the class starts

Church Envelopes for 2021 have been mailed out to all of our beloved parishioners. I'm very grateful for all of you who are attending the Divine Liturgy with regularity and supporting us financially. **In order for us to meet our basic monthly bills, we need a steady source of income every week. Please send in your envelopes when you are not in Church.**

If your Church Dues are in arrears, please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

Please remember in your prayers: **Peter Senio** who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. and **Jacky Drutarosky** who is in the Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center, 260 Terrace Drive, Peckville, Pa. 18452

Thought for the Day: "My first Forgiveness Sunday left me feeling sore but satisfied, even though at the time I did think it was a bit redundant. After all, I was a Christian, so of course I was going to forgive everyone. But over the years, I realized words are easy; actions—not so much. There are so many pockets of un-forgiveness deep in my soul, and I realize I desperately need help to root them out. We are told in 1 John 4:21, "whoever loves God must also love his brother." Since we can't love if we don't forgive, then forgiving others becomes a priority to serving Christ. Think how often we hear or use the phrases, 'I'll never forgive myself' or 'She needs to apologize before I forgive her' or 'they don't deserve forgiveness.' There lies the crux of the matter. No one deserves forgiveness. Every single one of us has done things we wish we hadn't, and we squirm inside every time we think about it, wishing we had a do-over. Even if we have been forgiven by the person we offended, we are frequently unable to forgive ourselves. When I don't forgive someone or myself, I end up living with a huge lump of resentment, guilt and embarrassment festering away inside of me. **Let me illustrate. Throughout the summer I drag a hose around my garden to water my plants. Frequently, I squeeze the nozzle and nothing comes out, even though I know I turned on the water. I have to follow the hose back towards the tap until I find the kink. Once I straighten out the kink, the water flows freely.** The Church is a conduit of God's love to the world. God is pouring forgiveness through me, a member of the Church, but it can't go anywhere or do me any good unless it can flow freely." **OCN – Orthodox Christian Network**

