

communion. Because Saint Leo had many cares in Rome owing to the wars of Attila the Hun and other barbarians, in 451 he sent four delegates to the Fourth Ecumenical Council, where 630 Fathers gathered in Chalcedon during the reign of Marcian, to condemn the teachings of Eutyches and those who supported him. Saint Leo's epistle to Flavian was read at the Fourth Council, and was confirmed by the Holy Fathers as the Orthodox teaching on the incarnate person of our Lord; it is also called the "Tome of Leo." The Saint wrote many works in Latin; he reposed in 461. See also Saint Anatolius, July 3.

Agapetus the Confessor, Bishop of Sinai
Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Forgiveness Sunday » Luke 24:1-12 » Romans 13:11-14,14:1-4 » Matthew 6:14-21 »	19 First Monday of Lent - Clean Monday Isaiah 1:1-20 » Genesis 1:1-13 » Proverbs 1:1-20 »	20 First Tuesday of Lent Isaiah 1:19-2:3 » Genesis 1:14-23 » Proverbs 1:20-33 »	21 First Wednesday of Lent Isaiah 2:3-11 » Genesis 1:24-2:3 » Proverbs 2:1-22 »	22 First Thursday of Lent Isaiah 2:11-21 » Genesis 2:4-19 » Proverbs 3:1-18 »	23 First Friday of Lent Isaiah 3:1-14 » Genesis 2:20-3:20 » Proverbs 3:19-34 »	24 First & Second Finding of the Venerable Head of John the Baptist Luke 7:17-30 » II Timothy 2:1-10 » Matthew 11:2-15 »
Wine / Oil Allowed	Fish Allowed	Strict Fast	Cheese / Dairy Allowed			

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

- For Artie Schwartz, for his recovery from injuries.
- For the repose of the souls who died in the Florida school shooting this week, and for the healing of those injured and solace for their family, friends, classmates and colleagues.

Save the Dates!

- 2/19 Great Lent Begins
- 2/23 Akathist 6:30 pm
- 2/25 Morning Prayer 9:30am & Divine Liturgy 10:00am with Fr. Basil
Church School begins 9:30am
Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers after Divine Liturgy.
Bring your favorite icon to Church for this special day.
- 3/10 Prosfophoro baking class, 10:00am
- 3/31 Lazarus Saturday
Morning Prayer 9:30 & Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Basil
Pancake breakfast & Palm Cross making afterward

Akathist every Friday through 3/30/18 @ 6:30pm.

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details



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Services Schedule:

Divine Liturgy 10 AM on Sundays

9th hour Prayers 9:30 AM

Church School 9:30 AM



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Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished to the Apostles with the boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ Our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.

Holy Cross Church Apolytikion in the First Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Mode

O Master, Prudence, Guide of Wisdom, Instruction to the foolish and Defender of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it discernment. Give me words, Word of the Father, for behold, I shall not keep my lips from crying out to You, "O Merciful One, have mercy on me who has fallen."

Epistle Reading

**The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14;
14:1-4**

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

Gospel Reading

Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday)

The Reading is from Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Mission Sunday

This Sunday is Mission Sunday. Please pray for Orthodox missions and missionaries. They are serving all over the globe and in Alaska. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center.

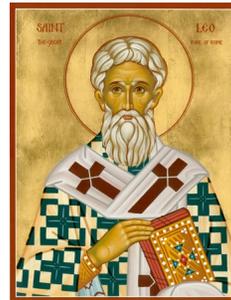
Saints and Feasts Commemorated

Forgiveness Sunday



The Holy Fathers have appointed the commemoration of Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight here, on the eve of the holy Forty-day Fast, demonstrating to us not by simple words, but by actual deeds, how beneficial fasting is for man, and how harmful and destructive are insatiety and the transgressing of the divine commandments. For the first commandment that God gave to man was that of fasting, which the first-fashioned received but did not keep; and not only did they not become gods, as they had imagined, but they lost even that blessed life which they had, and they fell into corruption and death, and transmitted these and innumerable other evils to all of mankind. The God-bearing Fathers set these things before us today, that by bringing to mind what we have fallen from, and what we have suffered because of the insatiety and disobedience of the first-fashioned, we might be diligent to return again to that ancient bliss and glory by means of fasting and obedience to all the divine commands. Taking occasion from today's Gospel (Matt. 6:14-21) to begin the Fast unencumbered by enmity, we also ask forgiveness this day, first from God, then from one another and all creation. .

Leo the Great, Pope of Rome



According to some, this Saint was born in Rome, but according to others in Tyrrenia (Tuscany), and was consecrated to the archiepiscopal throne of Rome in 440. In 448, when Saint Flavian, Archbishop of Constantinople, summoned Eutyches, an archimandrite in Constantinople, to give account for his teaching that there was only one nature in Christ after the Incarnation, Eutyches appealed to Saint Leo in Rome. After Saint Leo had carefully examined Eutyches's teachings, he wrote an epistle to Saint Flavian, setting forth the Orthodox teaching of the person of Christ, and His two natures, and also counseling Flavian that, should Eutyches sincerely repent of his error, he should be received back with all good will. At the Council held in Ephesus in 449, which was presided over by Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria (and which Saint Leo, in a letter to the holy Empress Pulcheria in 451, was the first to call "The Robber Council"), Dioscorus, having military might behind him, did not allow Saint Leo's epistle to Flavian to be read, although repeatedly asked to do so; even before the Robber Council was held, Dioscorus had uncanonically received the unrepentant Eutyches back into