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## Welcome Guests

Guests are always welcome to worship with us! We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about Holy Orthodoxy or our parish.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, and are prepared through prayer, fasting, and recent confession, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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## ST. TIMOTHY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

March 14, 2021

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### SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (CHEESE FARE)

■ Venerable Benedict of Nursia ■ Euschemenos, Bishop of  
Lampsakos

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#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. TIMOTHY IN TONE SEVEN

Thou learned kindness and goodness thoroughly, a model of sobriety and temperance in all things. Thou wert clothed with an upright conscience as befits a holy man. Thou drew indescribable mysteries from Paul the vessel of election. Thou ran the race and kept the faith like him. Apostle Timothy intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

#### KONTAKION FOR FORGIVENESS SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.

#### THE READINGS

*O chant unto our God, chant ye.*

*Clap your hands, all ye nations!*

## FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS. (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in chambering and licentiousness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts. But as for the one who is weak in faith, receive him, but not for disputes over opinions. For one believes he may eat anything; but the weak person eats herbs. 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. Who are you to be the judge over the servant of a stranger? To his own master he either stands or falls; but he will be made to stand; for God is able to make him stand.

## FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW. (6:14-21)

The Lord said to His Disciples: 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.

## SERVICES FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

- Today, Forgiveness Vespers with Rite of Mutual Forgiveness immediately following the Divine Liturgy
- Tomorrow, Clean Monday, the Canon of St Andrew at 6:00pm
- Tuesday, Canon of St Andrew at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, Pre-sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
- Thursday, Canon of St Andrew at 6:00 pm
- Friday, Little Compline with 1st stasis of the Akathist Hymn at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, Great Vespers, 6:00 pm, confessions heard afterward

**\*ABSTAIN FROM MEAT, FISH, DAIRY, EGGS, WINE AND OLIVE OIL\***

## PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Hope of all the ends of the world and those who are far off upon the sea, Lord our God, Who in both the old and new law ordained these days of fasting which You have allowed us to reach: we praise You and beseech You to grant us Your strength that we may fulfill these days of abstinence for the glory of your holy name, the forgiveness of our sins, for the death of passions and for victory over our transgression. May we be crucified and buried together with You and arise from our deadened sins and thus complete our lives in a manner which is pleasing to You. It is Yours to have mercy on us and save us, Christ our God, and we offer glory to You, together with Your pre-eternal Father and Your all-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cleaning out your pantry in preparation for Lent? We will be accepting donations of unused cans and other sealed food items for the Solano Food Bank. Designated containers will be in the Refectory and Foyer. Please no glass containers or expired food items.
- March Parish Council will meet on Tuesday March 23rd at 7:00pm. All Parish members are welcome to attend. Contact Samer Awwad for video conference details.
- Did you know Ancient Faith Ministries has resources to help you prepare for the upcoming Great Lent season? There are literally hundreds of hours of teaching on Great Lent and Pascha available from Ancient Faith Radio. You can browse by typing "Lent" or "Pascha" or "fasting" or other related terms into the search function. Here are just a few examples of what you will find.

## GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

### Happy Birthday

- Linda McKee March 16
- Mary Sumagang March 20

### Blessed Saint's Day

- Mike Haskins, St. Patrick of Ireland, March 17
- Brittany Halsell, St. Photini, March 20