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Sunday February 20, Sunday of Meatfare Tone 6, 9:00 a.m.

**Liturgy for the Intention of the Parishioners
of St. Mary, for their Health and Well-being**

**Sunday, Feb. 27th Sunday of Cheesefare, Tone 7, 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Intention for the protection of our country and its freedoms.**

**Monday Feb. 28th, 1st Day of Great Lent is a Day of Strict Fast and Abstinence, No
meat and dairy products today. Abstinence and other penances are traditionally
observed throughout the Great Fast.**

**Also Note: our first All Souls Remembrance day will take place following the Sunday
Liturgy on February 20th today and the 2nd All Souls Remembrance day will be on
Sunday, March 13th right after the Divine Liturgy.**

**With the beginning of Great Lent it is also prescribed not to eat meat
on Wednesdays and Fridays during Great Lent.**

**We will alternate the Pre-sanctified Liturgy between Wednesdays and Fridays in
Great Lent. Please make every effort to attend the Lenten Pre-sanctified Liturgies, and
as is your custom to pray regularly both at home and in church. Please continue to
support St. Mary's Church by using your Church Support envelopes to help our church
financially. Thank You.**

Schedule for Pre-Sanctified Liturgies

- 1. On Friday, 9:00 a.m. March 4th**
 - 2. On Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. March 9th, 40 Martyrs of Sebaste**
 - 3. On Friday, 9:00 a.m. March 18th**
 - 4. On Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. March 23rd Mid-Lent**
 - 5. On Friday, 9:00 a.m. March 25th, Annunciation, Solemn Holyday
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**
 - 6. On Friday, 9:00 a.m. April 1st, St. Mary of Egypt**
 - 7. On Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. April 6th, St. Methodius, Apostle to the Slavs**
- Holy Week Schedule will be in next Sunday.**

If a man is humble, he never thinks that he has been treated worse than he deserves. He stands so low in his own estimation that no one however hard he may try can think more poorly of him than he thinks of himself. This is the whole secret of the matter. — St. Theophan the Recluse

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February

- 19 First All-Souls Saturday
- 20 Sunday of the Second Coming of Christ (Meat-Fare)
- 27 (Cheese -Fare)
- 28 Beginning of the Holy Forty Days Fast

If you are a scholar, a student in any educational establishment, or an official in some ministry, an officer in any of the branches of the military service, or a technologist, a painter, a sculptor, a manufacturer, a mechanic - remember that the first science for each one of you is to be a true Christian, to believe sincerely in the Holy Trinity, to converse daily with God in prayer, to take part in the Divine service, to observe the rules and regulations of the Church, and to bear in your heart, before your work, during your work, and after your work, the name of Jesus, for He is our light, our strength, our holiness, and our help.- St. John of Kronstadt

Cheese Fare Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 6

Menologion

Our venerable father, Leo, Bishop of Catania, in Sicily. By his miracles he acquired the name "wonder-worker." He lived near Mt.Etna, the fire of which consumed Iliodorus, the sorcerer. He died about A.D 780, during the reign of Leo IV and Constantine.

Propers for 2/20/2022 Meatfare Sunday

Tone 6 Troparion (Tone 6) - 152 v.

Glory...

Kontakion (Meatfare) - 217 v.

Now §propers§ Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon and Alleluia - 217-8

Our Father (Tone 6)

The Cross brings Life – The Lord does not say that the coming kingdom is compared to this or that, as He has been speaking previously, but now openly shows Himself to be the Son of man, who “shall come in his glory.” If He has up to now appeared in a condition of dishonor, now he appears in a different role. He reproaches. He confronts. He sits upon his throne of glory. And he continually mentions glory. For his cross was drawing near, a thing that seemed to be a matter of reproach. So he lifts his hearers up and brings before their sight the judgment seat, with all the world gathered around him. (St. John Chrysostom)

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY

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February 20th

This is some supplemental material that I found this past week.

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hen the foolish thought of counting up any of your good works enters into your head, immediately correct your fault and rather count up your sins, your continual and innumerable offences against the AllMerciful and Righteous Master, and you will find that their number is as the sand of the sea, whilst your virtues in comparison with them are as nothing. - Saint John of Kronstadt If repentance is too much for you, and you sin out of habit even when you do not want to, show humility like the publican; this is enough to ensure your salvation. - Saint Peter of Damascus

inally, we come to Cheese-fare Sunday, the day before we begin the Great Fast in earnest. Not only is there a special kontakion for the day, but the Prokeimenon is one of the most solemn that we can sing, and is a reminder that the Fast and our promises to God are not to be taken lightly: "Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them!" (Isaiah 19: 21b). From the Saturday night Vespers, through Matins and Vespers for this day, we are reminded both of our fallenness (this Sunday is the Commemoration of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden) and of God's great forgiveness. And so, on this evening, we enter into the season of the Great Fast by gathering together to pray what we referred to as "Cheese-fare Vespers," singing the Stichera of Repentance. In many parishes, there is normally a ritual of mutual forgiveness between all the member of the parish, both clergy and laity, to cleanse ourselves of any lingering resentment or lack of forgiveness in our lives before we enter this holy season. For if we do not forgive one another fully and totally, how can we expect forgiveness from God? The text for this ritual is taken from the Office of Compline

od will receive your repentance, as he accepted that of the prodigal son (Luke 15:20) and the prostitute (Luke 7:37-50). But if repentance is too much for you, and you sin out of habit even when you do not want to, show humility like the publican (Luke 18:13); this is enough to ensure your salvation. For he who sins without repenting, yet does not despair, must of necessity regard himself as the lowest of creatures, and will not dare to judge or censure anyone. Rather, he will marvel at God's compassion." St. Peter of Damascus, "Book I: A Treasury of Divine Knowledge, That Should Not Despair Even if We Sin Many Times," The Philokalia: The Complete Text (Vol. 3) When you are praying, don't rack your brains to find words. On many occasions the simple, monotonous stammering of children has satisfied their Father who is in heaven. Don't bother to be loquacious lest the mind is bewildered in the search for words. The tax-collector gained the Lord's forgiveness with a single sentence, and a single word charged with faith was the salvation of the robber. Loquacity in prayer often fills the head with foolish fancies and provokes distractions. Brevity on the other hand - sometimes only one word is enough - in general favors recollection. By St. John Climacus

he Sunday of the Last Judgment or Meatfare Sunday is the third Sunday using the Lenten Triodion, the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent. ... This Sunday is called Meatfare Sunday since it is traditionally the last day before Easter for eating meat.