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## First Sunday of The Great Fast Tone 4

### Menologion

The Finding of the venerable relics of the Martyrs at Eugenia near Constantinople. During the reign of the emperor Arcadius, a divine revelation showed the burial place of these martyrs of whom it was said, "God alone knows their names, and he has written them in the Book of Life in heaven."

Propers  
Pages: 220-222



### Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy  
Sunday: 8:30 am  
Holyday: 9:00 am

### Confessions

One half hour before  
the divine liturgy or by  
appointment

The Divine Liturgy intention is for the parish family  
If you would like to schedule a Litrgy please talk to Father Vasyl or use the sign up sheet in the vestible.

Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father for more information. God bless you!

I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor.

Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace."

The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and rescued them from all their distress.

Many are the trials of the just, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS will take place in February, March, and June. Please submit the First Names of your deceased on the envelope.

### Fasts & Feasts

## FEBRUARY

Sat 28 2nd All Souls Saturday  
Divine Liturgy &  
Panachida (Moved to Sunday)

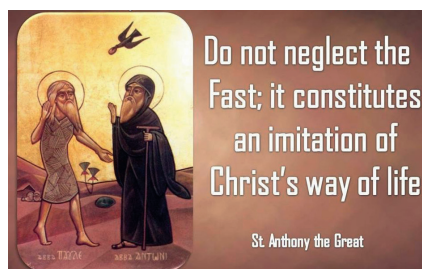
### March

Sat 7 3rd All Souls Saturday  
Divine Liturgy &  
Panachida (Moved to Sunday)

Sun 8 Third Sunday of the  
Great Fast (Veneration  
of the Holy Cross)

Sun 15 Fourth Sunday of  
the Great Fast (St.  
John Climacus)

Sun 22 Fifth sunday of the  
Great Fast (  
our Mother Mary Of  
Egypt Venerable)



## First Sunday of The Great Fast

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
(Slava Isusu Christu!)

Glory to Him  
Forever! (Slava i Na  
Viki!)

Christ is Among us!  
(Chrystos Posredi  
nas)

He is and Shall Be!  
(Jest i budet)

(1) Were Mary and Jesus lying about Joseph being Jesus's father, since he was his foster father?  
(2) Was Mary also a descendant of King David? If not, isn't Jesus technically not the direct descendant of King David?

1. Legally, Joseph was the father of Jesus. Therefore, when Mary says in Luke 2:48 "your father and I" she is being quite accurate. We see in the two genealogies in Matthew and Luke that Jesus' connections to the House of David are through Saint Joseph. Joseph's role as parent is through his marriage to Our Lady. God arranged things so that Our Lord would be raised in a traditional family of father and mother, and the angel specifically gives Joseph the paternal duty of naming Jesus; in Judaism only the father can name the baby. Note that Joseph is not called Jesus' father until after His birth, which emphasizes that Jesus is the Son of God.

2. Legend says that Mary was from David's family, but actually we have no idea. The historian Eusebius of Caesarea (+340) thought that Mary and Joseph came from the same tribe, which could be possible.

### *WHY DO WE GO TO CONFESSION?*

The Apostle and Evangelist, St. John the Theologian, writes in his First Epistle (1 John 1:6-10): "if we say we have no sin, we deceive our selves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..."

### *What are Aliturgical Days?*

In the Byzantine tradition, there are several aliturgical days, especially during Great Fast. On these days, the consecration of a new Eucharist is not allowed. Instead, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is celebrated, using previously consecrated hosts.


The Byzantine rite often emphasizes a more extensive liturgical calendar with unique commemorations and practices, particularly during periods like Great Fast.

If someone lived a life of horrible sin, but was martyred, would they still go straight to heaven? For example: A member of ISIS who tortured and killed Catholics, became moved by their perseverance, and joined them in their suffering and death. Actually, we have examples of that from Church History, where Roman soldiers were so moved by the witness of Christians during their martyrdom, that they set aside their weapons and joined them. The most famous incident is from the Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, who were killed on March 9, 320 AD. Christian soldiers from the Twelfth Legion, all young recruits, remained faithful to Christ during their tortures, until a group of forty was exposed on the frozen lake. One yielded to temptation and went to the shore to enter the warm bath at the fire set up by the authorities. At that moment, a pagan soldier saw angels descending from heaven upon the freezing Christians. He stepped forward and joined the thirtynine, restoring their number to forty. Meanwhile the soldier who had given up died from the shock of the warmth! The martyrdom was depicted very early in Christian art, as we have images from the fourth century.

A priest can't tell any sins heard in confessions, but can someone who went to confession say that they confessed specific sins to that certain priest?

You are free to talk about your confession, although it's not necessarily a good idea to do so. The priest can never, ever discuss what he has heard, allude to it in any way, or make reference to it.

### Expectation that recognizes God

imeon and Anna waited all their lives — and were not mistaken. In Gethsemane, Christ is also waiting, but the disciples fall asleep. The Gospel teaches that true expectation is a keen heart that does not escape from God's will even in darkness.