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### SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (CHEESE FARE SUNDAY)

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Tone: Four

St. Leo the Great

### THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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.

### THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life in Christ of the Assile Family.

The Lantz and Nagorny Family offer the Coffee Hour today. We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are both in that room and on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be "fancy;" just "Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today we will church the newly born baby Basil Theodore Johnson-Hakim, son of Matthew and Sharon, and younger brother of Brahm and +Rain.

2. Today we continue with our "EPIPHANY LECTURE SERIES." This is part of our ADULT EDUCATION Program, which will be held annually at this time of the year. The Spring Sessions, then will be held after the evening services and will be chaired by Nike Bach, Stratos Mandalakis and Nicholas Nagorny. The theme of our present sessions is "The Essential Elements" and these are as follows:
  - A. **January 28<sup>th</sup>** - "The Place of Holy Orders in the Orthodox Church" **Father Joseph; Completed**
  - B. **February 4<sup>th</sup>** - "The Place of Holy Scripture in the Orthodox Church" **Nicholas Nagorny; Completed**
  - C. **February 11<sup>th</sup>** "The Place of the Sacramental Life in the Orthodox Church" **Stratos Mandalakis; Completed**
  - D. **February 18<sup>th</sup>** - "The Place of the Church Building in the Orthodox Church" **Father Michael.** After each lecture there will be a short "Questions and Answer" period.
3. **SPRING YARD SALE: ITEMS NEEDED** Items are needed for the annual Yard Sale scheduled for May 17, 18, & 19. Are there some items sitting in your attic, basement or garage that you haven't used in a few years? Do you have any unwanted or unused Christmas gifts? If so, please put them aside to donate in May for this major fundraiser, which is entirely, profit for our church. See Valerie Joseph with any questions.
4. Is there something you want to know about, but didn't know how to ask? The Religious Education ministry team is looking for your ideas of topics, dilemmas, questions you'd like to learn more about. We'd like to host lively and informative discussions during Lent. Please place your anonymous ideas in the box in the narthex.
5. **HOW TO APPROACH THE CHALICE:** When you are approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, please **CROSS** your arms over your chest, **SAY** your full baptized name, **TILT** your head slightly back, and **OPEN** your mouth wide. Please keep your arms folded until you are far from the Chalice and of course, this is not a time for conversation anywhere in the Church. The rule is absolute silence during the distribution of the Eucharist. Only the Choir should be heard.
6. Great Lent 2018 begins **TOMORROW, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, known as **PURE MONDAY**, also called **CLEAN MONDAY**. This is the beginning of our "Lenten Journey" which ends on Palm Sunday. (In fact, **Holy and Passion Week, Palm Sunday to Pascha, is a "separate" unit of fasting and Prayer.**) At St. Anthony's we begin that "journey" with a special Prayer of Repentance, immediately following Divine Liturgy.
7. There will be **two** "Kickoff" meetings for the **Bergen Street** committee: one **was on**, February 11<sup>th</sup>, and a second one **today, February 18<sup>th</sup>**, held over two Sundays to accommodate schedules of our parishioners who may want to attend, after Liturgy. See Brian Scarpa or George Tewfik for information.
8. The following is the Lenten Schedule for the remainder of the month of February. A full schedule is also mailed to each home, which also covers Holy Week:

Feb. 19	GREAT LENT begins on Pure Monday – (Kathari Deutera).
Feb. 21	Wednesday – 6:45 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Presanctified Liturgy</i> , followed by Parish Council Meeting
Feb. 23	Friday – 7:30 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos</i>
Feb. 25	Sunday – 10 AM – Procession of Icons in Church for <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i> , and the Reading of the Synodikon
Feb. 28	Wednesday – 6:45 PM 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Presanctified Liturgy</i> followed by Choir Rehearsal
Mar. 2	Friday – 7:30 PM 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos</i> , followed by Lenten Adult Education.
9. Parents are reminded that children should NOT be downstairs in church school or Toddler Room without adult supervision.
10. **Parking.** Please **do not park** on the west side of the church in the **exit driveway. This is very important.** Besides being illegal, it is a danger to the pipes buried there and to cars trying to exit from the parking lot. **Please be considerate of our church property and your fellow parishioners.**