

## THE EPISTLE

**Reader:** *In the 8<sup>th</sup> Tone: Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.*

**Choir:** Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

**Reader:** *In Judea is God known, His name is great in Israel.*

**Choir:** Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

**Reader:** *In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tone: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.*

**Choir:** My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

**Reader:** *The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans: [Rom. 13:11-14:4 (§112); Heb. 7:7-17 (§316)]*

## THE GOSPEL

**Reader:** *Alleluia in the 6<sup>th</sup> Tone: It is good to give praise unto the Lord and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High.*

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** *To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.*

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** *In the 8<sup>th</sup> Tone: Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master, according to Thy word.*

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 6:14-21 (§17); Luke 2:22-40 (§7)]

*If a king wanted to take possession of his enemy's city, he would begin by cutting off the water and the food and so his enemies, dying of hunger, would submit to him. It is the same with the passions of the flesh: if a man goes about fasting and hungry the enemies of his soul grow weak.*

+ Abba John the Dwarf

Welcome to

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We are a parish of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, and all are welcome to worship with us! Our services are in English. Please join us for lunch downstairs after the service.

February 5/18, 2018

**Sunday of the Expulsion of Adam  
and Eve from Paradise**

**Leave-Taking of the Meeting of the Lord**

**This Week's Schedule**

Mon-Fri	Matins and Hours	7:00 am
	Vespers and LITIA for Dead (Presanctified Liturgy on Weds and Fri)	9:00 am
Mon-Thurs	Great Compline with Penitential Canon of St. Andrew	6:00 pm
Friday	Vigil for St. Theodore Tyro	6:00 pm
Saturday	Hours and Liturgy <i>Meal in Trapeza after Services</i>	9:00 am
	Confession	4:00 pm
	All-Night Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	Hours and Divine Liturgy <i>Meal in Trapeza after Services</i>	9:00 am

## TROPARIA

**Resurrection - Tone 4:** Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, / and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, / the women disciples of the Lord spake to the apostles exultantly: / Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, // granting to the world great mercy.

**Feast of the Meeting – Tone 1:** Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, / for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those in darkness. / Rejoice, thou also, O righteous Elder, / as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, // Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.

## KONTAKIA

**Forgiveness Sunday – Tone 6:** O Thou guide unto wisdom, / bestower of prudence, instructor of the foolish and defender of the poor: / Establish and grant understanding unto my heart, O Master. / Grant me speech, O Word of the Father; / for behold, I shall not keep my lips from crying unto Thee: O Merciful One, // have mercy on me who have fallen.

**Feast of the Meeting – Tone 1:** Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, / and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, / by anticipation didst even now save us, O Christ God. / But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth, / and strengthen Orthodox Christians // whom Thou hast loved, O only Lover of mankind.

## PARISH NEWS

- ❖ **Forgiveness Vespers:** We will serve Vespers followed by the Rite of Forgiveness at the end of the Divine Liturgy today.
- ❖ **Clean Week:** Today is the last day to eat fish, eggs, and dairy before Pascha. This week is the first week of Great Lent, Clean Week, when we should struggle to keep to very strict fasting to set the tone for the remainder of our Lenten struggle.
- ❖ **Mother's Book Group:** The next meeting will be take place on Tuesday, February 27 at 6:00 pm at the Church.
- ❖ **Sisterhood Meeting:** The Sisterhood will meet today during the meal following the Liturgy and Forgiveness Vespers.
- ❖ **Funeral Service –** Donald Campbell, husband of Karen (Salhany) Campbell from St. George in Niagara Falls, fell asleep in the Lord this week. There will be a wake from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at St. George Orthodox Church in Niagara Falls this evening. The funeral will take place at the Church beginning at 10:00 am, following by the interment at a nearby cemetery, and a mercy meal at the Church.
- ❖ **St. Theodore Saturday:** This Saturday is one of our Patronal Feasts, the Saturday of St. Theodore the Tyro. We will serve the Vigil for St. Theodore on Friday evening at 6:00 pm. The Hours and Liturgy will begin Saturday morning at 9:00 am followed by a Lenten meal.
- ❖ **Pan-Orthodox Vespers:** Our Pan-Orthodox Vespers series begins next weekend. The first Pan-Orthodox Vespers will take place at St. Stephen Serbian Orthodox Church at 5:00 pm on Sunday. The Church is located at 177 Weber Road in Lackawana. This year's guest speak, Fr. Alexander Gousseties, director of the Greek Archdiocese's Center for Family Care. Fr. Alexander will be speaking on the topic "An Orthodox Approach to Living in the World but Not Being of the World."