

**Sunday, February 27, 2022**

**ST. ATHANASIUS UKRAINIAN  
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**ROSARY: Sunday – 9:10 a.m. (livestreaming)**

**DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. for the faithful. (livestreaming)**

**Weekday Liturgies – as scheduled**

**Confessions before every Divine Liturgy & Week Day Liturgies – As per the schedule**

**MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH** is recognized by participating in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in contributing to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

**Please contact Fr. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.**

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Effective Friday, September 17, The Government of Saskatchewan announced Mandatory Masking for all indoor Public Spaces.

Mask is mandatory in church

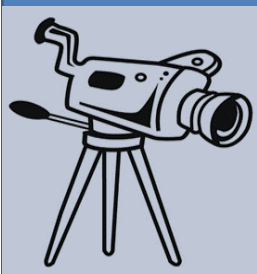
Self-Screen using the COVID-19 Health Screening Questionnaire prior to entering facilities.

Practice good hand hygiene.

Stay home when sick and return when you are healthy.

**СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! СЛАВА НАВІКИ!  
GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY BE FOREVER!**

*Due to the Omicron Variant on the rise, the parish has decided to postpone coffee after Sunday Divine Liturgy until further notice.*



**TO ALL PARISHIONERS:** During our Livestream and Videotaping, the video may capture the likeness of those parishioners sitting in the pews during our services. This video will be kept for a maximum of 45 days. Other than those who choose to view the livestream as it happens, the video will not be released to third parties. As our video will stream on Facebook, we will comply with that website's regulations.

If you are uncomfortable being on video, please advise the Greeters when you enter the church and they will place you in a pew where you will not be captured.

Please join our services by visiting our website and clicking on the Livestream icon: <https://st-athanasius.ca/> or on Facebook:

<https://facebook.com/reginaukrainiancatholicnorth/live>

**THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**- Sunday of Cheese-fare**

**TROPAR (Tone 7):** By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ, our God, offering great mercy to the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.  
**Amen!**

**KONDAK OF CHEESE-FARE SUNDAY (Tone 6):** Guide of wisdom, giver of understanding, teacher of the ignorant and protector of the poor, Master, strengthen my heart and make it understand. You give me speech, word of the Father, for I will not keep my lips from crying out to You. Merciful Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.

**PROKIMEN (Tone 8):** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

*Verse: God is renowned in Judah, in Israel great is his name.*

**EPISTLE:** A reading from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (13:11 – 14:4)

*Brothers and Sisters! Our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as in daylight; not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual excess and lust, not in quarreling and jealousy. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh. Extend a kind welcome to those who are weak in faith. Do not enter in disputes with them. A man of sound faith knows he can eat anything, while one who is weak in faith eats only vegetables. The man who will eat anything must not ridicule him who abstains from certain foods; the man who abstains must not sit in judgment on him who eats. After all, God himself has made him welcome. Who are you to pass judgment on another's servant? His master alone can judge whether he stands or falls. And stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.*

**ALLELUIA VERSE:** *It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Your name, O Most High! To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.*

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 6: 14-21

The Lord said: If you forgive the faults of others, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours. If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive you. When you fast, you are not to look glum as the hypocrites do. They change the appearance of their faces so that others may see they are fasting. I assure you, they are already repaid. When you fast, see to it that you groom your hair and wash your face. In that way no one can see you are fasting but your Father who is hidden; and your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you. Do not lay up for yourselves an earthly treasure. Moths and rust corrode; thieves break in and steal. Make it your practice instead to store up heavenly treasure, which neither moths nor rust corrode nor thieves break in and steal. Remember, where your treasure is there your heart is also.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **RITE OF FORGIVENESS ON CHEESE-FARE SUNDAY:**

**PRIEST:** Let us remember all our sins, voluntary and involuntary, done with knowledge or in ignorance which we have committed against our brothers and sisters in Christ and against the Lord God.

**PEOPLE:** *(reflecting about the questions) answer - Lord, forgive us our sins*

**PRIEST:** If we feel sorry before God, for something that we have done or felt in our lives, let us recall the cause of our regret.

**PEOPLE:** *Lord, help us to accept Your will in all situations and to trust You Lord, our best friend and Father.*

**PRIEST:** Let us remind ourselves about the people who at any time have offended us, or were guilty in their actions towards us.

**PEOPLE:** *Sincerely, with all my heart, I forgive all those who at any time have offended me or have been guilty against me.*

**PRIEST:** Let us remember all those whom we consciously, or unknowingly, at any time, have offended.

**PEOPLE:** *With all my heart, I ask for forgiveness if I have committed sins today and through my entire lifetime, by word, deed, thought and by my senses.*

**PRIEST:** Brothers and sisters, if I have sinned against you by thought, word, deed or other feeling, forgive me and pray to God for me.

**PEOPLE:** *May God forgive and have mercy on you, Reverend Father, and we forgive you. Bless and forgive us Reverend Father, if we have sinned against you.*

**PRIEST:** May the lord God forgive your sins and will have mercy on you and I also forgive you. *Now, let us turn to each other and say: "FORGIVE ME, BROTHER (SISTER) AND I FORGIVE YOU".*

*The response is, "MAY GOD FORGIVE YOU, AND I FORGIVE".*

### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE February 28 – March 6, 2022**

**Monday, February 28** - First day of the Great Fast. Abstention from meat, dairy, and eggs, and foods that contain these ingredients. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Ascetical Companion of Procopius (716-40) Sixth Hour – [Isaiah 1:1-20](#); Vespers – [Genesis 1:1-13](#); [Proverbs 1:1-20](#); 6:30 p.m. Canon of St. Andrew of Crete followed by Catechism

**Tuesday, March 1** - The Holy Venerable-Martyr Eudocia (98-117) Great Fast Day 2. Sixth Hour – [Isaiah 1:19-2:3](#); Vespers – [Genesis 1:14-23](#); [Proverbs 1:20-33](#); 10:00 a.m. Liturgical Service

**Wednesday, March 2** - The Holy Priest-Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia (c. 321) Great Fast Day 3. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. **Presanctified** – [Genesis 1:24-2:3](#); [Proverbs 2:1-22](#);

**5:15p.m. Presanctified Liturgy** intention for +Nick Dmytryshyn requested by Evelyn Korain - **livestreaming**

**Thursday, March 3** -The Holy Martyrs Eutropius and His Companions Cleonicus and Basiliscus (286-305) Great Fast Day 4. Readings: Sixth Hour – [Isaiah 2:11-21](#); Vespers – [Genesis 2:4-19](#); [Proverbs 3:1-19](#);  
**10:00 a.m. Liturgical Service**

**Friday, March 4** - Our Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan (475) Great Fast Day 5. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour – [Isaiah 3:1-14](#); Presanctified – [Genesis 2:20-3:20](#); [Proverbs 3:19-34](#);  
**5:30 p.m. Stations of the cross - livestreaming**

**Saturday, March 5** - First Saturday of the Great Fast: Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit; The Holy Martyr Conon (249-251) Great Fast Day 6. [Hebrews 1:1-12](#); [2 Timothy 2:1-10](#); [Mark 2:23-3:5](#); [John 15:17-16:2](#)  
**No service scheduled**

**Sunday, March 6** - First Sunday of the Great Fast: The Sunday of Orthodoxy; Tone 8; The Holy Forty-Two Martyrs of Ammorium (848) [Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40](#); [12:1-2](#); [John 1:43-51](#)  
**9:10 a.m. Rosary livestreaming**  
**9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for faithful livestreaming**  
**11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian (for intentions of our Eparchy) livestreaming followed by UCWLC AGM**

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH:** For a Christian response to bioethical challenges – *We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.*

### **MARCH FOOD BANK ITEM – JUICE**

 FEBRUARY/MARCH GREETERS	
<b>February 27</b>	<b>Bernice Bzdell &amp; Maggie Stephen</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Carl &amp; Linda Korchynski</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Terry &amp; Rosanne Miller</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Mark &amp; Karen Woitas</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Kevin Korchinski &amp; Len Markewich</b>

## SOROKOUSTY SERVICES – ALL SOULS SATURDAYS

Sorokousty Services (All Souls Saturdays) will be celebrated this year on, March 12<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>.

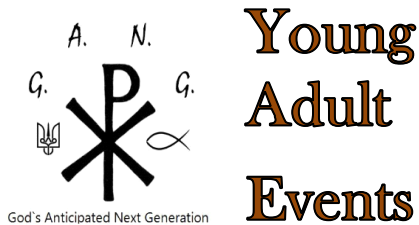
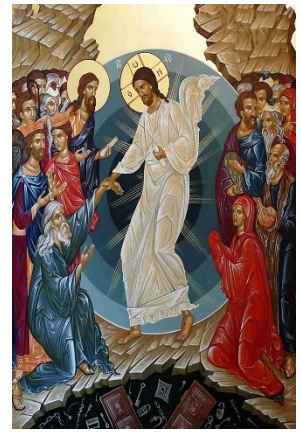
The word “Sorokousty” literally means “forty mouths” (*sorok = forty; ust = mouth*). Originally, this was a prayer service offered by forty mouths or by forty priests especially in Lenten time.

Sorokousty or All Souls Saturdays services have been celebrated for the deceased by holding Liturgies, panakydas or parastas for them in five Saturdays (*This year only four Saturdays are scheduled because The Feast of The Archangel Gabriel replaces the fourth All Souls Saturday, but for pastoral reason a Panakhyda may be sung on that day*).

Each family in our parish has a book or a list where the names of deceased family members are written. Father reads out every book or list during each Sorokousty.

If you would like to have the names of your deceased relatives mentioned during the Sorokousty services this year, or if you wish to renew or add to last year’s list, please call Maggie @ 306-543-8008, or see her in the parish office Tuesday-

Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00p.m. The recommended scheduled of offerings for Sorokousty is \$10.00.



**Age 18 - 35ish**

**March/April**

Leading Stations of the Cross

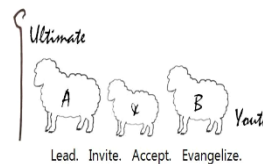
(See poster for details)

**May**

14<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm Location: TBD

**Year-end Wind-up**

June 10 or 11 (Details to follow)



**Youth  
Events**

**Grade 7-12**

**March/April**

Leading Stations of the Cross

(See poster for details)

**May**

13<sup>th</sup> from 7:15-9:15pm at St. Athanasius  
Parish

**Year-end Wind-up**

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Led by the Youth and Young Adults

Calling all youth and young adults! We are looking for those available to lead the Stations of the Cross throughout this Lenten Season on:

Friday, March 11 – Time: 7pm at St. Basil's Parish

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Time 7pm at St. Athanasius Parish

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Time: TBA in Moose Jaw

If you are available to lead, please send Lesia an email to [ultimateaandb@hotmail.com](mailto:ultimateaandb@hotmail.com) by the Thursday prior to the date noted above.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm St. Basil's will be bringing in an instructor to teach a Food Safety Course for all who would like (or need) to be certified to prepare, handle, or serve food. We look to be in full compliance with all Saskatchewan Health and Safety regulations and make sure our volunteers and organizations have the needed credentials. Some of our volunteers already have this, but more require it. We ask that you submit the names of anyone interested in taking the course to Fr. Warren 1-306-590-7900 ASAP. We are open to have others from outside our parish join us at a cost of \$75 per person.

## REKINDLE THE FLAME: A Men's Lenten retreat date to reignite your faith!

### State KofC Lenten Faith Enrichment Day



## REKINDLE THE FLAME

A Men's Lenten retreat day to reignite your faith!

Come join us in prayer, presentations, reflection, faith-sharing, confession, recommitment of faith, Sacrament of Anointing and concluding Divine Liturgy.

*(Includes a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, drinks)  
Clergy attend for free!*

**MARCH 12, 2022**

**8:00AM-5:30PM**

*Doors open at 7am*

St. Basil Parish Centre - 1747 Toronto St - REGINA

Register before Mar 7<sup>th</sup> at: [stbmd.ca/events](http://stbmd.ca/events)

Cost: \$40. Paid online through PayPal.com  
to: "[registration@stbmd.ca](mailto:registration@stbmd.ca)"

Presenters of the day include:



Archbishop Don Balen



Fr. Warren Dungen



Kevin Philip

**UCBC NOTE:** early membership fees of \$25.00 for the Saint Athanasius Branch of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada are due each year on December 31. If you haven't already paid your dues please get your payment to Mark Woitas. Cash, cheque or EFT to [mwoitas@sasktel.net](mailto:mwoitas@sasktel.net) are acceptable. If you are not a member and would like to join our organization, contact me in person, by email or by phone (306-775-0667)

Mark Woitas KSV  
St. A's UCBC President

**NOTICE:** Although though there are no restrictions on numbers who can attend church services, some people are not comfortable in group settings, therefore we continue our livestreaming of services. Our parish expenses continue and it would be very much appreciated if you could continue to support the parish. There are a few options available to you: drop off your envelope at 54 McMurchy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurchy Avenue, Regina, S4R 3G3, or you can also do an e-transfer to [stathandeposit@sasktel.net](mailto:stathandeposit@sasktel.net). PLEASE COMPLETE THE MESSAGE FIELD and DO NOT USE ALIAS NAMES WHEN SENDING AN E-TRANSFER DONATION.

**FEBRUARY 20:** 20 Sunday donation envelopes - \$1265; 1 Building Fund envelope - \$20; Loose Change - \$45.

**E-Transfers – 5 Regular donations - \$190.**

2021 Donation Receipts have been mailed.



**BISHOP BUDKA 5914**

**INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN  
EVENING OF PRAYER & GOOD FOOD**

**WHEN: FRIDAY APRIL 1, 2022**

**WHERE: ST. BASILS CHURCH/PARISH CENTER  
1747 TORONTO ST**

**WHAT: 5:00pm LENTEN SERVICE IN THE CHURCH  
5:45pm SUPPER IN THE PARISH CENTER**

**MENU: POTATO CRUSTED COD, SIDE DISHES, COLESLAW, DESSERT**

**COST: ADULTS - \$20.00, YOUTH (12 AND UNDER) - \$10.00**

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY SUNDAY MARCH 20.**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM A KNIGHTS MEMBER BEFORE/AFTER ALL LITURGIE  
OR BY CALL/TEXT BRIAN 306-791-0086**

**E-TRANSFERS ARE WELCOME: [bdstadnyk@sasktel.net](mailto:bdstadnyk@sasktel.net) "FISH FRY"**





**YOUTH RALLY AT  
ATCHBISHOP O'NEILL HIGH  
SCHOOL: Saturday, *March 26th***



**START AND END YOUR DAY  
DURING LENT**

**WITH THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHEM**

***O Lord and Master of my life, Keep from me the  
spirit of indifference and discouragement, Lust of  
power and idle chatter.  
(Prostration)***

***Instead, grant to me Your servant, the spirit of  
wholeness of being, humble-mindedness,  
patience and love.  
(Prostration)***

***O Lord and King, Grant me the grace to be aware  
of my sins, and not  
to judge my neighbour, For You are blessed, now  
and forever and ever.  
(Prostration)***

## THE MAIN RULE OF FASTING – “DO NOT EAT EACH OTHER...”

**Lent - the Great Fast** - begins forty days before Palm Sunday, on the Monday after Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese-Fare Sunday), and lasts until the Friday preceding Palm Sunday.

**Holy Week** is a special Fast in honor of our Lord's Passion, and lasts from the evening of Palm Sunday until Holy Saturday inclusive.

According to the decisions of the Episcopal Synods of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church the minimum prescriptions for fasting are:

1. On the first day of the Great Lent and on Good Friday there is a strict fasting. It is necessary to refrain from using foods and dishes containing meat, milk, eggs.
2. In other weeks of Great Lent: on Mondays, Wednesday and Friday should be kept from foods and meals containing meat; as well on Holy Saturday.
3. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday are allowed all types of food and dishes.

**Prayer & Good Works:** All faithful are urged to attend, besides the regular Sunday and Holiday services, the special services of the Great Lent. They are exhorted to perform Christian and penitential deeds of charity.

Following the Church's recommendations about fast, we do not only fast from food, in today's world, we also need to fast from television, internet, computer, games or anything else that prevents us from hearing God's voice of Gospels.

All that the Church recommends to observe regarding the fasting is solely for the welfare of the faithful. It must be understood that the requirements for fasting are recommended only to healthy Christians who do not have any dependence on work, road, training, pregnancy, and much more. Following all previous rules, the Church, considering the present-day life and circumstances, prescribes all the recommended requirements for fasting on the conscience, conditions and current circumstances of the life of Christians.

Have a great Lenten Journey!!



Let us pray for peace  
and the lives of our  
brothers and sisters in  
Ukraine.



## Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Українська Католицька Єпархія Саскатуну

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Reverend Fathers and Beloved Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon,

As of this morning, 2022-02-24, Russian forces have commenced missile strikes throughout Ukraine in preparation for what is likely a full-scale invasion. We call upon all of you to pray for Ukraine, for the government and the Ukrainian armed forces, for His Beatitude Sviatoslav, our bishops, clergy and religious, for our brothers and sisters in Christ, our relatives, and for the entire Ukrainian people.

Reverend Fathers, we ask you to spend whatever time you can in our churches, in both silent and public prayer. Please keep our churches open throughout the day, so that the faithful may come to pray together with you.

May the Spirit of Peace and Truth prevail!

Most Holy Theotokos save us!

*Bishop Bryan Bayda and Eparchial Chancery staff*



Слава Ісусу Христу!

Всечесні отці та Дорогі Вірні Української Католицької Єпархії Саскатуну,

Сьогодні зранку російські сили розпочали ракетні удари по Україні в підготовці до правдоподібної повно-масштабної інвазії. Ми закликаємо вас до молитви за Україну, за її владу та збройні сили, за Блаженнішого Святослава, наших владик, духовенство і богопосвячених осіб, за наших братів і сестер в Христі, за наших рідних і за весь український народ.

Всечесні отці, скільки час дозволить, просимо Вас перебувати у наших храмах на молитві, як тихій, так і спільній. Ласкаво відкрийте наші храми впродовж дня, щоб наші вірні могли стати на молитву разом з вами.

Хай Дух Миру і Правди переможе!

Пресвятая Богородице, спаси нас!

*Єп. Браєн, та члени Єпархіальної Курії*

Appeal of His Beatitude Sviatoslav on outbreak of war

**Thursday, 24 February 2022**

**Today we solemnly proclaim: "Our soul and body offer we for our freedom! With one heart we pray: "Lord, Great and Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine!"**

***Beloved in God people of Ukraine!***

Our country is in danger again!

The treacherous enemy, despite his own commitments and assurances, breaking the basic norms of international law, as an unjust aggressor, stepped on Ukrainian soil, bringing with him death and destruction.

Our Ukraine, which the world fairly called "lands of blood", which has been so many times sprinkled with the blood of martyrs and fighters for the freedom and independence of its people, calls us today to stand up for it - to defend its dignity before God and humanity, its rights for existence and the right to choose one's future.

It is our natural right and sacred duty to defend our land and our people, our state and all that is dearest to us: family, language and culture, history and the spiritual world! We are a peaceful nation that loves children of all nations with Christian love, regardless of origin or belief, nationality or religious identity.

We do not infringe upon others and do not threaten anyone, but we have no right to give our own to anyone! At this historic moment, the voice of our conscience calls us all as one to stand up for a free, united and independent Ukrainian State!

The history of the last century teaches us that all those who started world wars lost them, and the idolaters of war brought only destruction and decline to their own states and peoples.

We believe that in this historic moment the Lord is with us! He, who holds in his hands the fate of the whole world and of each person in particular, is always on the side of the victims of unjust aggression, the suffering and the enslaved. It is He who proclaims His holy Name in the history of every nation, captures and overthrows the mighty of this world with their pride, the conquerors with the illusion of their omnipotence, the proud and insolent with their self-confidence. It is He who grants victory over evil and death. The victory of Ukraine will be the victory of God's power over the meanness and arrogance of man! So it was, is and will be!

Our holy Church-Martyr has always been and always will be with its people! This Church, which has already survived death and resurrection, as the Body of the Risen Christ, over which death has no power, the Lord gave to his people in the baptismal waters of the Dnipro River.

Since then, the history of our people and its Church, the history of their liberation struggles, the history of the incarnation of God's Word and the manifestation of His Spirit of truth in our culture have intertwined forever. And in this dramatic moment, our Church, as a mother and teacher will be with its children, will protect them and serve them in the name of God! In God is our hope and our victory will come from Him!

Today we solemnly proclaim: "Our soul and body offer we for our freedom! With one heart we pray: "Lord, Great and Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine!"

Holy righteous people, martyrs and confessors of the Ukrainian land, pray and intercede for us before God!

God's blessing be upon you!

**+ Sviatoslav**

Given in Kyiv

at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ,

February 24, 2021 A.D.

Source:

[http://news.ugcc.ua/en/articles/appeal\\_of\\_his\\_beatitude\\_sviatoslav\\_on\\_outbreak\\_of\\_war\\_95772.html?fbclid=IwAR3NxZbPSU\\_GoAJtTxvRm0ppMvZIR1D7zh5M5P7HpHGONAGhsSB0oVQY6J8](http://news.ugcc.ua/en/articles/appeal_of_his_beatitude_sviatoslav_on_outbreak_of_war_95772.html?fbclid=IwAR3NxZbPSU_GoAJtTxvRm0ppMvZIR1D7zh5M5P7HpHGONAGhsSB0oVQY6J8)



## SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE



*Icon of the Ladder of Divine Ascent*

### *READINESS TO FORGIVE*

Nothing makes us so like God as our readiness to forgive the wicked and wrongdoer. For it is God who has made "the sun to shine on the evil and on the good."

For this same reason again in every one of the clauses Jesus commands us to make our prayers together in one voice, saying, "Our Father," and "thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven," and "give us the bread, and forgive us our debts," and "lead us not into temptation," and "deliver us." So everywhere he is teaching us to use this plural word that we may not retain so much as a vestige of resentment against our neighbor.

How great a reproof then must they deserve, who, after all this, still do not forgive and even ask God's vengeance on their enemies. In doing so, they diametrically transgress this command. Meanwhile, Christ is seeking in every way possible to hinder our conflicts with one another. For since love is the root of all that is good, by removing from all quarters whatever mars it he brings us together and cements us to each other. For there is not one, not a single one, whether father or mother or friend, who loves us as much as the God who created us.

*St. John Chrysostom*