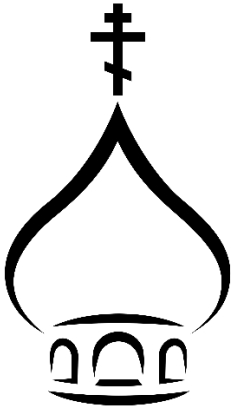


# **Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, March 14, 2021

**Cheesefare Sunday**

**Forgiveness Sunday - The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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# Schedule for the Week of March 14, 2021

**SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE – Tone 7. The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise.** Ven. Benedict of Nursia (543). St. Theognostus, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Russia (1353). Rt. Blv. Great Prince Rostilav (Michael), Prince of Kiev and Smolensk (1167). St. Euschemon the Confessor, Bishop of Lampsacus (9th c.). The “FEODOROVSKAYA” Icon of the Mother of God.

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

Please note that due to Covid-19 precautions, all confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please contact Fr. Matthew by phone or text to schedule.

Invitations for services during the Lenten and Paschal season will be emailed twice a week. For services on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, please plan to RSVP by noon on the prior Thursday. For services on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, please plan to RSVP by noon on the prior Monday. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

*(All Parishioners must review and follow the St. Nicholas Church Reopening Guidance when attending services in person.)*

*\*\*\*Live Stream will also be available for all services.\*\*\**

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| <b>Monday, March 15, 2021</b>    | 12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday<br>7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete |
| <b>Tuesday, March 16, 2021</b>   | 7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete   |
| <b>Wednesday, March 17, 2021</b> | 6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy  |
| <b>Thursday, March 18, 2021</b>  | 12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday<br>7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete             |

<b>Friday, March 19, 2021</b>	7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
<b>Saturday, March 20, 2021</b>	8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy St. Theodore the Recruit 10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required) 6:00 pm - Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, March 21, 2021</b>	The Sunday of Orthodoxy 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy 10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required)
<b>Monday, March 22, 2021</b>	12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
<b>Wednesday, March 24, 2021</b>	Eve of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos 6:00 pm - Vespereal Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday, March 25, 2021</b>	12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday
<b>Friday, March 26, 2021</b>	9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Saturday, March 27, 2021</b>	Memorial Saturday 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required) 6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 28, 2021**

St. Gregory Palamas

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

**Monday, March 29, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, April 1, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

**Friday, April 2, 2021**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday, April 3, 2021**

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 4, 2021**

Veneration of the Cross

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

**Monday, April 5, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

**Friday, April 9, 2021**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday, April 10, 2021**

Memorial Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required)

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

St. John Climacus

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required)

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, April 15, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday  
7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete with the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

**Friday, April 16, 2021**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday, April 17, 2021**

Most Holy Theotokos

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required)

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

St. Mary of Egypt  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

**Monday, April 19, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

7:00 pm - Matins for Lazarus Saturday

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

Lazarus Saturday  
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy  
10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)  
6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

Palm Sunday  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy  
10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)  
4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Monday, April 26, 2021**

Holy Monday  
9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy  
12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

Holy Tuesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

Holy Wednesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Holy Unction

**Thursday, April 29, 2021**

Holy Thursday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

7:00 pm - The 12 Passion Gospels

**Friday, April 30, 2021**

Holy Friday

9:00 am - Royal Hours

4:00 pm - Burial Vespers

6:30 pm - Matins Lamentations

All Night Watch

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Holy Saturday

9:00 am - Vespers Divine Liturgy

11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Divine Liturgy  
Followed by the blessing of baskets and the  
Agape meal

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

**GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**

11:00 am - Agape Vespers



**Monday, May 3, 2021**

Bright Monday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on  
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

**Saturday, May 8, 2021**

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, May 9, 2021**

St. Thomas Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children  
(RSVP Required)

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves

## **Pussy Willow Branches**



Reminder: It will soon be time for pussy willows to start blooming. Please cut the branches of willows and bring them to the church as soon as they bloom. Since Pascha is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will need to store the willows until they are prepared for Palm Sunday on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please wrap the willows loosely in newspaper so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 14, 2021

## Cheesefare Sunday

### Forgiveness Sunday - The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

**Tone 7      Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

**Tone 6      Kontakion**      *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

O Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue, Who teachest the thoughtless and protectest the poor, strengthen and enlighten my heart! O Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee: "Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O merciful Lord!"

**Tone 8      Prokeimenon**

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

*In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

## Epistle

(Romans 13:11-14:4) And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its

lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

### **Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.  
(Ps. 91:1)*

*To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)*

### **Gospel**

(Matthew 6:14-21) For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither

moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Candle Offerings for Sunday, March 14, 2021**

### **Votives in Altar**

In Honor Of Olga Maksimova's Birthday (G.H.'s Mother)  
Offered by The Holobeny Family

### **Vigils on the Tetrapod**

In Memory of Helen Day, Offered by Ann Marie & Barry Bretz

### **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

Happy Birthday Peter Slivka, Offered by Mike & Fran Slivka

### **Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

In Memory Of Rosalia, John, Joseph, George Felix, Offered by Patty Felix

# A Note of Thanks

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I wanted to let everyone know how much I appreciated all the cards, phone calls, food, and flowers which I received during my recent convalescence following my surgery. It helped me greatly to know how thoughtful the members of our church family are. God bless you all with a great Lenten journey. Your thoughtfulness and kindness shown to me is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ, Francine Slivka

## Church Security Update: Church Entry Codes to be Updated

Parish Faithful,

For over a year, the Parish Council has been working diligently to address the safety and security concerns of our parish. One of those initiatives is to deactivate the currently shared security system access code and issue individual code to designated individuals.

**Please note that the current shared access code WILL BE DEACTIVATED ON MARCH 15, 2021. Please do not attempt to use that code to access the building after March 15, 2021.**

All individuals who have been designated by the Parish Council as requiring individual access codes have been contacted to provide their new codes. If you believe you should have access to the church but have not received an new individual code, please contact the Administrative Assistant to discuss your needs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Administrative Assistant.

In Christ,  
**St. Nicholas Parish Council**

## **A Note of Thanks from St. Herman Theological Seminary**

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

St. Herman Seminary is a place where Alaskans come to be filled with the Grace of God and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is the fertile ground upon which Holy Orthodoxy raises these seedlings into fruit-bearing plants that go out and nourish the hungry Faithful of Alaska. Every gift blesses this Holy work and helps to feed these seedlings; every gift gives them the strength needed to grow. With every gift we are able to share in the beautiful tree that blossom before our eyes and begins to bear fruit from which we are able to partake from, and be nourished ourselves. It is this sharing of God's Grace that you participate in through the gift that you share with us. On behalf of the Faculty, Administration and Board of Trustees of Saint Herman Seminary, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Be assured of our continued prayers for you and may God return your gift to you a hundred-fold!

Your unworthy servant,  
Archpriest Vasily Fisher, Interim-Dean

## **A Note of Thanks from The Mahaffey and Lezinsky Families**

The Family of His Eminence Archbishop David is grateful to God for his life, for your friendship and for your kindness and prayers.

Dear Parishioners of Saint Nicholas, Thank you for your donation. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated by the entire family.

The Mahaffey and Lezinsky Families

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:**

**Metropolitan Herman**

**Igumen David Lewis**

**Archpriests:** Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

**Priests:** Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

**Matushki:** Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, David Gowarty, Patricia Grammes, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Peter Marsh, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Mary Orzolek, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Cate Shea, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witanek

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

**Handmaidens of God:** Amanda Riley, Natalie Stepanoff and their unborn children

**Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.**