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Have Mercy on Me O God, Have Mercy on Me.

March 17, 2013	Expulsion of Adam from Paradise - Cheesefare	Divine Liturgy, Vespers	9:30 am
March 18	Monday	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	6:00 pm
March 19	Tuesday	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	6:00 pm
March 20	Wednesday	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	6:00 pm
March 21	Thursday	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	6:00 pm
March 22	Friday	Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	6:00 pm
March 23	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
March 24	Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Venerable Alexis the Man of God, in Rome (411). Venerable Macarius, Abbot of Kalyazin (1483). New Hieromartyr Priest Alexander (1919). New Hieromartyr Priest Victor (1942). Martyr Soldier Marinus, at Caesarea in Palestine (260). Venerable Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland (451). Monk-martyr Paul of Crete (767). Saint Withburga, Solitary at Holkham and East Dereham (ca. 743). Saint Deacon Ambrose, disciple of Saint Didymus the Blind of Alexandria (400). Saint Gertrude, Abbess of Nijvel (659). Saint Theosterictus the Confessor, Abbot of Pelecete Monastery near Prusa (826). Venerable Hieromartyr Gabriel the Lesser of Garesja (1802). Saint Beccan of Rhum (677). Saint Joseph of Arimathea (1st c.) Saint Withburgh, Princess of East Anglia, Solitary of East Dereham, Norfolk, and Founder of a Nunnery There (c.743). Saint Llinio, Abbot and Founder of Llandinam, Powys, Wales (+520).

Please remember in your prayers: Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, and Pachomy; Archpriests Jason, John, Vincent, John and Harry; Hieromonk Joshua; Priests Sergius, Leonid, Thaddaeus, John, Michael, Andrij and Vasil; Deacons Philip and Vasil; Mother Raphaela, Michael, Stephanie, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Connie, Michael, Ed, Maria, Michael, John, James, Nancy, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Susan Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, John, John, John.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Priest David Cochran, Patricia Medvick, Archpriest Andrew Nelko, Michael Kurap and Archpriest Vincent Saverino were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of newly-ordained Deacon Philip Harendza were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of newly-ordained Deacon Vasil Pasakas were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Bruce Clark were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Mr and Mrs John Gala and daughter Rebecca Hawranick Family.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Mildred Bihuniak Wyskoarko were offered at Liturgy and Litiya March 10 at the request of Sonia Buttino.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Rose Sokol were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Ann Wandzilak.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Metropolitan IRENEY, Archimandrite Sebastian (Gyza), Bill Fox, Archpriest Mykola Dovgan and Archpriest Eugene Vansuch were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Martha Karpowich were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Saturday, March 23: Spring Bazaar** from 11:00 a.m. Welcome all parishioners willing and able to help!
- **April 21, 2013: Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt.** In the presence of the Myrrh-Streaming Icon of Saint Ann, Archimandrite Athanasy of Saint Tikhon's Monastery will lead us in a **Lenten Retreat** after Liturgy.
- **April 24, Wednesday, Presanctified Divine Liturgy.** His Grace, **Bishop MICHAEL** will celebrate.
- We received a **request for information about Margaret Tuger**, as in the Tuger School. The researcher says you need not have known Miss Tuger personally, but may know about her through relatives and friends. If you have any information about her, please contact Father who will pass your information to the researcher.

SAINT WITHBURGH, Princess of East Anglia, Solitary of East Dereham, Norfolk, and Founder of a Nunnery there (c.743) – when her holy relics were exhumed, a holy well sprang up which still exists.

Lenten Homily by Father John Parker

Your pantries are full; empty them to the hungry.
The belly enslaves us, let no one be dominated thereby.
Enter all of you into the Great Fast;
Stripped of heavenly wealth by sin, all draw near to God's rich loving-kindness!
Let no one despair in his sinfulness,
For the Bridegroom comes at midnight.
Weep all of you for your iniquities,
And draw near to the life-giving Cross of our Lord.
Let no one put confidence in the flesh,
For the Devil has deceived us all thereby, and therewith enslaves us to sin.

By turning from God, we are made captives.
We have called good evil and evil good, and put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.
And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry:
Woe to those who put darkness for light, and light for darkness!

We are embittered, for we are banned from Eden.
We are embittered, but it is we who have mocked God.
We are embittered, for now we shall surely die.
We are embittered, for we have succumbed to the serpent.
We are embittered, for we are fettered in chains.
We partook of a fruit, and met the deceiver.
We were entrusted with paradise, but we chose Hell.
Our eyes were opened to see the nakedness of sin.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us!
O Lord, make haste to help us!

This is the acceptable time, let us repent!
This is the day of salvation, let us crucify the passions!
The end is at hand and destruction hangs over us!
The end draws nigh, let us come again to our senses!
The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, what first-fruit shall we offer?
Let us delay not, lest we remain dead in the grave, sold under sin!
For God desires not the death of the sinner, but that he should turn from his wickedness and live!
So, let us choose life, and live, for the mercy of God endures forever!
To Him be glory and dominion
Unto ages of ages. Amen.

SAINT ALEXIS, THE MAN OF GOD. Varied are the paths upon which God leads those who desire to please Him and to fulfill His Law. There lived in Rome at the time of Emperor Honorius a high-ranking dignitary, Euphemian, who was highly respected and extremely wealthy. He and his wife, Algae, led a God-pleasing life. Even though he was wealthy, Euphemian sat at the table once a day, only after the setting of the sun. He had an only son, Alexis, who, when he had reached the age of maturity, was compelled to marry. But on that same night, he left not only his wife but the home of his father as well. Alexis boarded a boat and arrived at the city of Edessa in Mesopotamia, where there was a renown image of our Lord, sent there by our Lord Himself to Emperor Abgar. Having venerated this image, Alexis clothed himself in the dress of a beggar and, as such, lived in the city for seventeen years, continually praying to God in the vestibule of the Church of the Holy Mother of God. When it became public that he was a man of God, he became frightened of the praise of men, departed Edessa and boarded a boat and traveled to Laodicea. According to God's Providence, the boat was carried away and sailed all the way to Rome. Considering this to be the finger of God, Alexis decided to go to the house of his father and there, as an unknown, continued his life of self-denial. His father did not recognize him but out of charity allowed him to live in his courtyard in a hut. Alexis remained here for seventeen years living only on bread and water. Mistreated by the servants in various ways, he endured all to the end. When his end approached, he wrote a letter, clenched it in his hand, laid down and died on March 17, 411 A.D. At the same time there was a revelation in the Church of the Twelve Apostles, and in the presence of the emperor and the patriarch, a voice was heard which said, "Seek out the Man of God." Shortly after that, it was revealed that this Man of God resided at the house of Euphemian. The emperor along with the pope and an entire retinue arrived at the home of Euphemian and after a lengthy discussion learned that the beggar was that "Man of God." When they entered his hut, they found Alexis dead but his face shown as the sun. From that letter his parents learned that it was their son Alexis. Also, his bride, who for 34 years lived without him, learned that he was her husband. All were overcome with immense grief and pain. Later, they were comforted after seeing how God glorified His chosen one. By touching his body, many of the sick were healed, and from his body flowed a sweet-smelling oil [Chrism]. His body was buried in a sarcophagus of marble and jasper. His head reposes in the Church of Saint Laurus in the Peloponnese.

THE HOLY MARTYR MARINUS was a soldier. Not only did he not want to offer sacrifices to the idols, but if others made sacrifices, he scattered and trampled them under his feet. As a result of this, Marinus was tortured and beheaded in the third century. A certain Senator, Astyrius, clothed in a priceless white garment witnessed the suffering of Saint Marinus. Astyrius was so overcome with enthusiasm for the Faith of Christ, Who gives to His followers so much courage, that he placed the martyred body on his shoulders, removed it and buried it with honors. Upon seeing this, the pagans murdered him also as a Christian.