

ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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+ + + Service Schedule + + +

Sunday, March 2. *SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEATFARE)* — *Tone 7.* Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia (ca. 320). St. Arseny (Arsenius), Bishop of Tver' (1409). Virgin Martyr Euthalia of Sicily (257).

Divine Liturgy, 9:30am.

Epistle: I Cor 8:8 – 9:2

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

Wednesday, March 5. The Uncovering of the Precious Cross by Empress St. Helen in Jerusalem (326).

Daily Vespers, 5:30pm, followed by a meal and study (*Great Lent* ch 4; *The Ladder*, Step 3).

Saturday, March 8.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5pm.

Sunday, March 9. *SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE*—*Tone 8. The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise.* The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste. St. Caesarius, brother of St. Gregory the Theologian (ca. 369).

3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am.

Divine Liturgy, 9:30am.

Epistle: Rom 13:11-14:4; Heb 12:1-10 Gospel: Mt 6:14-21; Mt 20:1-16

Forgiveness Vespers, 12 noon.

NOTE: *DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 9th at 2am. Set your clocks FORWARD an hour before going to bed so you won't be late for Church!*

+ + + Upcoming Important Dates + + +

First week of Lent:

Mar 9	Sun	Forgiveness Sunday
Mar 10 - 13	Mon - Thur	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6pm
Mar 14	Fri	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, 6pm

Wednesdays of Great Lent (after the first week)

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts followed by a Lenten meal and study, 6pm

The Annunciation:

Mar 24	Mon	Vigil with Litya, 6pm
Mar 25	Tue	Liturgy, 9:30am

Lenten Retreat:

Apr 5 Sat "Standing by the Cross; Putting on Christ" (Fr. John Behr)

Pascha:

Apr 27 Sun

+ + + Announcements + + +

Lenten/Pascha Book and Gift Orders: Now is the time to order Lenten books, icons and Pascha cards. St. Jacob will make a small profit and pay for shipping if you order through the church. We currently order from Light + Life, St. Tikon's, St. Nictarios, St. Isaac of Skete and Holy Myrrbearers. Please place your book orders with Barbara/Gabriel, icon and Pascha cards with Kathy. No later than next Sunday, March 9th.

Finances: General offerings for February were \$3355 (\$4600 required for budget); year to date general offerings are \$23,300 (\$27,700 required for budget). While our parish is not in financial danger, we have been gradually falling behind budget in recent months. Please keep the practical needs of our parish in your prayers, and contribute as you are able.

+ + + Liturgical Reflections + + +

Fasting: Having spent last week emptying our homes of meat, the coming week is cheesefare week—a time to say our good byes to dairy until Pascha. Dairy and fish are permitted everyday, including Wednesday and Friday.

Forgiveness Sunday: Next Sunday, March 9, is Forgiveness Sunday. Following our traditional blini brunch after Liturgy, we will return to church for Forgiveness Vespers. Our Lenten effort is a communal effort, not something we do on our own; let us make every effort to begin Great Lent together with this beautiful service and the Rite of Forgiveness.

+ + + This Week's Saints + + +

(adapted from www.oca.org)

Tuesday, March 4. *Right-believing Prince Daniel of Moscow (+1303):* Receiving his allotted portion of Moscow in 1272 (at the age of 11), the young prince Daniel had a church and monastery built in honor of his patron saint, St. Daniel the Stylite. He expanded the then small and unobtrusive Moscow, not in unjust or coercive ways, but peacefully and benevolently--during a time when there political strife and bloodshed was rife. The holy prince never resorted to arms to seize the lands of others, nor did he ever take away the property of other princes either by force or by treachery. Accordingly, the Lord saw fit to expand the boundaries of his princely realm.

Wednesday, March 5: *St. Mark the Ascetic of Egypt (+6th cent):* Saint Mark the Ascetic was born in Athens during the fifth century, and became a monk in the Nitrian desert (Lower Egypt). From his youth his fondest pursuit was the reading of Holy Scripture. It is said that he knew the whole Bible by heart. Nine of his thirty discourses have come down to us. Three of them are in Volume I of the English Philokalia. The Byzantines had such a high regard for his writings that they said, "Sell everything and buy Mark." He was noted for his gentleness and purity of soul. He was known as "the Ascetic" because of his abstinence. He lived for ninety years as a solitary, then surrendered his soul to God when he was one hundred and twenty years old.