

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- › Forgiveness Vespers is **Today** after fellowship. Great Lent begins this evening.
- › This week is Clean Week. Traditionally, fasting and prayer are especially rigorous this week to begin the Great Fast with as much intention as possible. Fr. Aaron is happy to hear confessions before the Canon this week if anyone wants to go early!
- › The Adult Education Study on St. Ignatius will conclude **next Sunday**.
- › Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers is at St. George Serbian **next Sunday** at 5pm
- › A presentation on “Parenting Towards the Kingdom” will be offered by Mrs. Kendra Hunter on Sunday **March 8th** at Coffee Hour.
- › Our Lenten Memorial Liturgy will be **March 14th**. Submit names of the departed in the binder in the narthex before then to be included in the Litany.
- › Holy Assumption will Host the Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy **April 1st**.
- › Fr. Aaron will serve Presanctified Liturgy at Holy Transfiguration Monastery on Friday **April 3rd**, at 10am. All are invited to visit the monastery at that time.
- › Donate to our parish online via PayPal (QR links below). We also pass around a collection plate shortly after the Sermon each Sunday.



Regular Giving —>

Designated Giving —>



### February Birthdays:

Paul Tish (2/4); Damon Cook (2/4); Klio Rutz (2/5); Keanon Romano (2/5); Boris Knight (2/5); Stefan Monahan(2/5); Simon Parker(2/6); Ernie Prem(2/8); Scott Parker(2/13); Michael Hitchcock(2/16); Kelly Brausch (2/17); Shelley Hoffman(2/21); Jeanette Gates(2/27)

*Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. He assumed the worse that He might give us the better; He became poor that we through His poverty might be rich.*

*- St. Gregory the Theologian*

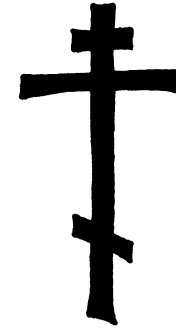
# HOLY ASSUMPTION

Orthodox Church in America

Diocese of the Midwest

February 22nd,  
2026

Tone 4,  
Lenten Triodion



The Expulsion of  
Adam from Paradise

Forgiveness Sunday

*To know and love Christ, sharing His love with others.*

## UPCOMING SERVICES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Great Canon, 6:30pm

Wednesday: Presanctified Liturgy at St. George Massillon, 6:30pm

Friday: Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30pm

Saturday: Great Vespers, 5pm

Sunday: Divine Liturgy, 9:30am

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**Visitors, We sincerely welcome you.** Please know that Orthodox practice for receiving Holy Communion is that only those who are Orthodox Christians and have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting since midnight, and a recent confession come to receive from the Chalice. If you have any questions, please speak with one of our greeters, or with Fr. Aaron after the service. Contact Fr Aaron during the week at [fraaronrutz@gmail.com](mailto:fraaronrutz@gmail.com), or 234-257-9725. Please call, text, or email Fr. Aaron for all parish needs

# Troparia and Kontakia

## **Tone 4**      **Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen,  
granting the world great mercy!”

## **Tone 4**      **Troparion**      *(Forerunner)*

The head of the Forerunner has shone from the earth,  
sending forth rays of incorruption and healings to the faithful.  
It gathers together a multitude of angels above  
and summons the human race below  
to send up glory with one voice to Christ our God.

## **Tone 2**      **Kontakion**      *(Forerunner)*

O Prophet of God and Forerunner of Grace,  
we have found your head as a sacred rose.  
Therefore we always receive healings from it,  
and, as in times past, now you preach repentance to the world.

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

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

# MINISTRY SCHEDULES

## READERS

Feb 22: (Hours) Mel, Benj  
(Epistle) Shawn  
March 1: MATINS  
(Epistle) Rdr. Theophan  
PROSPHORA BAKERS  
Please bake again by March 15

## COFFEE HOUR

Feb 22nd: Haywood, Croston, Lepore,  
Fedorko, Greenbank  
March 1st: Condo, Gates, Hoffman, Rutz  
TITHE COUNTERS  
Feb 22: Jeff, Pete  
March 1: Joan, Igor

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Bishop Matthias (departed)	Sam
Archbishop Paul (departed)	Frederick
Fr. Stacey (departed)	Eleni
Jason (departed)	Rosemary
Theodore (departed)	Fr. Jan and St. Theodosius Community
Kyra (newly departed)	Vasilike
Becky (newly departed)	Archimandrite Joseph
	Herb
	Tammi
	Aaron, Jasmine and Anastasia
	Scott, Jaime, Willow, Ben and Simon
	Laura, Jared and Unborn Child
	Jenn, Michael and Unborn Child
	Kaylyn, Alexsy and Unborn Child
	Brendan, Madelyn and Unborn Child

The Guide of wisdom, Giver of prudence, teacher of the foolish, and Defender of the poor: establish and give understanding to my heart, O Master. Give me a word, O Word of the Father, for see, I shall not restrain my lips restrain my lips from crying to Thee: O Merciful One, have mercy on the fallen.

Then Adam sat and wept opposite the delight of Paradise, beating his eyes with his hands and saying: O Merciful One, have mercy on the fallen.

Share in the pain, O paradise, of thy beggared master, and with the sound of thy leaves, implore the Creator not to shut thee. O Merciful One, have mercy on the fallen.

Bend down thy trees like living beings, and fall before Him who holds the key, that thus thou mayest remain open for one who cries: O Merciful One, have mercy on the fallen.

I breathe the fragrance of your beauty, and I melt as I recall how I delighted there from the sweet scent of the flowers. O Merciful One, have mercy on the fallen.

How have I fallen? Where have I arrived? From a pedestal to the ground. From a divine admonition to a wretched existence I have been reduced. O Merciful One, have mercy on the fallen.

Now Satan rejoices having stripped me of my glory, but this gives him no joy; for see, my God clothes me. O Merciful One, have mercy on the fallen.

God himself pities me, clothing my nakedness. By this he shows me that he also cares for me, the transgressor. O Merciful One, have mercy on the fallen.

Swiftly, O Adam, thou hast understood the wish of my compassion; therefore I do not deprive thee of this thy hope as thou criest out: O Merciful One, have mercy on the fallen.