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Dear Folks,

This issue of *The Fruit Basket* is heavily loaded with info about the Great Fast because during this time we have the extra special support and encouragement of the church for the raising of our spiritual level to a higher plane. There are extra presanctified liturgies, special prayers, special services, retreats, intensified opportunities for giving alms and other special activities. Those of you who do not have the option of taking advantage of those special activities can still participate in working for the Kingdom in many ways. One way is to do a great intercessory work by praying for those who are trying in the church's prescribed ways to grow spiritually during this time. Pray for increased strength for them to resist temptations and distractions as they fight the good fight. I believe that God gives the grace to pray and blesses the effort.

Let us look forward with joy as we prepare for this wonderful season of opportunity.

Love in Christ, the Editor

DAILY PRAYER FOR GREAT LENT

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to your servant.


Yes, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother, for You are blessed from all ages to all ages. Amen.

The Penitential Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise

As we begin the Great Fast, the Church reminds us of Adam's expulsion from Paradise. God commanded Adam to fast (Gen. 2:16), but he did not obey. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendents became heirs of death and corruption.

Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative thing, a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature, and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ.

At *Forgiveness Vespers we sing: "Let us begin the time of fasting in light, preparing ourselves for spiritual efforts. Let us purify our soul, let us purify our body. As we abstain from food, let us abstain from all passion and enjoy the virtues of the spirit. . . ." 

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**Held the Saturday evening before Forgiveness Sunday.*

Love is patient. 1Cor. 13:4

BEGINNING OF GREAT LENT

In the Orthodox Church, the last Sunday before Great Lent - the day on which, at Vespers, Lent is liturgically announced and inaugurated - is called Forgiveness Sunday. On the morning of that Sunday, at the Divine Liturgy, we hear the words of Christ:

”If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses...” (Mark 6:14-15).

Then after Vespers - after hearing the announcement of Lent in the Great Prokeimenon”: Turn not away Thy face from Thy child, for I am afflicted! Hear me speedily! Draw near unto my soul and deliver it!”, after making our entrance into Lenten worship, with its special melodies, with the prayer of St Ephraim the Syrian, with its prostrations - we ask forgiveness from each other, we perform the rite of forgiveness and reconciliation. And as we approach each other with words of reconciliation, the choir intones the Paschal hymns, filling the church with the anticipation of Paschal joy.

What is the meaning of this rite? Why is it that the Church wants us to begin the Lenten season with forgiveness and reconciliation? These questions are in order because for too many people Lent means primarily, and almost exclusively, a change of diet, the compliance with ecclesiastical regulations concerning fasting. They understand fasting as an end in itself, as a “good deed” required by God and carrying in itself its merit and its reward. But the Church spares no effort in revealing to us that fasting is but a means, one among many, towards a higher goal: the spiritual renewal of man, his return to God, true repentance and, therefore, true reconciliation. The Church spares no effort in warning us against a hypocritical and pharisaic fasting, against the reduction of religion to mere external obligations. As a Lenten hymn says:

”In vain do you rejoice in not eating, O soul! For you abstain from food, But from passions you are not purified. If you persevere in sin, you will perform a useless fast!”

Now, forgiveness stands at the very center of Christian faith and of Christian life because Christianity itself is, above all, the religion of forgiveness. God forgives us, and His forgiveness is in Christ, His Son, whom He sends to us so that by sharing in His humanity we may share in His love and be truly reconciled with God. Indeed, Christianity has no other content but love. And it is primarily the renewal of that love, a growth in it, that we seek in Great Lent, in fasting and prayer, in the

entire spirit and the entire effort of that season. Thus, truly forgiveness is both the beginning of, and the proper condition for, the Lenten season.

One may ask, however: Why should I perform this rite when I have no “enemies?” Why should I ask forgiveness from people who have done nothing to me, and whom I hardly know? To ask these questions is to misunderstand the Orthodox teaching concerning forgiveness. It is true that open enmity, personal hatred, real animosity may be absent from our life, though if we experience them, it may be easier for us to repent, for these feelings openly contradict Divine commandments. But the Church reveals to us that there are much subtler ways of offending Divine Love. These are indifference, selfishness, lack of interest in other people, of any real concern for them - in short, that wall which we usually erect around ourselves, thinking that by being “polite” and “friendly” we fulfill God’s commandments. The rite of forgiveness is so important precisely because it makes us realize - be it only for one minute - that our entire relationship to other men is wrong, makes us experience that encounter of one child of God with another, of one person created by God with another, makes us feel that mutual “recognition” which is so terribly lacking in our cold and dehumanized world.

On that unique evening, listening to the joyful Paschal hymns we are called to make a spiritual discovery: to taste of another mode of life and relationship with people, of life whose essence is love. We can discover that always and everywhere Christ, the Divine Love Himself, stands in the midst of us, transforming our mutual alienation into brotherhood. As I advance towards the other, as the other comes to me - we begin to realize that it is Christ who brings us together by His love for both of us.

And because we make this discovery - and because this discovery is that of the Kingdom of God itself: the Kingdom of Peace and Love, of reconciliation with God and, in Him, with all that exists - we hear the hymns of that Feast, which once a year “opens to us the doors of Paradise.” We know why we shall fast and pray, what we shall seek during the long Lenten pilgrimage.

Forgiveness Sunday: the day on which we acquire the power to make our fasting - true fasting; our effort - true effort; our reconciliation with God - true reconciliation.

—Father Alexander Schmemmann

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Love is kind. 1Cor. 13:4

THE FIRST SATURDAY OF LENT

Commemorated on February 20

Today we remember the miracle of St Theodore and the boiled wheat. Fifty years after the death of St Theodore, the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363), wanting to commit an outrage upon the Christians, commanded the city-commander of Constantinople during the first week of Great Lent to sprinkle all the food provisions in the marketplaces with the blood offered to idols. St Theodore appeared in a dream to Archbishop Eudoxius, ordering him to inform all the Christians that no one should buy anything at the marketplaces, but rather to eat cooked wheat with honey (kolyva).

In memory of this occurrence, the Orthodox Church annually celebrates the holy Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit on the first Saturday of Great Lent. On Friday evening, at the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts following the prayer at the ambo, the Canon to the holy Great Martyr Theodore, composed by St John of Damascus, is sung. After this, kolyva is blessed and distributed to the faithful. The celebration of the Great Martyr Theodore on the first Saturday of Great Lent was set by the Patriarch Nectarius of Constantinople (381-397).



The Troparion to St Theodore is quite similar to the Troparion for the Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths (December 17, Sunday Before Nativity). The Kontakion to St Theodore, who suffered martyrdom by fire, reminds us that he also had faith as his breastplate (see I Thessalonians 5:8). ♥ <http://www.oca.org/FSlives.asp>

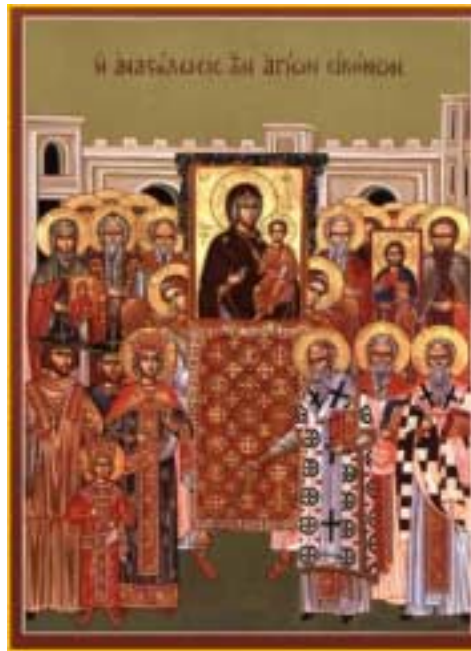
FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Commemorated on February 21

Originally, the Prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for today's Liturgy reflect this older usage.

Today we commemorate the "Triumph of Orthodoxy," the restoration of the holy icons in the reign of the holy Empress Theodora (February 11).

The Feast of the Sunday of Orthodoxy was established in 842 to celebrate the final downfall of the Iconoclastic party and the restoration of the icons. Since then it has been solemnly observed on the First Sunday of the Great Lent, and has come to commemorate the triumph of the right (true) faith not only over Iconoclasm, but over all heresies.



Many old triumphant hymns, composed by martyrs of the Iconoclast persecution are chanted during the procession of the crosses and icons, as well as the recitation and re-affirmation of the Creed by all the faithful. ♥

Taken from Daily Lenten Meditations for Orthodox Christians by Presbytera Emily Harakas.

Praise the Lord for He is good
His mercy endures forever.

Love does not envy. 1Cor. 13:4

MEDITATIONS FOR WEEK 2 OF GREAT LENT

From Daily Lenten Meditations for Great Lent by Emily Harakas

The quotations from the Fathers will be taken from the writings of St. Gregory Palamas (1296-1359) Archbishop of Thessalonica.

MONDAY

Come, let us cleanse ourselves by almsgiving and acts of mercy to the poor, not sounding a trumpet or making a show of our charity. Let not our left hand know what our right hand is doing; let not vainglory scatter the fruit of our almsgiving; but in secret let us call on Him who knows all secrets: Father, forgive us our trespasses, for You love mankind.

—*Vespers—Sunday of Orthodoxy*

From the Fathers: To the contrary, you will give what belongs to you to whomever asks of you, and you will be as charitable as possible to the needy...

Bible Readings: Isaiah 4:2-6 Genesis 3:21-24, 4:1-7
Proverbs 3:34-35, 4:1-22

Meditation: But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. *Proverbs 4:18*

TUESDAY

We who believe in You know the wealth of Your great measureless compassion, O Master. With the Prodigal Son, in deep sincerity we all bow down before You. Accept us, sinners that flee to You for refuge, for there is no sin, O compassionate Lord, that can overcome Your love for mankind.

—*Orthros- Second Sunday of Lent*

From the Fathers: Him alone shall you love, and Him alone shall you worship with all your mind and all your heart and all your strength; and His sayings and His Commandments will be in your heart to do them...

— **St. Gregory Palamas**

Bible Readings: Isaiah 5:7-16 Genesis 4:8-15 Proverbs 5:1-15

Meditation: But the Lord of hosts is exalted in justice, and the Holy God shows Himself holy in righteousness. *Isaiah 5:16*

WEDNESDAY

O Souls that have wandered far from God and are deprived of the divine gifts of grace, come and with deep sincerity of heart let us turn back like the Prodigal and cry: O good Father who art in heaven, we have all sinned against You, be merciful to us and save us, for we flee for refuge to Your mercy. —*Orthros--Second Sunday of Lent*

From the Fathers: Seek nothing other than to fear Him, to love Him, and to walk in all His ways. This is your boast, and this is your God.

—**St. Gregory Palamas**

Bible Readings: Isaiah 5:16-25 Genesis 4:16-26

Proverbs 5:15-23, 6:1-3

Meditation: *For a man's ways are before the the eyes of the Lord, and he watches all his paths.* —*Proverbs 5:21*

THURSDAY

Shedding fervent tears, let us cry to You with the words of the Prodigal, O Father and God of all, let us fall down before You saying: We have sinned, departing far from You and we have made ourselves the slaves of lust: accept our repentance. —*Orthros--Second Sunday of Lent*

From the Fathers: You will glorify Him as God and Him only, the King and Creator of all; and to Him you will cleave and to Him you will turn from your offenses known and unknown, day and night.

—**St. Gregory Palamas**

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-12 Genesis 5:1-24 Proverbs 6:3-20

Meditation: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory! — Isaiah 6:3b

FRIDAY

I kneel before You, as the Prodigal Son of old, O Lord and Master, run out to meet me and receive me, and taking me in Your embrace, grant me the tokens of Your Salvation. Instead of a hired servant, make me once again Your son, O Savior who lovest mankind. — *Orthros-*
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(second week readings continued)

From the Fathers: Then knowing the destiny of evil, attend to the blessedness of meekness in your soul, praising Christ the teacher of virtue and fellow-worker without whom we are not able to do anything good. —**St. Gregory Palamas**

Bible Readings: Isaiah 7:1-14 Gen. 5:32, 6:1-8 Prov. 6:20-25, 7:1

Meditation: My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. —Proverbs 6:20

SATURDAY

In this season of abstinence, O Christ, You have shone as a light on those that walk in the darkness of sin. Bring us to the holy day of Your Passion, that we may cry to You: Arise, O God, and have mercy on us. —*Sunday Vespers, Second Sunday of Lent*

From the Fathers: ...and you will meditate on every Commandment and justification of the Lord; and you will examine yourself lest you violated or neglected something, and you will correct yourself in all things. —**St. Gregory Palamas**

Bible Readings: Hebrews 3:12-16 St. Mark 1:34-44

Meditation: My fellow believers, be careful that none among you has a heart so evil and unbelieving that he will turn away from the living God. —Hebrews 3:12

SUNDAY

The season of the virtues now has come, and the Judge is at the door. Let us not hold back with darkened face, but let us keep the Fast, offering tears, contrition and almsgiving; and let us cry: our sins are more in number than the sand of the sea; but, Deliverer of all, forgive each one of us, that we may receive an incorruptible crown. —*Orthros*

Bible Readings : Hebrews 1:10-14, 2:1-3 St. Mark 2:1-12

Meditation: That is why we must hold on all the more firmly to the truths we have heard, so that we will not be carried away.

—Hebrews 2:1



THIRD WEEK

The third week we meditate on the Cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Veneration of the Holy Cross is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Great Lent.

A Meditation on the Cross

Jesus has many lovers of His kingdom of heaven, but He has few bearers of His Cross. Many desire His consolation, but few desire His tribulation. He finds many comrades in eating and drinking, but He finds few who will be with Him in His abstinence and fasting.

All men would joy with Christ, but few will suffer anything for Christ. Many follow him to breaking of His bread, for their bodily refreshment, but few will follow Him to drink a draft of the chalice of His Passion.

Many honor His miracles, but few will follow the shame of His cross and His other ignominies. Many love Jesus as long as no adversity befalls them, and can praise and bless Him whenever they receive any benefits from Him, but if Jesus withdraws a little from them and forsakes them a bit, they soon fall into some great grumbling or excessive dejections or into open despair.

But those who love Jesus purely for Himself, and not for their own profit or convenience, bless Him as heartily in temptation and tribulation and in all other adversities as they do in time of consolation.

Oh, how much more may the love of Jesus do for the help of a soul if it is pure and clean, not mixed with any inordinate love of itself!

Imitation of Christ

Kempis

Who wages a stronger battle than he who labors to overcome himself?
And it should be our daily desire to overcome ourselves, so that we may be made stronger in spirit and go daily from better to better.



Imitation of Christ

Kempis

Love is not easily angered. 1Cor. 13:5

WORD SEARCH FOR FEBRUARY

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WORD SEARCH LIST FOR FEBRUARY

Anna the Prophetess	Love	Snowdrops bloom
Cheesefare Sunday	Maple sap rises	St Leo
Cupid	Meatfare Sunday	St Meletius
February	Memorial Saturday	St Raphael
Great Canon	Mini Irises bloom	St Tarasius
Great Fast	Owls nesting	St Valentine
Heart month	Presanctified Liturgy	Sunday of Orthodoxy
Hearts	Prophet Zechariah	Valentines
	Simeon	

SECRET MESSAGE

After you find and circle all of the words from the word list there is a secret message spelled out in the leftover letters.
 Clue: The letters are in order, reading from left to right, and the message may continue down on the next line or lines.

BIBLE BRAIN WORKOUT FOR FEBRUARY

291. Which chapter of the Bible mentions both a hare and a tortoise?
292. Who saw in a vision two women that had wings like the wings of a stork?
293. Where do we find a description of the habits of the ostrich with regard to her eggs?
294. When was a prophet commanded to put forth a riddle?
295. Which two persons "laid down their own necks" for an apostle's life?
296. Which king exempted from taxes all the priests, Levites, and other ministers of the temple at Jerusalem?
297. Where do we read of sea monsters suckling their young?
298. Who secretly explored the ruins of a city by night?
299. Which is the earliest instance of a fable in Scripture?
300. Where does the Bible mention a penknife?



Answers on page 19
 How did you score? **A+ Bible Scholar** 6 or more Correct ;
A Superior 5 +correct; **B+ Pretty good** 3+ correct: **C Fair**
 2+ correct; **Less than 2**, an opportunity to make reading the
 Bible daily a wonderful habit!

Love is not self-seeking. 1Cor. 13:5

Laugh and the world laughs with you...

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk, and the next Twenty-four years telling them to sit down and shut up!

A spouse is someone who'll stand by you through all the trouble you wouldn't have had if you'd stayed single.

Confucius say: "man who run behind car get exhausted" ..."man who run in front of car get tired"

They say a man isn't complete till he's married; then he's finished!

I never knew what real happiness was until I got married; then it was too late



Ex Wives:

"I was married 3 times" explained the man to a newly discovered drinking partner, "and I'll never marry again. My first 2 wives died of eating poison mushrooms and my 3rd wife died of a fractured skull." "That's a shame." said his friend, "How did it happen?" "She wouldn't eat the mushrooms!"

Submitted by Augie

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals.

One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him.

Little Johnny asked, " Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture ?

A RIDDLE

You throw away the outside and then cook the inside.

When cooked, you eat the outside and throw away the inside.

What is it? (It has a logical, sensible answer.)

The answer is hidden someplace in this Fruit Basket.

Submitted by a gentleman who prefers to remain anonymous.

CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE FOR FEBRUARY

The following message is written in code using regular letters. Your task is to figure out which real letters the code letters stand for. Start by writing the real letters (shown in the Cheat Chart below) above the code letters in the message. That should help you to figure out some of the words. When you discover another letter, write it above the code letters in the puzzle.

XGL QS MKGL BZ ZGS XGZBYSV, BSGLSV
YSXVBSL, WZVJKFKGJ SXIY ZBYSV,
PNDB XD JZL KG IYVKDB XCDZ
YXD WZVJKFSG EZN.

To make this more of a challenge cover up or have somebody cross out some or even all of the Cheat Chart!!!

CHEAT CHART--IT GIVES YOU SOME OF THE LETTERS.

<u>REAL LETTERS</u>	<u>c</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>i</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>p</u>	<u>r</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>t</u>
<u>CODE LETTERS</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>B</u>

To make the puzzle even harder simply have someone cross out or cut from the page one or two of the clue letters. You can do the same with the easier puzzle above.

JOVH CHQOFJT, UOE GT UKPO KFO
VFKEZOH, CKH UKPO MKIOT CHKI SKJ.
...TQFMO SKJ TK UKPOJ GT, BO VUTK
KGSZE EK UKPO KFO VFKEZOH.

T=s

K=o

O=e

Love keeps no record of wrongs. 1Cor. 13:5

QUIT YOUR WHINING, CLEVELAND!



DIGGING OUT AFTER
THE SNOWSTORM IN
QUEBEC CITY, CANADA

Submitted by
Kathy B.



Time out for a beer!



Found my car!



It's sorta like a snowman...



Just go back to bed—it'll melt!

Jean Cazes (jcazes@mediom.qc.ca)

Love always protects, always trusts, 1Cor. 13:7

LINES TO MAKE YOU SMILE:

- 1.. My husband and I divorced over religious differences.. He thought he was God and I didn't.
- 2.. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
- 4.. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
- 5.. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
- 6... You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me
- 7... Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder
- 8... Earth is the insane asylum for the universe
- 9.. I'm not a complete idiot — Some parts are missing
- 10.. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
- 14.. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
- 15.. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
- 16.. Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!
- 17.. Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.
- 20.. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- 21.. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
- 22.. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
- 24.. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.
- 25.. A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
- 28..I smile because I don't know what the heck is going on.

An ear of corn

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends! Life is too short and friends are too few!

WORDS THAT MAKE YOU THINK

1. A day without sunshine is like night.
2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
4. 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
5. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
6. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
8. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
10. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
11. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.



WHY ME, LORD?



When you question...
"Why me?"..always look
at the bigger picture.

Thank God for the stuff
that didn't hit you!



BIBLE BRAIN WORKOUT answers for February

291. Lev. 11:6, 29

292. Zech. 5:9

293. Job 39:13-17

294. Ezek. 17:2

295. Rom. 16:3-4

296. Ezra 7:21-24

297. Lam. 4:3

298. Neh. 2:12-16

299. Judg. 9:7-15

300. Jer. 36:23.

Love always hopes, always perseveres. 1Cor. 13:7

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Sunshine Greetings from

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CALENDAR for FEBRUARY

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- 19 Presanctified Liturgy
- 21 Sunday of Orthodoxy
- 24 Presanctified Liturgy
- 26 Presanctified Liturgy
- 27 Memorial Saturday

