

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Mar. 2, 2025 9:00am **Expulsion of Adam From Paradise, Forgiveness Sunday**

TODAY'S READINGS: Rom. 13:11-14:4 Matt. 6:14-21

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today: Coffee Hour, Clean Week begins on Monday

Mon. Mar. 3 6:00pm Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew

Tue. Mar. 4 6:00pm Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew

Wed. Mar. 5 5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and lenten supper

Thu. Mar. 6 6:00pm Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew

Sat. Mar. 8 5:00pm Great Vespers, Confessions

Sun. Mar. 9 9:00am **Sunday of Orthodoxy, 40 Holy Martyrs of Sebaste**
Heb. 11:24-26,32-12:2 John 1:43-51
Heb. 12:1-10 (40 Martyrs) Matt. 20:1-16
4:00pm Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, Sts. Peter and Paul, Meriden

Welcome to all our visitors who join us for services!

Celebrations: Birthday: **laurel** (Judy granddaughter), Mar. 6th Jim and Beth (Judy son and daughter-i-l), Mar. 4th. Many years!

Pray for: Nancy Muro who is at Artis Senior Living, Branford; **Tatiana** Oji is at Orange Care Center, **Maria** Scheirer at Elim Long-term care, Cheshire. **Carole** Rossick and **George** Jafferis, continue in cancer treatment.

Orthodox Charity of the Month: In March we will be supporting **Stewards of the Diocese of New England**. This is a diocesan program to support initiatives above and beyond budgeted items, such as seminarian scholarships, youth rally, and others. Please be generous. To donate by check, simply put "Charity of the Month" in the memo line.

Ascetical Fast Preparation: Our church assists us in preparing for the upcoming ascetical fast that is an integral part of our Lenten journey. In brief, here is the schedule related to fasting for the coming weeks:

Sunday, March 2: Cheesefare Sunday, last day to eat dairy products. **Forgiveness Vespers**
Monday, March 3: Great Lent begins with Clean Week (Triodion, p. 35)

Men's Reading Group: Continues weekly on Thursday mornings at 7:15am. We are currently studying St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Just click on the link [here](#) to join us.

Please begin planning **now** for the beginning of Great Lent: **Forgiveness Sunday Vespers** will be celebrated on **March 2nd** after coffee hour. We begin the first week of the Great Lenten journey with the celebration of the Service of **Great Compline and the Canon of St. Andrew**. This service is integral to our entrance into Great Lent. Please make every effort to attend these services.

Lenten Mission Vespers are celebrated at various parishes in our deanery and across the Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of CT (FORCC) on Sunday afternoons during Great Lent. This is a great opportunity to visit other local parishes, and to pray with our brothers and sisters during the Great Lenten journey. These services will be posted on our website, and here each Sunday.

Confessions

As has been the practice over many years, when you come to confession during Great Lent, please remember to sign the confession book that will be available. Please don't wait until the end of lent to make time for your confession. We will **not** be celebrating general confession until after Pascha.

Forgiveness Sunday:

"the Expulsion of Adam from the Paradise of Bliss.' This name summarizes indeed the entire preparation for Lent. By now we know that man was created for paradise, for knowledge of God and communion with Him. Man's sin has deprived him of that blessed life and his existence on earth is exile. Christ, the Savior of the world, opens the door of paradise to everyone who follows Him, and the Church, by revealing to us the beauty of the Kingdom, makes our life a pilgrimage toward our heavenly fatherland. Lent is the liberation of our enslavement to sin, from the prison of 'this world.' And the Gospel lesson (Matt. 6:14-21) sets the conditions for that liberation. (*Great Lent*, Alexander Schmemmann, 1969, SVS Press, p. 27-28)

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Храмовые службы теперь благословляются дважды в неделю. Щелкните [здесь](#), чтобы запросить посещение церковной службы.

(Видеозаписи домашних вечерних служб доступны [здесь](#) на нашем сайте.)

Сегодня- Литургия: Изгнание Адамово

[Послание к Римлянам 13:11-14:4 и от Матфея 6:14-21]

12:00 Прощеная воскресная вечерня

Рон., Втор., Чет. 18:00 Великий покаянный канон Андрея Критского

Сред 17:00 Исповедь; 18:00 Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров

Субб. 17:00 Великая Вечерня и Исповедь

Воск. 9:00 Литургия: Неделя - Православия, 40 святых мучеников Севастийских

[Послание к Евреям 11:24-26, 32-12:2 и от Иоанна 1:43-51]

16:00 Православие Воспомяется Вечерня; Мериден