

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS IS CHEESEFARE SUNDAY

The last day to consume dairy before the Lenten fast begins tomorrow

The Rite of Mutual Forgiveness will begin immediately after Liturgy

GREAT LENT BEGINS

Mon. Feb 27	6:30 pm	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Tues. Feb 28	6:30 pm	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Wed. March 1	6:30 pm	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Thurs. March 2	6:30 pm	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Sat. March 4	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. March 5	11 am	Divine Liturgy for the Triumph of Orthodoxy with procession of icons
Wed. March 8	6:30 pm	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy <i>w potluck</i>
Sat. March 11	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. March 12	11 am	Divine Liturgy - Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

REMEMBER, PRAY FOR PEACE,
PRAY FOR EACH OTHER,
AND PREPARE

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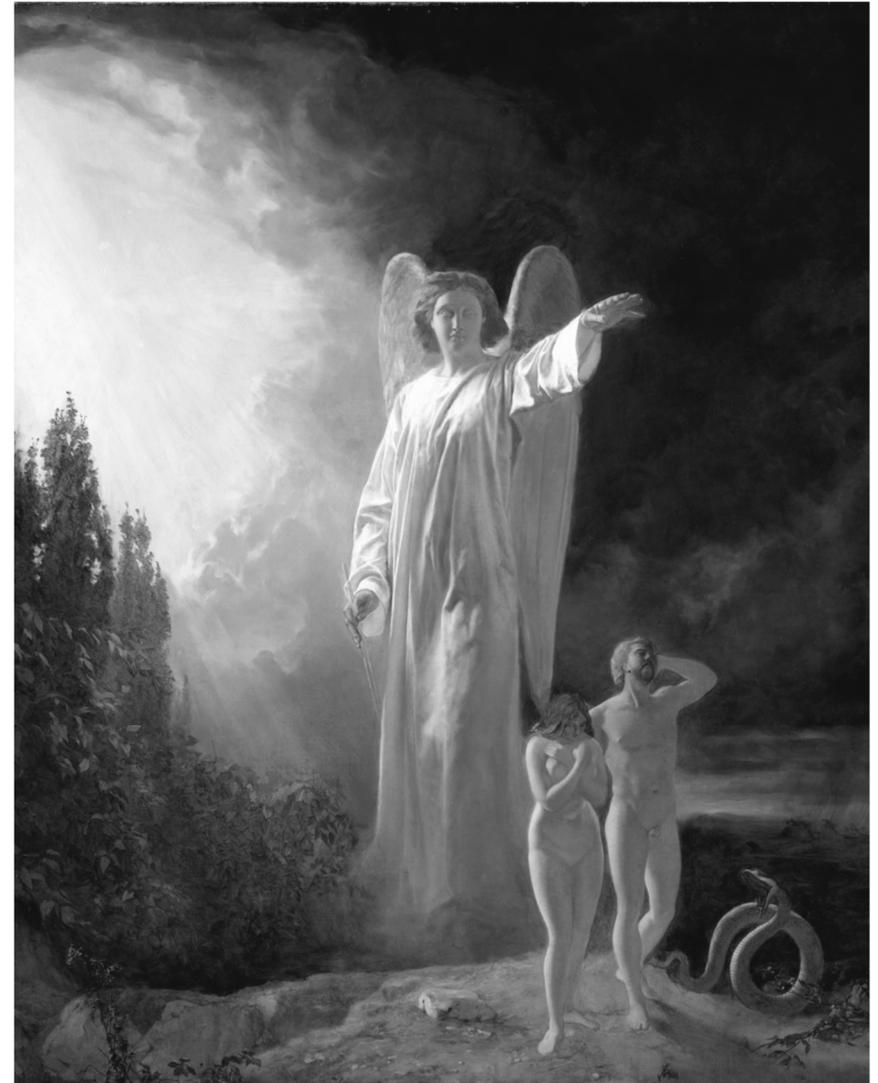


Sun, Feb. 26, 2023

Forgiveness Sunday

Tone 4

EXPULSION OF ADAM AND EVE FROM PARADISE





Prokeimenon in Tone 8 (Ps 75)

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God!
In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

EPISTLE : ROMANS 13:11-14:4

Brethren, do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.+

Alleluia in Tone 6 (Ps 91)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

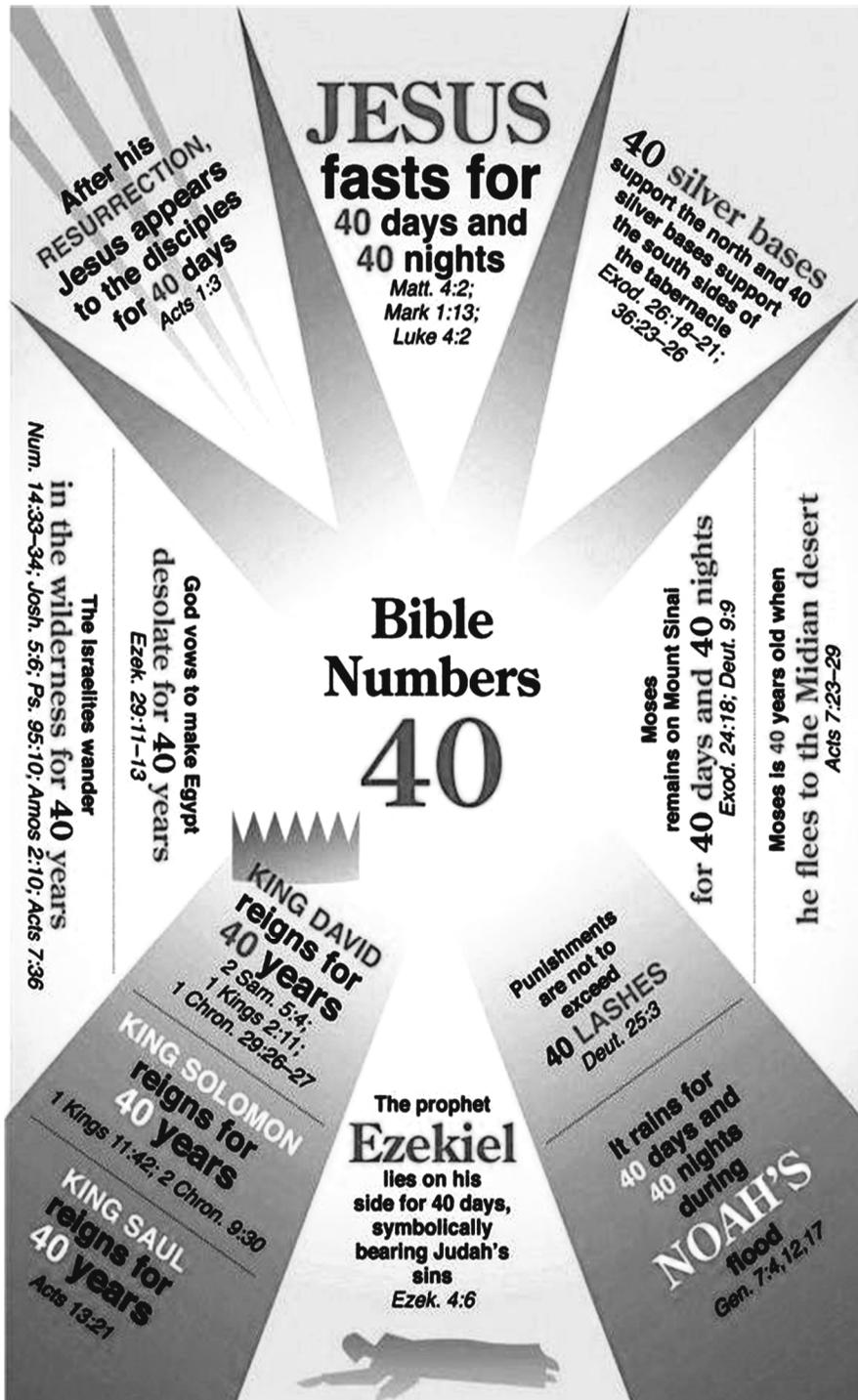
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:14-21

The Lord said, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."+

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will begin immediately at the end of Liturgy





UPDATED!

All Saint of North America and Christ the Savior
present

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE
ICON WORKSHOP

Instructors: Tatiana and Dmitri Berestov
From the Prosopon School of Iconology

Jun 12-17, 2023

Project: Beginner students will write the Archangel Michael icon.
Intermediate students will write the icon of the Annunciation.

Cost:
Beginners \$1,000.00 (incl. 6 days of instruction, all art supplies, lectures)
Intermediates: \$1,000.00 - intermediate students supply their own board and art supplies and will prepare their icon with gold and first lines prior to the workshop.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required to reserve a space in the class. Class size is very limited and reservations are first come, first served.

Contact Workshop coordinator Pat Rudolph at
Phone: 708-579-5208 or email to: prudoph@illinois.edu

Class begins daily with prayer at 9 am Monday June 11, and ends at 5pm Saturday June 17. Snacks and beverages will be provided. A list of area hotels will be provided upon request. **Seats are limited!**

Deadline for Registration is May 14, 2023



PROSOPON SCHOOL OF ICONOLOGY

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SAINTS ALIVE

The lives and deeds of the heroes of our faith

ST. MARTINIAN OF CAESAREA

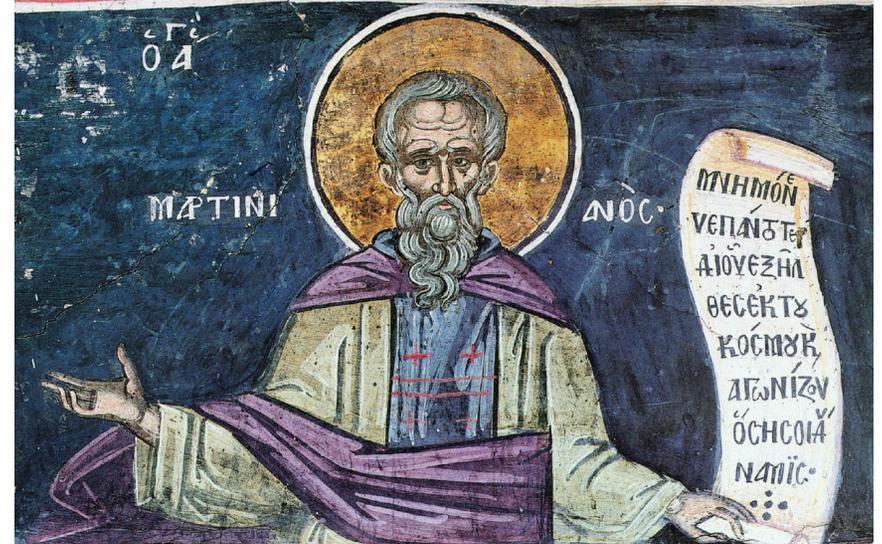
Saint Martinian went to live in the wilderness at the age of 18, not far from the city of Caesarea in Palestine. For 25 years, he devoted himself to ascetic deeds and silence, and he was granted the gift of healing illnesses and casting out demons.

One day a prostitute overheard some citizens of Caesarea speaking of the saint's virtuous life. She said that he went to live in the desert because he could not endure the temptations of the flesh in the city, and made a wager with them that she could topple this pillar of virtue with her beauty and seduce him.

She came to him one night, dressed in shabby clothes, pretending that she had lost her way in the storm, and asking for shelter. Reluctantly, the saint allowed her to enter his cell, because he did not wish to be the cause of her death. He went into the inner room of his cell, telling her she would have to leave in the morning. After chanting Psalms according to his Rule, he went to sleep on the floor, but he was disturbed by carnal thoughts.

Meanwhile, the wicked guest opened the bag she had been carrying and changed into her beautiful clothes and adorned herself with jewels.

When morning came, the saint came out to send her away. When he saw her trying to seduce him, he excused himself and went outside.



Shortly she heard him screaming. She ran out to see him with his feet in the fire, and when asked what in the world he was doing. He said, "If I can't endure this fire, how will I endure fires of Hell?"

The woman was astonished at the lengths Saint Martinian was willing to go, and was instantly convicted for her sin. She repented and asked the saint to guide her onto the way of salvation. He told her to go to Bethlehem, and enter the convent founded by Saint Paula (January 26). There she lived as a nun for twelve years in strict asceticism until her blessed repose. The woman's name was Zoe.

Having recovered from his scorching, Saint Martinian set off to an uninhabited rocky island, and lived on it under the open sky for several years, nourished by the victuals brought by a certain sailor from time to time, and in return the monk wove baskets for him.

One time a powerful storm wrecked a ship, and to the island of Saint Martinian the waves carried on the ship debris a maiden named Photinia. Saint Martinian helped her to survive the island. "Remain here, – said he to her, – for here is bread and water, and in two months a boat will come", – and he jumped into the sea and swam off. Two dolphins carried him to dry land.

Thereafter Blessed Martinian began to lead the life of a wanderer. And so passed two years. One time, having come to Athens, the saint fell ill, and sensing the nearness of his end, he went into church and lay upon the floor, and calling out to the bishop he besought him to give his body over to burial. This occurred in about the year 422.+