

## Clean Week Schedule 2023

<b>Clean Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9am: Lenten Matins  6:30pm: Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew
<b>Clean Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30pm: Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew
<b>Clean Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9am: Lenten Matins  6:30pm: Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew
<b>Clean Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	6:30pm: Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew
<b>Clean Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9am: Lenten Matins  6:30pm: Presanctified Liturgy

**CLEAN WEEK**– The first week of Great Lent is quickly upon us. The common term for this week, "*Clean Week*" refers to the leaving behind of sinful attitudes and non-fasting foods. A cleansing, if you will, of our sins, body, and conscience.

Liturgically, Clean Monday - and thus Great Lent itself - begins on the preceding (Sunday) night, at a special service called Forgiveness Vespers, which culminates with the Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness, at which all present will bow down before one another and ask forgiveness. In this way, the faithful begin Great Lent with a clean conscience, with forgiveness, and with renewed Christian love. It is customary to go to Confession during this week, and to clean the house thoroughly (or to have it clean before the beginning of the Fast).

The theme of Clean Week is set by the [Old Testament](#) reading appointed to be read at the [Sixth Hour](#) on Clean Monday (Isaiah 1:1-20), which says in part:

*Wash yourselves and ye shall be clean; put away the wicked ways from your souls before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well. Seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, consider the fatherless, and plead for the widow. Come then, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them white as snow; and though they be red like crimson, I will make them white as wool (v. 16-18).*

