

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Mission
1635 Shaffer Road
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Sunday February 22nd 2026
SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE
The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise
Forgiveness Sunday

Activities and Events this Week

Tuesday 24	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
Thursday 26	(A change from the Monthly Calendar) Small Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	6:00pm
Friday 27	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	6:00pm
Saturday 28	Catechism Great Vespers/Confessions	3:00pm 5:00pm
Sunday 1	Divine Liturgy <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i> Sunday of Orthodoxy Passion Vespers St. Catherine's Monastery 21285 Old Sonora Columbia Road Sonora, CA 95370	10:00am 5:00pm

Announcements

Welcome to Priest Gregory Hanson - coming to us from Holy Trinity Cathedral - San Francisco

Passion Vespers Sunday of Orthodoxy

I am sure this is all very new to each of you. I was used to celebrating the Passion Vespers each Sunday of Lent when I was in Colorado. We would go to a different church each week and have a fellowship meal afterward. It was a chance for Orthodox of various jurisdictions to come together for worship and fellowship. I realize this is very short notice, but I would encourage each of you to give this a try. I will try and make it myself will try and attend the event at St. Catherine's Monastery.

St. Eugene Camp is on track for June 21-27 at the Armenian Camp in Dunlap. I am asking everyone to contribute so we can defray the cost of the Church counselors. Last year we gave just over \$1000.00 *If you did not have a chance to contribute to St. Eugene Camp please give your Check to Jason Batson or Petar Magazinovic.*

An important message from our webmaster Nicholas Tamraz - Give easily and securely through our Mobile Church Giving App. Simply download **Tithe.ly** app on your phone to make one-time gifts, set up recurring donations, and support the ongoing ministry of our church. To learn more or download the app, visit our website and click [Give Online](#) at the top of the page.

Great Lent Confessions – Everyone, whether you confess regularly or only once per year, will need to make a confession during the Lenten season. I am giving a time window from Sunday of Zachaeus to Friday April 3rd. Please avail yourself to this huge window to make a confession as part of our season of repentance.

Forgiveness Sunday

Today we remember the expulsion of Adam from Paradise. God expels Adam and Eve on one account as punishment to desiring above all else to disobey God's command given to Adam to not touch of the Tree of the knowledge and evil. On the other hand it was out of God's great mercy that Adam and Eve would not remain in the garden and touch the tree of life and live forever in a sinful state. We live in a world of chaos and death because of Eve's beguilement by the serpent in the garden. We continue to add to the alien spirit of thinking we are like God or can become like Him in disregard to His will for us. By forgiving each other we then add some sanity and healing to our community and this world. I as your priest have added to the sickness and chaos of our community and the entire world – for that I ask for your forgiveness and I ask that each of you forgive everyone in our community and everyone in your life of everything – no matter what so healing and wholeness can come back into the world.

Please feel free to contact Fr. Lawrence for questions or to visit. 719-347-1211
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