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Sunday, April 7, 2024

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3rd Sunday of Great Lent, Veneration of Precious Cross

Rest of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America

We welcome all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall for fellowship. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. **Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through strict Fasting on the morning of the Liturgy, recent Confession and at peace with each other may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

SERVICES:

Sunday, April 7	9:30 AM: Liturgy of St. Basil & Fellowship (Veneration of Precious Cross) Church School
Sunday, April 7	4:00 PM: Lenten Mission @ St. Mary's, St. Clair
Wednesday, April 10	5:00 PM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Fast from Noon)
Friday, April 12	5:00 PM: Akathist to the Theotokos, Confessions
Saturday, April 13	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, and Confessions
Sunday, April 14	9:30 AM: Liturgy of St. Basil & Fellowship (St. John Climacus of the Ladder)
Sunday, April 14	4:00 PM: Lenten Mission @ St. Mary's Church, Coaldale
Wednesday, April 17	5:00 PM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Fast from Noon)
Thursday, April 18	5:00 PM: Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Friday, April 19	5:00 PM: Akathist to the Theotokos, Confessions
Saturday, April 20	5:00 PM: Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, April 21	9:30 AM: Liturgy of St. Basil (St. Mary of Egypt)
Sunday, April 21	5:00 PM: Lenten Mission @ Holy Apostles Church, Mechanicsburg
Wednesday, April 24	5:00 PM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Fast from Noon)
Friday, April 26	5:00 PM: Canon of St. Lazarus, Confessions

Prayer List*:

Fr. Gregory White, Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo
Jeanne Cannon, Stephanie Chmel, Julia Forte, Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Nancy King,
Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy & Joseph Macenka, Anna Pierson,
Melissa Schmitt, Helen Sheers, Olga Sidoriak, Randy Winney, Marie Yurchak, Joan

* Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days. You may request to have your name or the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

Candles (April 14)

7-day Vigils-Altar: In health of **Joe & Dorothy Macenka** offered by Mildred O'Shura

Altar Candles: In memory of **Helen Ostosky** offered by Julia Forte

Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod: In memory of **Martha Stafiniak** offered by Mildred O'Shura

Vigil Crosses...In health of **Anna Pierson** offered by Edward Pierson

***Donations of flowers on the Tetrapod will now be \$50, due to the increase from Porvaznik's Flowers (under new management) in Lansford.**

April Birthdays: Paul Macenka 10- Jacqueline Babinetz, 14-Marie Yurchak, 16- Mary Evetushick, 17- Anastasia Babinetz, Julie McHugh, 22- Thomas Terry, 24- Dennis Vavra, 25- Paul Macenka, Jr.

Financials 4/7/2024: Operating Acct: Envelopes \$395, Non-envelope \$576, Candles \$146, Holy Day \$50, Donations \$40.

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

April 14 Russell King **April 21** Helen King **April 28** John Evetushick **May 5** Pascha

May 12 Russell King **May 19** Chinese Auction **May 26** OPEN

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King.
Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

'Tentative' HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 27	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy – (Lazarus Saturday)
Saturday, April 27	4:00 PM: Chrismation Service: Stephanie, Gabriel & Charlotte Melber
Saturday, April 27	5:00 PM: Great Vespers with Litia
Sunday, April 28	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy – (Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday)
Sunday, April 28	5:00 PM: Bridegroom Service
Monday, April 29	9:30 AM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Monday, April 29	5:00 PM: Bridegroom Service
Tuesday, April 30	9:30 AM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Tuesday, April 30	5:00 PM: Bridegroom Service
Wednesday, May 1	6:00 PM: Holy Unction @ Holy Ascension, Frackville
Thursday, May 2	9:30 AM: Vespereal Liturgy (St. Basil)
Thursday, May 2	6:00 PM: 12 Passion Gospel Readings
Friday, May 3	9:30 AM: Royal Hours
Friday, May 3	5:00 PM: Holy Friday – Burial Service
Friday, May 3	7:00 PM: Holy Friday – Matins Lamentations
Saturday, May 4	9:30 AM: Holy Saturday – Vespereal Liturgy
Saturday, May 4	10:00 PM: Nocturns, Matins, Holy Pascha Divine Liturgy followed by the Blessing of Baskets & enjoying our basket foods
Sunday, May 5	11:00 AM: Agape Vespers, Blessing of Baskets.

April 14, 2024. Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, St. John Climacus (of the Ladder)

Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 1 Troparion (St. John Climacus)

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, you were a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. Glory to Him Who gave you strength! Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! // Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

Tone 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Tone 4 Kontakion (St. John Climacus)

The Lord truly set you on the heights of abstinence, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe, // O our father and teacher John.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

V. O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all.

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (St. John Climacus)

V. Let the saints exult in glory; / let them sing for joy on their couches!

Hebrews 6:13 -20 (Epistle)

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

V. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

Tone 4

V. They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Silent Prayer before the Gospel:

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."

But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."