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If you would like to make a donation to our parish, please feel free to use the QR Code or link to our parish website donation page below. Thank you for your continued support and generosity for our parish in bringing The Love and Faith of Our Lord Jesus Christ to all! May God continue to bless and guide you and keep all of you in His loving care today and always!



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 7. Veneration of the Cross. Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Manuel and Theodosius (304). Ven. John the Clairvoyant, Anchorite, of Egypt (394-395). The “GLYKOPHYLOUSA” and the “AKATHIST” Icons of the Mother of God on Mt. Athos.

EPISTLE: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Hebrews 4:14-5:6

GOSPEL:
Mark 8:34-9:1

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

FLOWERS FOR THIS WEEK

In front of the Icon of Our Lord, In front of the Icon of The Theotokos,
and on the Center Icon Table are donated by St. George Orthodox Church

Altar Vigil Candles are offered by Anthony DeNuovo in Loving Memory
of Thy Departed Servants of his family. May their memory be eternal.

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WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

We welcome all of you to the Divine Liturgy this morning, especially those who are visiting with us here at St. George Orthodox Church. Everyone is invited to the Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy for Christian Fellowship. It is our prayer that your experience this morning was spiritually uplifting and you will return very soon to pray with our parish family. In the Orthodox Church, we do not practice open Communion. However we do invite everyone to come and participate in the Divine Liturgy. Hence only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through prayer and fasting may receive Holy Communion. May the Lord bless you with many years of good health and happiness.

THE SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES and ACTIVITIES

Sunday April 3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – ST. JOHN CLIMACUS {Youth Sunday}
9:40 A.M. The Hours
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Coffee Hour Fellowship in Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy
Q&A with Fr. Jay via In-Person and Google Classroom following Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Lenten Vespers Service
{Ss Theodore Orthodox Church – Williamsville, NY}

Fifth Week of Great Lent {April 4 - April 10}

Monday April 4 6:00 P.M. Monthly Healing Prayer Service

Tuesday April 5 9:00 A.M. Daily Lenten Matins
6:30 P.M. St. George Church Bible Study Class (via Zoom)

Wednesday April 6 9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Feast of St. Tikhon– Patriarch of Moscow, Apostle to North America

Thursday April 7 **NYS DEANERY MEETING – SYRACUSE**

Friday April 8 9:00 A.M. Confessions
9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 P.M. Paraklesis Service to The Theotokos

Saturday April 9 FIFTH SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT – AKATHIST TO THE THEOTOKOS
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
4:00 P.M. Great Vespers

Sunday April 10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – ST. MARY OF EGYPT
9:30 A.M. GENERAL CONFESSION
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Coffee Hour Fellowship in Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy
Church School Class via In-Person and Google Classroom following Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Lenten Vespers Service
{St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church – Niagara Falls, NY}

****PLEASE REFER TO THE WEEKLY EMAILS AND PARISH WEBSITE
FOR CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR!****

For All of our Parishioners and their families, the communicants of this holy house, those who pray here, our loved ones and their families and for those who are praying with us today and all of those whom we have in our hearts and minds

For All of our parishioners who are in hospitals, nursing home, and those who are homebound.

For All of the ill-afflicted of our parishes and families especially those affected with the Coronavirus and other ailments and for their continued full recovery and good health

For All of our doctors, nurses, physicians, and medical professionals

For our Nation that The Lord our God will continue to bless us and guide and teach us to love another, pray for one another and forgive one another.

For All of those who are travelling and for their safe journey and return to their homes

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FOR THY DEPARTED SERVANTS OF GOD:

For all of those who tragically lost their lives to the Coronavirus and other ailments of the clergy and parishioners of This Holy House who have departed this life, who now lie asleep in the Lord

Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Ever-Memorable Archpriest Eugene
Ever-Memorable Priest John
Ever-Memorable Archpriest Rastko
Ever-Memorable Dn. Mark

Ever-Memorable Archpriest Bernard
Ever-Memorable Archpriest George
Ever-Memorable Archpriest George
Matushka Dorothy

Priest Leonid Gregory, Priest Peter, Archpriest Kirill, Dn. Michael, John Robert, Sister Thomas, Frank, Jenny, Charles, Florence, Michael Stevens, William, George, Marion

Ever-Memorable Pdn Gregory

Ever-Memorable Sbdn Gregory

Martha, Akhtar, Barkat, Rehmat

Newly-Departed Servants of God
Mario (40th Day – April 17)

*If anyone would like to have their loved ones added to the prayer list for remembrance during the Divine Liturgy, please see or contact Fr. Jason.

HYMNS FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY

Tropars/Kontakions for Divine Liturgy

Troparion for The Resurrection — Tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion for St. John Climacus — Tone 1

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

Kontakion for The Resurrection - Tone 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,// and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion for St. John Climacus - Tone 4

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Steadfast Protectress Tone 6 (Hymn to the Theotokos)

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator. Despise not the entreating cry of us sinners, but in Your Goodness come speedily to help us who call on You in faith! Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos!! For You always protect those who honor You!

PROKEMEINON Tone 8

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God!

v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE SECOND PROKEMEINON Tone 7

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

ALLELUIA VERSES

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

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

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following)

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*** * * * * PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE * * * * ***

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS
FOR THE HEALTH OF THY SERVANTS:**

HIERARCHS

Metropolitan HERMAN Archbishop BENJAMIN Archbishop ALEJO
Archbishop PAUL Archbishop NATHANIEL Bishop DANIEL

CLERGY

Archpriest Herman, Matushka Cynthia and Family Archpriest Leonid Archpriest David
Archpriest Alexey and his family Archpriest Vladimir and Matushka Jeanne
Archpriest Timothy/Mat. Michelle Presbyter John and Presbytera Nancy
Archpriest Ken and Matushka Natalie Presbyter Andreja, Popadija Anica and Family
Archpriest Timothy Priest Peter and Mat. Mary
Dn. Sean and Mat. Heather Archpriest John (Onofrey)
Priest Mykola and those with him

MATUSHKI

Mat. Katia Mat. Paraskeva Mat. Joanna Popadia Vicki Mat. Patricia Mat. Gloria
Catherine Ivan/Marina/Inna Bonnie/Silviu Coard Karen Aliscia Walter/Paul
Edwina Irene Luba Jim, Darren, Marsha Frank June
Serena/Asma Lillian Reader Victor Nicholas, Andrew Marilyn Amanda
Sarah Albert Boris Oscar Ronald, Candice
Xenia, Justin, Danielle, John Larry Joseph Frank Billy Clyde
Victor Catherine Susan Svetlana Juliana Evelyn
Robert Rebecca Paul Brian Jeanne Angela, Jason, Michelle Linda
Justin Olga John, Helen Ashley Steven Lia/Isaiah
Joseph, John, Margaret, Thomas, Victoria Barbara Susan Mary John
Melody Lee Lee, Bridget Matthew William
Kelly, Robert, Boris, Zaeb, Tirza, Sabas Sada Thisinitsa, Gemmal, Geesa, and Patric
Olga and Eugene Jeremy Stewart
Susan Justin Louis Yuri/Elena Alex John, Kevin, Sean Anthony Tita
Jaime/Sammy, Juliana Harry James
Lee, Benjamin, Harry Patrick Emma/Alexander Elias, John, Joseph, Nadim, Theresa
Aspasia/Stavros Charles Seraphim Aldona
Vadym Iryna Yuriy Anastasia Rosemary Anthony
Mary, Hal, Autumn, Ariana, and Amber, Judithann Anita, Jeffry, Dominic, Douglas, Rachel, Dennis
Amelia, Emily
Brian John, Roberta, Barbara John, Michael John Ron, Illiana, Jillian, Joel
George Costa Jonathan, Kevin, Lary, Carly, Sherry, Mary Jo, Clara, Karl, Dragica, Mary
Stephen, Larry, Olga, Olga, Sally, Deborah, David
Rdr Nicholas, Judithann, Michael, Mary, Cate, Michael, Gary, Damian, Olga, Alexandra, Barbara

Children of God – Harry, Keely, Isla, Talia, Lane, Liam
Corina and Nicole and the children to be born of them

Diocese of NY&NJ Prayer List

Archpriest Samuel Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar Mitred Archpriest Daniel and Mat. Myra
Archpriest George Archpriest Paul Mat. Gerry
Archpriest Jonathan Archpriest Paul

Those Serving in The Armed Forces

Kenneth, Nadine, Jason, Robert, Andrew, Justin, Shawn,
Austin, Chris, John, Daniel, Gjorgie, Thomas

Catechumens

Juanita Martha, Selathiel, Nathaniel

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH BOOKSTORE

As you are in the Parish Fellowship Hall for coffee hour, don't forget to check out our newly-formed Bookstore. We have some new items that just arrived. These items include: Icon ornaments, jewelry, Icons, prayer books, prayers ropes, and much more. If you need a Gift, come check out the Bookstore...you may find something you like!! We are now also offering Gift Certificates for our Bookstore. Please speak with Dave or Andrea for more details/information!! We thank David and Andrea Chmiel who are managing of our Bookstore for us. If you have any questions or if you would like to order something that you do not see, please see or contact David or Andrea Chmiel and they will be able to assist you. You may also email them at: bookstore@stgeorgebuffalo.com. May GOD continue to bless and guide all of you.

Also in the Parish Fellowship Hall, we have the Giving Tree! If anyone would like to sign up for Coffee Hour Readers Bulletin Collection, Communion Cloth, Home Blessing, please see or contact Fr. Jason!



A SINCERE AND HEARTFELT THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS TO THE PARISH FROM OUR PARISH GIVING TREE

Please be sure to check out "The Giving Tree" in the Parish Fellowship Hall as well as on our parish website (www.stgeorgebuffalo.com) to see how we may be able to donate towards the needs of our parish through our continued support and stewardship for our beloved parish.

Some of the items on the leaves are as follows:

- Candles
- 7-Day Vigil Candles
- Flowers for Feast Days
- Charcoal
- Altar Wine
- Cups for Zapifka
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

If anyone has any questions, please see or contact Fr. Jason or Barbara.

Thank you for your continued prayerful support and stewardship.

May God continue to bless and guide all of you, your families and our entire Parish family and keep all of us in His Loving Care!

EPISTLE LESSON FOR TODAY

Brethren:

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.

Brethren:

For the fruit of the Spirit^[a] is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON FOR TODAY

Let us Attend!

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."

Let us Attend!

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Remember our Loved Ones during Our Daily Prayers

'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

{Matt. 25:40}

As we say our daily prayers, let us also take time out to remember our loved ones who are homebound, who are in hospitals and who are in nursing homes. Let us remember them that GOD will continue to watch over them and protect them. Also, during the Year, let us take to either send them a card, give them a call, or visit them to let them know how much we love them, how much we remember them, and how much we pray for them.

Please refer to the of our Parish Shut-Ins below.

If anyone has any questions or would like to add someone to our List of Parish Shut-Ins, please see or contact Fr. Jason. May God continue to bless you and guide you!

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH PARISH SHUT-INS (2022)

Mr. Anthony Dipiano 305 North Street Apt. 77 Buffalo, N	Reader Victor Shanchuk McAuley Residence 1503 Military Rd. Buffalo, NY 14217 716.881.3096	Mrs. Luba Japadjief Elderwood Nursing Home 104 Old Niagara Rd. Lockport, NY 14221 (Room 47A)
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Mrs. Bonnie Dan 15 Pine Street North Tonawanda, NY 14150 716.693.1377	Mr. Albert Fadell 317.376.2562
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Andrew Wityk Ellicott Center 200 Seventh Street Buffalo, NY 14201	Mrs. Tita Abraham 84 Stonington Lane, Apt 3 Getzville, NY 14068
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****GENERAL CONFESSION SERVICE**

SUNDAY APRIL 10 AT 9:30 AM**

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH OCMC PARISH AMBASSADORS

To The Glory of God, our parish has been blessed with two parishioners who have answered The Call of Our Lord to be Parish Ambassadors for OCMC guiding us to help bring The Gospel of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ of “Making Disciples of All Nations baptizing them in The Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit!”

Anthony Gregory DelNuovo and John Moses Lutz are our Parish Ambassadors for OCMC (The Orthodox Christian Mission Center). To help the good work being done by The OCMC of supporting Missionaries around the world, our parish will be sponsoring and supporting a missionary on a annual basis. The cost is only \$600/year. So far we have collected over \$1000 for this year’s sponsorship. If anyone would like to make a donation, please see or contact Anthony or John. We express our most sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who has graciously donated so far. Thank you for kindness and generosity in supporting the good work and mission of The OCMC in fulfilling Our Lord’s Command in The Gospel of Matthew of: “Making Disciples of All Nations!”

For more information about The OCMC, please visit their website:

www.ocmc.org

Another blessing for our parish of continuing the Good Work that has been entrusted to us of bringing The Gospel Message to All! Lord it is good to be here!

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****PLEASE REFER TO THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR GREAT LENT, HOLY WEEK, FEAST OF HOLY PASCHA THROUGH FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL!****

****GENERAL CONFESSION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY APRIL 3 – THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT ST. MARY OF EGYPT – AT 9:30 AM!****

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to see or contact Fr. Jason!

An Invitation to Support the Stewards of the OCA!

The Orthodox Church in America (OCA) set the direction for expanding our apostolic work in North America at the 18th All-American Council. The foundation for this work is Jesus Christ, Whom we encounter in our spiritual lives, stewardship, evangelism and outreach, and relations with others as we engage the world. Being a steward of the OCA goes beyond the financial gifts which support the work of our church. Being a steward is about caring for and knowing the history of the mission of the Orthodox Church here in North America and finding your place in that history. Having received this great gift of our Orthodox Faith, we bear the responsibility to continue the legacy of Saint Herman and Saint Tikhon; Saint Innocent and Saint Alexis and all the other saints known and unknown who have worked to build up and expand Christ's Church here in North America. Please consider being a part of that mission today by giving to the Stewards of the OCA. For more information, please visit The OCA Website: <https://oca.org/become-a-steward>

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An Invitation to Support the Ministry of the DDB!

In order to fund necessary ministries and fulfill the work of the Church in the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors** generously contribute financial support. To learn more about the DDB, please go to the following link: <http://vimeo.com/71021182> and watch a 60 second video inviting you to join the ever-growing list of Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of The Diocese of New York and New Jersey who joyfully support the on-going work of our diocese. Their support allows us to provide assistance to new mission parishes, scholarships to seminarians, support the departments of The Diocese, and much-needed encouragement to older struggling parishes. How about you? Our parish is a member of the DDB. If anyone would like to join, please see Fr. Jason as well as take a pamphlet from the table in the back of the church. May God continue to bless and guide you for your continued support. The Diocese of New York and New Jersey has two monthly newsletters: "**First Fruits**" and "**Beyond the Plateau.**" The goal, as expressed by Archbishop Michael, is to increase communication and grow the communal spirit of diocesan fellowship in the building-up and strengthening of our parish communities. To learn more about these monthly diocesan publications, please refer to the diocesan website: <http://www.nynjoca.org/newsletters.html>.

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“Lessons in Our Faith” Video presented by His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL

His Eminence Archbishop Michael presents a series of talks on matters of faith, belief, and the teachings of the Church. These instructional videos are concise and "to the point," offering Orthodox Christians much-needed information, helpful advice for their spiritual journey, and assistance in answering questions that may come from non-Orthodox friends or acquaintances. The goal is that we might better know and better live our faith. These instructional videos can be found at the Diocesan Website: <http://www.nynjoca.org>! For those who do not have internet, please see the handouts from each lesson which are located on the table in the back of the church. **There are 14 videos! Be sure to check them out!**

WEEKLY VIDEO SERMONS GIVEN BY HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL

These sermons offered to us by The Diocese via video can be found on the Diocesan Website: <http://www.nynjoca.org>!

There are videos for each week beginning with The Feast of Feasts – Holy Pascha! Be sure to check them out!

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IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will continue with our on-going collections for The Buffalo City Mission, Hearts for Homeless, Mats for Mission, HomeSpace, Resurrection Life Food Pantry, Baker Victory as well as our other outreach ministry projects.
- **WE CONTINUE TO CONTACT ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS ON A REGULAR BASIS TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE IS OKAY, SAFE AND HEALTHY.**

****Please be on the lookout for emails this week with the following items:**

- 1) **Reader Outlines for ALL weekend SERVICES**
- 2) **Zoom information for Education Classes and Book Club**
- 3) **Updates on Schedule of Services Events**
- 4) **Pastoral Video for Parish Monthly Update**

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EACH WEEK WE WILL BE RECORDING THE WEEKLY INCOME FOR EACH SUNDAY AS WELL AS POSTING THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS AND MINUTES FOR OUR PARISH FOLLOWING THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS!

INCOME FOR SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2022 - \$

Commercial Savings Account Deposit \$

DONATION TO THE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND (Kitchen) – \$750.00

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MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND GUIDE YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PRAYERS

Also in the Parish Fellowship Hall, we have the Giving Tree! If anyone would like to sign up for Coffee Hour Readers Bulletin Collection, Communion Cloth, Home Blessing, please see or contact Fr. Jason!

****A REMINDER FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR DURING GREAT LENT****

When hosting coffee hour during Great Lent, we must refrain from using meat and dairy products in our foods and beverages.

If anyone has any questions about prayer and fasting or restrictions when hosting coffee hour, please see Fr. Jason and he will help you and guide you! If anyone would like to host coffee hour, please see or contact Mat. Fran (610.698.1666/frances.vansuch@yahoo.com)

May all of us have a Blessed, Peaceful, Holy and Prayerful Great Lenten Journey!

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St. Andrew's Camp Summer 2022
Save the Dates!

Week 1: Sunday, July 3 - Friday, July 8 -- Family Week
Week 2: Sunday, July 10 - Saturday, July 16 -- Horse Week 1
Week 3: Sunday, July 17 - Saturday, July 23 -- Mish Mash Week
Week 4: Sunday, July 24 - Saturday, July 30 -- Horse Week 2
Week 5: Sunday, July 31 - Saturday, August 6 -- Teen Week

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ST. ANDREW'S CAMP

FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME In The Orthodox Christian Church

Saturday Great Vespers 4:00 PM
SUNDAY Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM (Sept-May)
9:30 AM (May-September)
~ All are Welcome ~

Do we have questions about our life, its meaning, purpose, destiny?
Are we desiring to know Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God?
Are we seeking forgiveness, healing, and wholeness?
Do we wonder where to go to find answers?
We can find the answers to these questions and so many other questions
in The Holy Orthodox Church through Her Sacred Tradition,
Holy Scriptures, Her Teachings and Dogmas.

The Orthodox Church is the original Christian Church, the Church founded by the Lord Jesus Christ and described in the pages of the New Testament. Her history can be traced in unbroken continuity all the way back to Christ and His Twelve Apostles, empowered and sent forth on the day of Holy Pentecost. Incredible as it seems, for over twenty centuries she has continued in her undiminished and unaltered faith and practice. Today her apostolic doctrine, worship, and structure remain intact. The Orthodox Church maintains that the Church is the living Body of Jesus Christ. Many of us are surprised to learn that for the first 1000 years of Christian history there was just one Church.

Where is **"The Church"** to be found and experienced today? Come Taste and See How Good The Lord is every Sunday by joining us for The Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM.

What is Orthodox Christianity all about? How does it differ from other Christian confessions? This section will attempt to answer these questions and many more.

For a visual introduction to the Orthodox Church, please view the video link below:

http://www.youtube.com/v/Gj4pUphDitA&color1=0xb1b1b1&color2=0xcfcfcf&feature=player_embedded&fs=1

For a brief introduction and in depth study to The Orthodox Faith and to find answers to: 'What we Believe?', 'Who we Are?', and 'How we Live?', please view the PDF link below:

<http://orthodoxdelmarva.org/files/studies/InquirersClassV1final.pdf>

or you may visit the OCA website by clicking the link below:

<http://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith>

or you can begin a Journey Through Orthodoxy by clicking the link below:

<http://journeytoorthodoxy.com>

To learn more ways that we can teach our children about the Orthodox Faith, The OCA has provided a wonderful website for us to use that provides great resources such as (handouts, texts, articles, stories, and much more)! To see this great website, please view the PDF link below:

<http://dce.oca.org/page/resources/>

If you have any questions or would like to know more about The Orthodox Faith or needs and help or assistance, please contact our parish priest: V Rev. Jason Vansuch (jvansuch@hotmail.com) or 716.875.4222 and he will be able guide you.

** Saint Andrew's Camp has released a new promotional video for prospective campers!

The video can be found here on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintandrewsorthodoxcamp/videos/357928144820497/>

**Be sure to check it out...you may recognize the priest:)

For more than sixty years, St. Andrew's Camp has offered the young people of our parishes an incredible summer camping experience. Children and teens have been instructed in prayer and the divine services, the reading of Scripture and the teachings of our Orthodox Church. They have been nourished with the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. They have had fun swimming, horseback riding, playing sports, singing and learning musical instruments, creating in the visual arts, learning to safeguard the planet, and exploring the stars. And they have established friendships that last a lifetime, met their future spouses, and nurtured their vocations to serve the Lord in ministry.

As a token of gratitude for the labors of love extended by the administration and staff, both clergy and laypersons, of St. Andrew's over the past six decades, it is now time for us to help the Camp in an especially needed way.

Please join us in raising funds for the new multi purpose building which will include new kitchen, dining hall and activities center. The cost of this new building is \$300,000. To become a reality, the completion and furnishing of this much-needed center will require great generosity of individuals, organizations and parishes.

You can click on the link below which will take you to the gofundme.com page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-andrew039s-camp-fundraiser-by-ss-peter-and-paul>

As we continue to fulfill the work of Our Lord by living and fulfilling His Gospel Message, let us open our hearts and minds by providing support and assistance to our Diocese, to our children, by taking a moment to reflect upon what God has given us, and to discern how we might be able to return to God a portion of the blessings we have received.

We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you and your families for your continued prayers, support and generosity.

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OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 13th	<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 20th	The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 27th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9; 2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 6th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13: 11-14; 4 Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 13th	<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-12: 2 Gospel: John 1: 43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 20th	ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1: 10-2: 3 Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 27th	VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6 Gospel: Mark 8: 34-9: 1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 3rd	ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6: 13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 10th	ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 17th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 22nd	<i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 24th NO FASTING!	<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8 Gospel: Jan 1: 1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: ST. JOHN CLIMACUS (Of The Ladder)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Only by Prayer and Fasting

Mark 9:17-31

*From The Explanation of the Gospel of St. Mark
by Blessed Theophylact, Archbishop of Ochrid and Bulgaria*

14-18. And when He came to His disciples, He saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. And straightway all the people, when they beheld Him, were greatly amazed, and running to Him, saluted Him. And He asked the scribes, What question ye with them? And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto Thee my son, who hath a dumb spirit; and wheresoever it taketh hold of him, it teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and wasteth away: and I spake to Thy disciples that they should cast it out; and they could not.

When He came to His disciples, that is, to the nine that had not gone up onto the mountain with Him, He saw that they were being questioned by the Pharisees. For the Pharisees had seized the opportunity of Jesus absence to attempt to turn the disciples away from the Lord. The multitude, however, suddenly caught sight of Him, and greeted Him. They had been longing to see Him, and now they caught sight of Him and greeted Him as if He had just returned from a long journey. Some say that even His appearance had become more beautiful from the light of the Transfiguration which drew the multitude towards Him to greet Him. A man in the crowd spoke in answer to the Lords question. This man was weak in faith, as even the Lord attests when He says, *O faithless generation*, and again, *all things are possible*

to him that believeth. The man himself attests to his unbelief when he says, *Help Thou mine unbelief*. His complaints against the disciples clearly shows his unbelief. For he ought not to have accused them in front of everyone, but privately.

19-27. He answereth him, and saith, *O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him unto Me. And they brought him unto Him: and when He saw him, straightway the spirit tore him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And He asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Since a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if Thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and tore him much, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.*

The man who approached the Lord accused the disciples of not having the power to heal. But the Lord turns the blame onto him, all but saying, "It is your unbelief which is the cause of your sons not being healed." The Lord does not address only this man, but He directs this saying to all, reproaching all the Jews for their unbelief.

For it is likely that many of the bystanders were also scandalized by the disciples inability to heal. The Lord shows that He welcomes death, when He says, *How long shall I be with you?* meaning, it is a torment to Me to live with you and your unbelief. But though He reproaches them, He grants the healing as well. He does not desire to heal the son as a show of His power, but rather He proceeds with great humility. See how He does not attribute the healing to His own power, but to the mans faith, when He says, *All things are possible to him that believeth.* As soon as He saw a crowd beginning to gather around, He rebuked the spirit, not wanting to heal in front of the multitude as though for show. When He rebuked the spirit and said, *Come out of him, and enter no more into him,* this suggests that because of the mans unbelief, the demon would have again entered into him if it had not been prevented by the Lords command. The Lord permits the spirit to rend the son, so that all might recognize the attack of the demon, and understand that it would have killed the man if it had not been held in check by the hand of God. A man is thrown by a demon into the fire of anger and desire, and into water, meaning, into the pounding surf of worldly cares. This demon is both mute and deaf. It is deaf, not wanting to hear the words of God; and it is mute, not able to teach others what ought to be taught. But if Jesus, Who is the Word of the Gospel, should take him by the hand, that is, strengthen his power to act, then that man will be freed from the demon. See how God first helps us, and then we ourselves are required to work. For the Evangelist says that Jesus lifted him up – this is the divine help, and he arose – this is the effort of the man himself to do good.

28-29. And when He was come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, Why could not we cast it out? And He said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

The disciples were afraid they had lost the grace which the Lord had given them, and this was why they had not been able to cast out the demon. See that out of respect they approached the Lord privately. This kind – what kind? The kind which may make their abode in lunatics, or, in general, the whole race of demons, does not come out except through prayer and fasting. Both the one suffering, and the one about to heal, must fast. Both are necessary. Good sense dictates that the one suffering must fast. He must not only fast, but also pray; and he must not only pray, but also fast, for true prayer is rendered when it is yoked to fasting. When the one who prays is not weighed down by the effects of food, his prayer is not burdened and ascends easily.

30-31. And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and He would not that any man should know it. For He taught His disciples, and said unto them, The Son of Man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill Him; and after He is killed, He shall rise the third day.

Whenever the Lord spoke of His passion on the cross, He would precede and follow His words with miracles, so that no one could think that He would suffer because He was powerless. And when He spoke sad words, such as, *they shall kill Him,* He would add words of joy, *He shall rise the third day,* teaching us that gladness always follows after grief, and that we should not anguish

needlessly in our sorrows, but should hope for better things.

ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. The abbot of St Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai (6th century) stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God's Kingdom (Mt.10: 12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Eph 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, according to the Lord, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Mt.24:13).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. JOHN OF THE CLIMAX (Mark 9:17-31)

This Sunday commemorates St. John of the Climax (6th century) who is the writer of the book called *The Ladder (climax)* of Paradise. This book contains 30 chapters, with each chapter as a step leading up to a faithful and pious life as the climax of a Christian life. The spirit of repentance and devotion to Christ dominates the essence of this book, along with the monastic virtues and vices. He was an ascetic and writer on the spiritual life as a monk-abbot of Sinai Monastery. These steps of the ladder as set forth by St. John are to be practiced by the Christian especially during this period of the Great Lent. Each step leading to the top step of the ladder, is the climactic essence of the true meaning of a Christian life.

The Ladder of Divine Ascent

The Ladder of Divine Ascent is an [ascetical](#) treatise on avoiding vice and practicing virtue so that at the end, [salvation](#) can be obtained. Written by [Saint John Climacus](#) initially for [monastics](#), it has become one of the most highly influential and important works used by the Church as far as guiding the faithful to a God-centered life, second only to [Holy Scripture](#).

There is also a related [icon](#) known by the same title. It depicts many people climbing a ladder; at the top is [Jesus Christ](#), prepared to receive the climbers into [Heaven](#). Also shown are [angels](#) helping the climbers, and [demons](#) attempting to shoot with arrows or drag down the climbers, no matter how high up the ladder they may be. Most versions of the icon show at least one person falling.

The aim of the treatise is to be a guide for practicing a life completely and wholly devoted to God. The ladder metaphor – not dissimilar to the vision that the [Patriarch Jacob](#) received – is used to describe how one may ascend into heaven by first renouncing the world and finally ending up in heaven with God. There are thirty chapters; each covers a particular vice or virtue. They were originally called *logoi*, but in the present day, they are referred to as "steps." The sayings are not so much rules and regulations, as with the Law that St. Moses received at Sinai, but rather

observations about what is being practiced. Metaphorical language is employed frequently to better illustrate the nature of virtue and vice. Overall, the treatise does follow a progression that transitions from start (renunciation of the world) to finish (a life lived in love).

The steps are:

1. On renunciation of the world
2. On detachment
3. On exile or pilgrimage; concerning dreams that beginners have
4. On blessed and ever-memorable obedience (in addition to episodes involving many individuals)
5. On painstaking and true repentance which constitutes the life of the holy convicts; and about the Prison
6. On remembrance of death
7. On joy-making mourning
8. On freedom from anger and on meekness
9. On remembrance of wrongs
10. On slander or calumny
11. On talkativeness and silence
12. On lying
13. On despondency
14. On that clamorous mistress, the stomach
15. On incorruptible purity and chastity, to which the corruptible attain by toil and sweat
16. On love of money, or avarice
17. On non-possessiveness (that hastens one Heavenwards)
18. On insensibility, that is, deadening of the soul and the death of the mind before the death of the body
19. On sleep, prayer, and psalmody with the brotherhood
20. On bodily vigil and how to use it to attain spiritual vigil, and how to practise it
21. On unmanly and puerile cowardice
22. On the many forms of vainglory
23. On mad [pride](#) and (in the same Step) on unclean blasphemous thoughts; concerning unmentionable blasphemous thoughts
24. On meekness, simplicity, and guilelessness which come not from nature but from conscious effort, and about guile
25. On the destroyer of the passions, most sublime humility, which is rooted in spiritual perception
26. On discernment of thoughts, passions and virtues; on expert discernment; brief summary of all aforementioned
27. On holy stillness of body and soul; different aspects of stillness and how to distinguish them
28. On holy and blessed prayer, the mother of virtues, and on the attitude of mind and body in prayer
29. Concerning Heaven on earth, or Godlike dispassion and perfection, and the resurrection of the soul before the general resurrection
30. Concerning the linking together of the supreme trinity among the virtues; a brief exhortation summarizing all that has said at length in this book

The Sunday of St. John Climacus

Do you know what an anchor does? An anchor is something that keeps a boat from drifting around a lake or a harbor. An anchor keeps the boat in one spot, right where the sailor or fisherman wants it to be.

In the epistle reading today, we hear about how we have an anchor too. Just like a boat's anchor, our anchor keeps us right where we want to be too. For us, that's close to God. The epistle tells us that our anchor is our hope in the resurrection. As Christians, we think about how our Lord, Jesus Christ has opened up heaven for us. We think about how one day we hope to be with Him there. This is our anchor. When we think about Christ, and when we think about all He has done for us, we will stay right where we want to be, close to God.

But why do we need an anchor? Well, sometimes things pull us away from God. Sometimes movies or things on the Internet or games might pull us away from God. Sometimes our own friends might even pull us away from God, getting us to do things that aren't right. These things might make us drift away from our Lord. But when we think about Jesus Christ, and when we think about what He has done for us, we won't drift away! Let's remember the epistle today: "We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul."

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE. 1 Cor.16:14

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. Matt. 22:37

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. Matt. 22:39

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU. Matt. 5:44

LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, LOVE DOES NOT ENVY, LOVE DOES NOT BOAST, LOVE IS NOT PROUD, LOVE IS NOT SELFISH, LOVE IS NOT PROVOKED. 1Cor. 13:4

LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, LOVE ALWAYS HAS FAITH, LOVE ALWAYS HAS HOPE, LOVE ENDURES ALL THINGS. LOVE NEVER FAILS! 1Cor. 13:7,8

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=== Scriptural Readings for The Fifth Week of Great Lent ===

Monday	Genesis 13:12-18	Proverbs 14:27-15:4
Tuesday	Genesis 15:1-15	Proverbs 15:7-19
Wednesday	Genesis 17:1-9	Proverbs 15:20-16:9
Thursday	Genesis 18:20-33	Proverbs 16:17-17:17
Friday	Genesis 22:1-18	Proverbs 17:17-18:5
Saturday	Heb. 9:1-7 and Heb. 9:24-28	Luke 10:38-42;11:27-28/Mark 8:27-31
Sunday	Gal. 3:23-29 and Heb. 9:11-14	Luke 7:36-50 and Mark 10:32-45

THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK, FEAST OF HOLY PASCHA, AND BRIGHT WEEK

Friday April 15 9:00 A.M. Confessions
 9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy
 6:00 P.M. Matins for Lazarus Saturday

Saturday April 16 **SIXTH SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT – LAZARUS SATURDAY**
Eve of the Great Feast of the Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem
 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 11:30-3:00 P.M. Church School Retreat
 via in-person and Google Classroom
 3:00 P.M. Church School Confessions
 4:00 P.M. Great Vespers with Litiya
 followed by Blessing of Palms and Pussywillows

Sunday April 17 **THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM**
 9:00 A.M. Proskomedie Lesson in Church
 10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
 (Annual Palm Sunday Procession around the outside of Church
 Palm Sunday Luncheon following Divine Liturgy in Parish Fellowship Hall
 Church School Class via in -person and Google Classroom
 1:30 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

HOLY WEEK (April 18 – April 24)

Holy Monday April 18 9:00 A.M. Confessions
 9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy
 6:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Holy Tuesday April 19 9:00 A.M. Confessions
 9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy
 6:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Holy Wednesday April 20 9:00 A.M. Confessions
 9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy
 5:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Thursday
 6:30 P.M. Service of Holy Unction

Holy Thursday April 21 9:00 A.M. Confessions
 9:30 A.M. Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
 6:00 P.M. Matins with Reading of 12 Passion Gospels

Good Friday April 22 9:30 A.M. Royal Hours
 4:00 P.M. Vespers with Burial Service
 * Strict Lenten Pot-Luck Meal following Vespers in Parish Fellowship Hall*
 6:30 P.M. Matins with Lamentations and Procession

Holy Saturday April 23 9:00 A.M. Chrismation of Nathaniel Lent
 9:30 A.M. Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
 11:30 P.M. Nocturne Service

HOLY PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – HOLY PASCHA

Sunday April 24 12:00 A.M. **PASCHA**
Procession, Resurrection Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy
Following The Paschal Divine Liturgy, the Blessing of Paschal Baskets and Foods and Paschal Reception will be held in Parish Fellowship Hall
 11:30 A.M. **Paschal Agape Vespers Service**

BRIGHT WEEK

FAST-FREE WEEK –April 25 to May 1 – FAST-FREE WEEK

Monday April 25 **BRIGHT MONDAY/FEAST OF ST. GEORGE**
{Transferred from Holy Saturday April 23}
 9:15 A.M. Paschal Hours
 9:30 A.M. Paschal Divine Liturgy with
 Procession around Church
 Pot-Luck Paschal Meal in Parish Fellowship Hall following Liturgy!!

Tuesday April 26 **BRIGHT TUESDAY**
 9:30 A.M. Paschal Divine Liturgy with
 Procession around Church

Friday April 29 **BRIGHT FRIDAY**
 9:00 A.M. Akathist in Honor of The
 Resurrection of Our Lord

Saturday April 30 **BRIGHT SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. Great Vespers

Sunday May 1 **ANTIPASCHA – 2ND SUNDAY OF PASCHA – St. Thomas Sunday**
 9:40 A.M. The Hours
 10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour Luncheon in Parish Fellowship Hall following Liturgy!
 Church School Class via in-person and Google Classroom