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07 APRIL 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT - SUNDAY OF VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

At the Divine Liturgy

Tone 3 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 1 Troparion of the Cross

O Lord, save Your people,/and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians/ over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross,/preserve Your habitation!

Tone 7 Kontakion (Cross)

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden;

it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross.
The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished;
for You, O my Savior, have come and cried to those in hell://
“Enter again into Paradise!”

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master,
and Your holy Resurrection we glorify.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Cross)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)

V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Epistle

(311) Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old! (Ps. 73:2)

V. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

Gospel

(37) Mark 8:34-9:1

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

Hymn to the Birth-Giver of God

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

The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord. (Ps. 4:7a)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Announcements

- **PRAY FOR UKRAINE!** - The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine.. **The next Moleben service will be this Tuesday; 09 April at 6:30 PM at Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1301 Newport Ave. Northampton.** We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!
- **ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH MEETING:** The Annual General Parish Meeting for 2024 will take place on TODAY immediately following Divine Liturgy. As per our current By-Laws (2017), Article V Paragraph B Section 1 - "...Only members in good standing, (active members), i.e., those who fulfill all their obligations to the Church, shall participate in a meeting and have the right to vote." Further, members in good standing are defined in Article III Paragraph A. Among the requirements listed there are going to confession and partaking of Holy Communion and being current with financial obligations to the church. For further information, please check your copy of the parish by-laws.
- **SISTERHOOD MEETING:** On Sunday, 14 April, there will be a meeting of the Sisterhood of St. Anna after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the Sisterhood are urged to be present.
- **UKRAINIAN - AMERICAN VETERANS KOVBASA SALE -** The local chapter of the Ukrainian-American Veterans are having their annual Paschal Kovbasa Fundraiser. All the proceeds of the sale help fund the activities of the Vets. The price for Krayana Kovbasa \$7/lb., Krakivska \$a 8/lb, Kovbanosy \$8/lb. and Beet Horseradish \$5 for a container. Please see Nik Fartuch for more information and to place an order.
- **PRAYER BOOKS AND MEMORIAL BOOKS AVAILABLE -** Recently a number of people have requested prayer books for their personal use. We have also had requests for the small memorial books wherein the name of deceased love ones, as well as the living for whom we wish to pray, can be written and submitted to the priest. We are happy to announce we now have a supply of both. Please see Robin Bodnar in the office to purchase.
- **READER SCHEDULE:**

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
04-07	Nik Fartuch	James McKeown
04-14	Liliya Baklavets.	Dennis Ritter
04-21	John Sokalsky.	Robin Bodnar
04-28	Rich Bodnar.	Hayden Arp
- **COFFEE SOCIAL:** *Today's coffee hour is hosted by; THE PARISH BOARD.*

- Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church: Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Fr. Ivan Levitsky, Fr. Bohdan Heleta, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, John Chorney, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Daniel Milinichuk, Maria Onulack, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, William Radio, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Elsie Moroz, Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.

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Schedule for this Week

SUNDAY - 07 April - THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT - SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS - ANNUNCIATION TO THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Mark 8:34-9:1

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
5PM - Pasiya Service

Monday; 08 April - Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

Isaiah 14:24-32 Genesis 8:21-9:7 Proverbs 11:19-12:6

Tuesday; 09 April - The Holy Matrona of Thessalonica

Isaiah 25:1-9. Genesis 9:8-17 Proverbs 121:8-22

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - ***Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1301 Newport Ave. Northampton*** (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy of the Lehigh Valley)

Wednesday; 10 April - The Hilarion the New

Isaiah 26:21-27:9 Genesis 9:18-10:1 Proverbs 12:23-13:9

9 AM - LENTEN HOURS
4 PM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Thursday; 11 April - The Holy Hieromartyr Mark Bishop of Arethusa and Others with Him.

Isaiah 28:14-22 Genesis 10:32-11:9 Proverbs 13:20-14:6

Friday; 12 April - The Venerable John of the Ladder

Isaiah 29:13-23 Genesis 12:1-7 Proverbs 14:15-26

9 AM - LENTEN HOURS

6:30 PM - AKAFIST TO THE HOLY CROSS

Saturday; 13 April (MEMORIAL SATURDAY)- The Holy Hypatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gangra

Hebrews 6:9-12 Mark 7:31-37

9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY with SOROKOUSTY (Remembrance of the Dead)

5 PM - GREAT VESPERS (followed by Holy Confession)

SUNDAY - 14 April - FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT - SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER

Hebrews 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

5 PM - Pasiya Service (Northampton Parish)

Excerpts from "The Son of the Church"

An Explanation of the Cross Which we Wear about the Shoulders on a Cord.

Take heed also concerning the Cross which thou wearest about thy shoulders. Remember the covenant which exists between thee and Christ Himself. When thou camest forth from the baptismal font, thou didst promise to be a servant of Christ and didst venerate His Crucifixion, the Cross of Christ, and wast signed with the Cross of Christ and didst receive from the priest's hand the Cross of Christ, which thou didst place upon thy shoulders. thou didst accept Christ's covenant, whereby thou didst promise to follow Christ according to the Gospel; as it is written: "He that taketh not His Cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of Me." Thou hast taken up the Cross and promised to follow after Christ. Be mindful then, that thou wearest upon thy body the image of the Cross of Christ, upon which



He voluntarily suffered for our salvation. This is God's covenant; this is the ensign of Christ the King: this is the standard of the heavenly hosts; thereby wilt thou be known as a servant of Christ. If anyone ask thee, "What is that?", answer him thus, as it is written: "I bear on my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." If he say, "Where is it written, and who hath commanded thus?", tell him that the Lord carried the cross when the Lord went to His voluntary Passion. It was He Who charged us who believe in Him to carry the Cross. As the divine Luke saith, "They laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the Cross that he might bear it after Jesus." At that time, also, the wise thief by the cross entered into Paradise. But if the man reproach thee and make further inquiries, flee from him quickly, for he is not a believer. For when a man is overly inquisitive about things divine, he hath a deep heart, and God is ex-alted over him, but he descendeth down to hell, because he seeketh to know what is above him, and keepeth not that which hath been handed down to him. From an Old Prayer Book.



The Five Memorial Saturdays of the Deceased (Sorokousty)

Every year the Church Typikon designates five Sorokousty/ Saturdays of the Deceased during Great Lent. In addition the first Saturday for this purpose actually occurs before Great Lent on the Saturday before the reading of the Gospel of the Last Judgement. For 2024 these Saturdays are **March 9th; March 30th, 18th, April 6th and April 13th**. It is a tradition of our Holy Church to commemorate the memories of our beloved deceased at Divine Liturgy on these five Saturdays of the year. Please utilize the Sorokousty envelope included in today's bulletin and either place it in the collection basket with your regular offering or send it into the church through regular mail. NOTE: If you have additional names to be remembered, you may print them on a separate sheet of paper and include it in the envelope. PLEASE ONLY LIST FIRST NAMES!

