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3rd Sunday of Great Lent – Veneration of the Cross

Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen,// granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion (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 (the 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!”

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (the 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 Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Tone 8 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: Mark 8:34-9:1

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

This Week’s Schedule

Sun March 27	9:30 AM- Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM- Lenten Vespers*	3rd Sunday of Great Lent - Veneration of the Cross (Our Venerable Father Benedict of Nursia) <i>Hebrews 1:10-2:3. Mark 2:1-12</i> *St. Nicholas Church, Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem <i>sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood</i>
Mon March 28  (Abstain from meat)	9:00 AM- Lenten Hours 6:30 PM – Moleben to the Mother of God for the Peace and Stability of Ukraine **	Holy Martyr Agapius and other Martyrs with him at Caesarea in Palestine <i>Isaiah 14:24-32</i> <i>Genesis 8:21-9:7 Proverbs 11:19-12:6</i> **St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Northampton. Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy
Tues March 29  (Abstain from meat)	9:00 AM-Lenten Hours	The Holy Martyr Sabinas of Hermopolis in Egypt <i>Isaiah 25:1-9 Genesis 9:8-17 Proverbs 12:8-22</i>
Wed March 30  (Abstain from meat and dairy products.)	9:00 AM – Lenten Hours 4:00 PM - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts	The Holy Alexis the Man of God; the Holy Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland I <i>Isaiah 26:21-27:9 Genesis 9:18-10:1 Proverbs 12:23-13:9</i>
Thurs March 31  (Abstain from meat.)	9:00 AM- Lenten Hours	Holy Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem <i>Isaiah 28:14-22</i> <i>Genesis 10:32-11:9 Proverbs 13:20-14:6</i>
Fri April 1  (Abstain from meat and dairy products.)	9:00 AM - Akafist to the Passion of Christ 6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts	The Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria and those with them at Rome (Abstain from meat and dairy products.) <i>Isaiah 29:13-23 Genesis 12:1-7 Proverbs 114:15-26</i>
Sat April 2	9:00 AM-Divine Liturgy with Sorokousty 5 PM - Vespers	Memorial Saturday- The Holy Fathers slain at the Monastery of St. Sabbas in 796 AD <i>Hebrews 6:9-12 Mark 7:31</i>
Sun April 3	9:30 AM- Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM- Lenten Vespers. **	4th Sunday of Great Lent - The Venerable John of the Ladder <i>Hebrews 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31</i> ** St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, West Union Boulevard Bethlehem (sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood)

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