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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



March 30, 2014

The Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

The Commemoration of St. John Climacus, Author of “The Ladder”

Grave Tone ~ Eothinon 7 ~ Ps. 109:8

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Saints du Jour (March 30)

Venerable John of Sinai, author of “The Ladder;” New-hieromartyr Zachariah, bishop of Corinth; Sophronios, bishop of Irkutsk.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Grave Tone: Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion of St. John Climacus – Plagal Tone 4: The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of Great Lent – Plagal Tone 4: To thee the champion leader, I thy servant offer thanks for victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast power invincible, free me from every danger that I may cry unto thee: Rejoice, O bride without bridegroom.

Prokeimenon: The Lord will give strength to His people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.
(Chapter 6:13-20)

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore to Himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes and oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, He interposed with an oath, so that through two changeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
(Chapter 9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto Him, “Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And Jesus answered him, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me.” And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if You can do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And 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!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And Jesus said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.”

They went out from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 2nd – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 4th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Friday, April 4th – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 5th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, April 9th – Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 11th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 12th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Lazarus Saturday)
Saturday, April 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Palm Sunday)
Sunday, April 13th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Monday, April 14th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Monday, April 14th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, April 15th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Tuesday, April 15th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, April 16th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday, April 16th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, April 17th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 17th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.
Friday, April 18th – Royal Hours of Pascha, 10:00 A.M.
Friday, April 18th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.
Friday, April 18th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 19th – Vesperal Divine Liturgy & Chrismations, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, April 19th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 20th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 20th – Agape Vespers, 1:00 P.M.
Saturday, April 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, Feb. 24. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, March 3, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on Palm Sunday (April 13).

For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then Father expects you to make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent. The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body.

March is **Ladies Month** in our Archdiocese. Today, the epistle shall be read by **Yazmin Incaprera**. **Khouriyeh Pam Nugent** and **Rose Hrabar** are serving as usherettes.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by the **Nakhoul** family for the repose of **Michel, Marie** and **Labib**. May their memory be eternal.

Coffee hour is brought to you today by **Solange Nakhoul**. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Donations for **Easter flowers** are currently being accepted through and including Palm Sunday. If you would like to make a donation for these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Easter flowers.” Donations are \$10.00 per plant. Thank you.

Twelve dozen boiled, **red eggs** are needed for the Paschal Liturgy. If you would like to bring one or two dozen, please place them in the bowl provided on the auxiliary table at the front of the church temple prior to the beginning of the Paschal services Thank you.

An Easter Egg Hunt for the little people in our parish shall be held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 20th at the Church Hall. For more information, please see **Khouriyeh Pam Nugent**.

This Sunday during coffee hour, the Ladies Guild is selling one-quart containers of lentil soup. The soup is lenten style and is to be taken home for consumption. The cost is \$5.00 per container.

Ladies Guild Projects to support those affected by the War in Syria:

1. Antiochian Archdiocese Women's project to provide support of Syrian War orphans - frozen food sales will go towards this.
2. Health Kits, which will be sent to Syria via IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities).

We will have a box in the Hall where you might place the following donated items (only these items can be sent): Hand towels, washcloths, combs, metal nail file or nail clipper, bath size bar of soap wrapped in original packaging, toothbrush, and Band-Aids.

Due to their dwindling funds the **Ladies Guild** cannot make the generous contribution they usually make to the Antiochian Women's Humanitarian Project. As this year's project is especially urgent - the war orphans in Syria, they asking for donations from any parishioners who want to supplement the contribution to this worthy cause. Make your tax-deductible checks payable to St. Basil Ladies Guild. Give them to the treasurer, **Georgette Ioup**. Write Syrian War Orphans on the memo line.

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent, and accompanied by a brief presentation and discussion on the various practices of our Orthodox Faith.

As of March 23, 2014, 37 pledges were received totaling \$71,235.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collections for March 23, 2014, totaled \$2,862 for a year-to-date total of \$24,689 (~\$2,057/week). We are approximately \$6,816 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”
Proverbs 29:2

The Most Reverend
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ARCHPASTORAL DIRECTIVE

To our Venerable Hierarchs and beloved clergy of our God Protected Archdiocese:

Greetings in The Name of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ!

We wish to bring to your attention the following two Archpastoral Directives, regarding the distributon of Holy Unction, and the dissemination of news and information. The first directive should be read from the pulpit, and both directives should be published in the parish bulletin.

**ARCHPASTORAL DIRECTIVE CONCERNING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY
UNCTION**

Effective immediately, the clergy of our archdiocese are forbidden from allowing lay people to take home the sacrament of Holy Unction (either in bottles or via cotton or Q-tip swabs, etc.) after the sacrament is prepared on Great and Holy Wednesday or at any other time during the year. The priest is the only one who may anoint the faithful. It is the sacred duty of the priest to take the sacrament to the faithful in their homes if they are unable to be present at the service due to illness or infirmity. We expect the clergy of our archdiocese to abide strictly by this directive.

In explaining the motivation behind this directive to the faithful, you may use the example of Holy Communion. As a sacrament of the Church, no one expects to take Holy Communion home with him. This is no different. Some may ask why the practice is being ended now after having been allowed for many years. Holy Communion was also taken home in the early Church and subsequently that practice was ended. Again, this is no different except that Sacrament of Holy Unction is administered much less frequently and, as such, this ancient practice was allowed to continue. Nevertheless, we do not know what people do with this sacramental oil once they take it home or how they dispose of it. As such, as guardians of the sacraments, we cannot allow this practice to continue.

**ARCHPASTORAL DIRECTIVE CONCERNING THE DISSEMINATION OF
INFORMATION WHICH IS PROPERLY THE PURVIEW OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE HEADQUARTERS**

All members of this Archdiocese who hold positions of responsibility are reminded that the Archdiocese Headquarters, under the direction of the Metropolitan Archbishop is the only frame of reference for the dissemination of news and information which relates to the North American Archdiocese, the Holy Synod of Antioch, the Patriarchate of Antioch, and any other Antiochian Archdiocese around the world. No person or entity of this Archdiocese is permitted to announce, or to publish news which pertains to the entire Archdiocese before that news is properly announced by the Archdiocese Headquarters, even if that news has been made available to that person or entity in advance of the announcement by the Archdiocese Headquarters. All are expected to strictly abide by this directive.

Praying that the upcoming Great Fast will be spiritually rewarding, we remain,

Yours in Christ,

Metropolitan PHILIP
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

