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### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: VENERATION OF THE CROSS March 19, 2023

#### TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

##### **Troparion – Tone 7**

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

##### **Troparion – Tone 1**

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

##### **Kontakion – Tone 7**

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 Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell:// “Enter again into Paradise!”

##### **Prokeimenon – Tone 6**

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance!!

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

#### LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Cross**

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the Lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ’s redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. “He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me” (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both “the power of God and the wisdom of God” for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).

#### EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

##### **Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6**

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: “You are My Son, today I have begotten You.” As He also says in another place: “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek”;

## **Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1**

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

## **SERVICES**

### **Service Schedule for the week of March 19**

**Sunday March 19** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall. Mission Service at 4:00 PM followed by Lenten Potluck Supper in Daria Hall.

**Wednesday March 22** - 5:30 PM Confession, 6:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession

**Friday March 24** – 8:30 AM Confession, 9:30 AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession

**Saturday March 25** – **FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION** 9:30 AM Vespers, 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday March 26** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

## **DONATIONS**

### **Weekly Giving**

March 12 – 69 adults, 12 youth, \$2,156

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be a FOCA meeting today during Coffee Hour.

Our parish will host a Great Lent Mission Service today at 4:00 PM. Services will be followed by a Lenten Potluck Supper in Daria Hall.

During Coffee Hour on Sunday April 2, a lecture will be presented by Abbott Sergius from St. Tikhon Monastery. Please plan on attending this informative lecture.

Please remember to turn in your orange 2023 Pledge Card. The Parish Council uses the pledged amount to budget for the year. Thank you.

The Ladies Altar Society will be raffling Easter baskets as follows. Chances are \$1.00 each.

1. Girl's Easter Basket – chances being sold today – drawing will be held today.
2. Boy's Easter Basket – chances being sold March 26 and April 2 – drawing will be held on April 2.
3. Adult fabric-lined Basket filled with Spring goodies and a Laura Ashley clock– chances being sold on April 9 – drawing will be held on April 9.

The Ladies Altar Society is creating and publishing the first Parish Cookbook – with your help! We are interested in your favorite recipes, ethnic recipes, recipes from your grandparents, parents, children, relatives and friends, and Lenten recipes. They can include Appetizers, Main Meals, Side Dishes, Soup, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages. In addition to recipes, the Cookbook will include a Helpful Hints section. In order for the Cookbook to be a success, we will need many recipes! Each recipe should include your name, who you may have received the recipe from, and your phone number (phone number is only if we have questions and will not be published in the Cookbook). Please give your recipes to Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Nancy Mitsos. Thank you!

A Parish "Directory" with photos and identifying names of all parishioners is in the works. This will help us all with "putting a face to the name"! **The first Sunday for taking pictures in Daria Hall will be April 9, Palm Sunday.** John Cassar and Awet Tesfa are leading this project.

Gallons of spring water are needed for Coffee Hour. Please bring your donation of water to Daria Hall. The water is used for tea and coffee. Thank you!

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Sinai Manna – March 20

Maximus Dorvil – March 24

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

If you do not see your birthday listed above during your birthday week, please let Darice know and she will add it to the schedule!

## **COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE**

Please remember the Coffee Hour Helpers do not normally bring any refreshments for Coffee Hour, but are there to assist in setting up for Coffee Hour. The host/hostess is responsible for bringing whatever refreshments they wish to serve – if desserts are needed please let the Helper know ahead of time as there are desserts in the freezer that may be used. Host/Hostess is responsible for setting up in the morning starting at 9:00 AM, with guidance from the Helper, and for cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing and drying dishes, and taking out the trash. If you have any questions please contact Melody Stavisky, Alla Strauss, or the Helper assigned to your Coffee Hour date. Thank you!

Mar. 19 FAST Anne Cheslock, Francine & Herman  
Mar. 26 FAST John Cassar, Nancy Mitsos  
April 2 FAST Francine Brady, Herman Meyer, Nancy Mitsos  
April 9 FAST Nana & Matthew Barrett, Alla Strauss  
April 16 PASCHA – No Coffee Hour  
April 23 Madeleine Sekulich, Mark McDevitt, Nancy Mitsos  
April 30 Fiyori Habtesilasse, Awet Tesfa  
May 7 Betty Kavchok, Nancy Mitsos  
May 14 Nina Schmidt, Alla Strauss  
May 21 Aftan Chowansky, Nina Laushell  
May 28 Christina DiDonato, Francine Brady & Herman Meyer  
June 4 Darice Keyes, Nancy Mitsos  
June 11 Bill & Margie DiCicco, Chris Kasmer, Nina Laushell  
June 18 FAST Timothy & Valeria Srock, Awet Tesfa  
June 25 FAST Alla & Perry Strauss, Christine Waite  
July 2 Alex & Brittani Brasowski, Melody Stavisky  
July 9 Jessica & Blake Kilgore, Darice Keyes  
July 16 ST. VLADIMIR FEAST DAY BANQUET  
July 23 Karina Kotelnicki, Nina Laushell  
July 30 Tyler Burger, Francine & Herman  
Aug. 6 FAST Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav, Alla Strauss  
Aug. 13 FAST Herman Meyer, Francine Brady  
Aug. 20 Alex & Rebeca Medina, Awet Tesfa  
Aug. 27 Olga & James Bates, Darice Keyes  
Sept. 3 Tahara & Germain Ortiz, Alla Strauss  
Sept. 10 Monia & James Pitra, Darice Keyes  
Sept. 17 Gabriela & Virgiliu Plesa, Nina Laushell  
Sept. 24 ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC  
Oct. 1 Guy Radcliffe, Francine & Herman  
Oct. 8 Mary Reiling, Alla Strauss  
Oct. 15 Lynne Sheedy, Nancy Mitsos  
Oct. 22 Ramazi Shubitize, Awet Tesfa  
Oct. 29 Nina Laushell, Darice Keyes  
Nov. 5 Walter & Tanya Tribbey, Francine & Herman  
Nov. 12 Vera Pschenyczny, Alla Strauss  
Nov. 19 FAST Nancy Mitsos, Darice Keyes  
Nov. 26 FAST Gebrekvistas Amleset, Awet Tesfa  
Dec. 3 FAST Ilonica & Corneliu Balasa, Nina Laushell

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Dec. 10 FAST Victoria Baranova, Nancy Mitsos  
Dec. 17 FAST Paula & Ludwig Koerte, Darice Keyes  
Dec. 24 FAST Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Alla Strauss  
Dec. 31 Paul & Patti Denko, Francine & Herman  
Jan. 7 '24 Alex Godun, Nina Laushell