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SERVICES March 31, 2019 – April 7, 2019

Sunday, March 31, 2019.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am –Divine Liturgy - Cross Veneration Sunday; Sunday School; Coffee Hour; Adult Study
Wednesday, April 3, 2019.....6:00 pm – Akafist to Holy Virgin
Friday, April 5, 2019.....6:00 pm – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – Lenten Meal
**Saturday, April 6, 2019.....9:30 am – Divine Liturgy; + Soul Saturday; Diocesan Diaconal Program
5:00 pm - Vespers**
Sunday, April 7, 2019.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am –Divine Liturgy – John Clemactus Sunday; Sunday School; Coffee Hour; Adult Study

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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."

Sunday of the Cross

The precious and Life-Giving Cross : The Tree of Immortality

All of us begin Great Lent with "high hopes." We vow to pray more, to fast strictly and to attend all of the services that the Church prescribes for this penitential period. Still, "*the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak,*" for the Great Fast is a time of considerable length. The Church fully understands that our zeal can quickly turn to discouragement, so at the midpoint of Lent, the Cross is placed before us to strengthen and fortify our efforts.

In the Holy Orthodox Church, the third Sunday of the Great Fast is referred to as "*Cross Veneration Sunday.*" The Cross reminds us of God's great love for us, for upon it, He suffered for the sake of our salvation. The Cross also addresses the necessity for us to willingly and courageously carry our own daily cross: "*IF ANYONE WISHES TO COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.*" (Luke 9:23) Christ Himself points out the consequences of being unwilling to do so: "*WHOSOEVER DOES NOT BEAR HIS CROSS AND COME AFTER ME CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE.*" (Luke 14:27)

In the Synaxarion of Matins on this Sunday, a beautiful explanation for why we venerate the Cross today is offered: "*The Life-giving Cross is presented to us today for refreshment and assurance. We are like those following a long and arduous path, who become tired and see a beautiful tree with many leaves. We sit in its shadow and rest for awhile. Rejuvenated, we continue our journey.*"

May we begin our Lenten journey anew this morning, guided and inspired by the Holy Cross. Beyond the Cross, may we all see the glory of the Resurrection.

PRAYER LIST : We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services, especially: **Vera Tatusko and William Tellep Jr.**

Also offer your prayers for those in need especially **Helen Baburchak, Jessica Barton, Fr. Steven Belonick, Mat. Joanna Bohush, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, Elaine Costello; Norman Cross; Nadine Dranchak, Marilee Driggs; Thanos Fotiou, Jack Francisco, Justin Garcia, Kristine Garner; Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga; Natalia Karlgut; Olga Kulasza, Robert Kushner, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom; Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Joni Mitchell, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Dorothy Tarasevich, Rachelle Vitale, Olga Warski & all of our parishioners who are ill.**

To add or remove names from the prayer list in the bulletin, please let Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm know. Thank you!



COFFEE HOUR: Come downstairs and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today: Babe Farbanish, Nettie Lukovich, Connie Devine

Apr 7: Paula Norton, Nicole Ewing, Nancy Kulikowski, Patty Warski

Apr 14: Sue Watson, Kathy Fedorchak, Marie Williams, Mat Joanna Bohush, Cathy Stephens

Apr 21: Allan/Elaine Costello, Dick/Jeanne Sura, Mat Michele Holowatch, Mike Pylypciw

The Journey of Great Lent

*****Join us for a new series in our Adult Study Class at 12 noon on Sundays *****

The Lenten spirit in the Church is one of splendor and delight. It breathes with the exhilaration of those girding up to "fight the good fight" for the One who loves them and has given Himself to them for the sake of their salvation.

.....*From The Lenten Spring by Fr. Thomas Hopko*

****2019 EASTER BAKE SALE – SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 – 9:00 AM -- 12 NOON ****

Pirogi - \$10; Breads: Raisin (round) - \$8; Plain (round) - \$7; Also Kielbasa (Fresh or Smoked)

Pirogi / Bread Pickups – March 29; April 5 and April 12.

Order Early – Limited Supply – Sell out fast ----- PHONE 754-0249

PIROGI WORKSHOPS; Tues. April 2nd – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

FRIDAY PIROGI & BREAD SALES - 11:00 am – 5:30 p m ---- Apr. 5 , Apr. 12

There are plenty of jobs that need to be done – pirogi pincher, dough roller, dish washer, gofer, ice man, packer, etc. ****WE HOPE YOU CAN HELP OUT – EVEN THOUGH IF IT IS JUST FOR AN HOUR OR SO!!**

2019 PASCHAL FLOWERS, CANDLES & ALTAR SUPPLIES; Donations will be used toward purchasing the following Paschal items: Flowers, candles, & Altar Supplies. Please use the form included with your monthly bulletin and return to the church office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.. Forms are also available in the church office. At Pascha we will be publishing a special bulletin listing everyone who donated in memory of their loved ones.

AGAPE MEAL: Don't forget to sign up for the Agape Meal on PASCHA. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall downstairs

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, June 8 – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM - NEW YORK STATE DEANERY PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE IN SS. PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH IN SYRACUSE, NY
- Sunday, July 7 – 5:00 pm – NEW YORK STATE DDB APPRECIATION DINNER IN WATERVLIET, NY.
- Sunday, July 28th - ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC. We have reserved shelter #3 at Greenwood Park. Please mark it on your calendars.
- Saturday, August 10 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS CONFERENCE IN ENDICOTT, NY

*****PLEASE NOTIFY OUR CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY ADDRESS, PHONE # OR EMAIL CHANGES TO OUR MAILING LIST. THERE IS A FORM IN THE OFFICE AND ON THE STAND IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH. *****



to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We invite all of our guests to join us for Fellowship Hour and visit our book store.

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