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### SERVICES: March 15, 2019 – March 22, 2020

Sunday, March 15, 2020.....9:00 – Hours; 9:30 am - Liturgy; Coffee Hour, Adult study  
Friday, March 20, 2020.....6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy; Lenten Reception  
Saturday, March 21, 2020 .....9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – SOUL SATURDAY  
Saturday, March 21, 2020.....5:00 pm – Vespers;  
Sunday, March 22, 2020.....9:00 – Hours; 9:30 am - Liturgy; Coffee Hour, Adult Study

### March 15, 2020

#### **Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (Epistle)**

**And: “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.” But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him**

#### **Mark 2:1-12 (Gospel)**

**And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”**

#### **Prayer List**

**We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services, especially: Vera Tatusko. Also offer your prayers for those in need especially Helen Baburchak, Jessica Barton, Mat. Joanna Bohush, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, Elaine Costello; Connie Devine; Bill Dranchak, Marilee Driggs; Paul and Babe Farbanish, Tony Fiacco; Thanos Fotiou, Anthony Gallis, Justin Garcia, Kristine Garner; Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga; Stella Holowatch; Mat. Anastasia Karlgut, Natalia Karlgut; Sue Kocenko, Olga Kulasza, Robert Kushner, Alicia Laskowski; Tatiana Lechtman, Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom; Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Mohamed Rawoof, Joni Mitchell, Ann Sawchak, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Tamara Sytnik, Dorothy Tarasevich, Rachelle Vitale, Elayna Volock, Jack Wanchisen, Olga Warski, Bob Wartonik; Robert Wilkes, Valentina Yelangy, Frank**

Urban & 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.



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

**Today:** Sue Watson, Kathy Fedorchak, Marie Williams, Mat Joanna Bohush, Cathy Stevens  
**March 22:** Rita Kushner, Nadine Fedones, Baxendale, Patty & Dave Deamond  
**March 29:** Joe & Deb Darling, Kyra Davies

**ANNUAL 2020 EASTER BAKE SALE WORKSHOPS** –This coming week Tuesday March 17 will be a 5pm workshop. We are really in need of everyone’s help to make this a successful fundraiser. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the workshops! ☺ ☺

### Sunday Adult Study Classes

Classes are held on Sunday from 12 to 12:30 (after coffee hour). Newcomers are always welcome! In February we will continue & complete our study of the Book of Revelation. In March we will begin a new Lenten series on Living the Life of Grace. St. Theophan the Recluse said, “True Christian life is the life of grace”. In this class series we will embrace the gift of Great Lent in the Orthodox Church as a tested and proven means to unite with the Church, open ourselves to the Holy Spirit and enter “The Life of Grace”.

Dear Faithful:

We greet you during this sacred period of Great Lent: our spiritual journey towards the great feast of our Lord’s holy resurrection.

We are reaching out to the public on the situation regarding the Coronavirus. We want you to know that the Diocese regards it as a serious situation, which demands our attention as a church. We are following the information provided by public sources closely with the goal of helping our parishes to keep members safe and to manage risks prudently.

In consultation with experts in the health field, the Diocese has issued a directive to our clergy, which includes a list of recommendations to be implemented by our local parishes. The directive offers relevant guidance on (1) the question of church attendance; (2) the rituals and practices of religious services; (3) fellowship and food; and (4) general precautions and resources.

Cleanliness has always played an important role in the ritual and practice of the church; but in the present situation our parishes will redouble their usual promotion of good hygiene at every level of parish life.

The question of church attendance requires special consideration from the public. At this time, we encourage the faithful to attend church services and activities as usual.

However, we respectfully ask that people do not attend church if they have returned from international trips within the past 14 days. We strongly advise anyone who has traveled to wait to complete at least 14 days without cold/flu-like symptoms before attending church, whether or not they are currently exhibiting symptoms.

Additionally, we strongly recommend that anyone who currently exhibits symptoms of cold or flu should not attend church. Our pre-eminent concern is to spare vulnerable people in our communities for whom the coronavirus poses a more serious risk.

We offer these guidelines after due deliberation on the recommendations issued by the federal and state authorities.

Again, our Diocese takes this situation very seriously, and is committed to helping guide our pastors, parishes, and people in a rational way, informed by both physical and spiritual concerns. To this end, we are seeking counsel from medical authorities and from the profound teaching authority of our church.

Our first duty, as in all things, is to seek guidance through prayer. Let us pray as a church for our Lord’s mercy on the sick and vulnerable; on those poor souls who have succumbed; and on the brave people who are ministering to the afflicted, and doing research to find a treatment.

And in offering this prayer, we ask our healing Lord to continue to guide, protect, and fortify our people, now and always.



*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 & receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We invite all of our guests to join us for our Fellowship Hour & to visit our Bookstore.*

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