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SERVICES: March 29, 2020 – April 5, 2020

Sunday, March 29, 2020.....9:00 – Hours; 9:30 am - Liturgy
Monday - Thursday.....6:00 pm – Healing Service
Friday, April 3, 2020.....6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy; Lenten Reception
Saturday, April 4, 2020.....5:00 pm – Vespers
Sunday, April 5, 2020.....9:00 – Hours; 9:30 am - Liturgy

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Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.” He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 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!” When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.” Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.”

Prayer List

We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services. Especially: 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.

MEMORY ETERNAL - We want to express our condolences, love and prayers on falling asleep of Vera Tatusko. Grant rest eternal in blessed repose with the Saints, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy newly-departed servant, the ever-to-be-remembered Vera, who has fallen asleep; and make his memory to be eternal!

On the fourth Sunday of Great Lent, we commemorate Saint John Climacus, author of The Ladder of Divine Ascent. In this work Saint John outlines the steps essential for attaining communion with God – steps which remind us that the way to the Kingdom constantly challenges us to engage in spiritual warfare. Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness...the hosts of wickedness in the heavenly place. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. –Ephesians 6:10-13

2020 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 by mail **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

All in-person parish and mission events and activities outside of the prescribed liturgical services, including coffee hour, Church School, Parish Council and ministry meetings and the rest, remain cancelled until further notice.

While maintaining all of the Liturgical Services of our parish with limited capacity per Updated Diocesan Guidelines, we are redoubling our efforts in cleaning and disinfecting our Sacred Items, church, hall, and all publicly used areas. All of those are and will continue to be cleaned and disinfected before and after services.

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Archbishop Michael's recommendations of this past weekend also include the following sections:

7) Confessions may be heard by appointment, with the distribution of the Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament if desired.

8) Of course, the Priest may bring Communion to one's home. Clergy are reminded that they have the primary responsibility of visiting the sick, but should take as much care as possible not to expose themselves, the faithful or others to the virus.



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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