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FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: ST JOHN OF THE LADDER *(Tone 7)*

THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT *(Tone 7)*

Saturday, 29 March (16 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 30 March (17 March, o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy; Trapeza (coffee hour)

Thursday of the Great Canon of St Andrew
Wednesday, 2 April (20 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Small Compline, Great Canon; Confessions

Thursday, 3 April (21 March, o.s.)
8:15 AM Lenten Hours & Typika
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday of the Akathist to the Theotokos
Friday, 3 April (22 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Matins, First Hour; Confessions

Saturday, 4 April (23 March, o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

5TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT *(Tone 78*

Saturday, 4 April (23 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 5 April (24 March, o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy; Trapeza (coffee hour)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

We are in the midst of the Great Lent. Therefore all the days of this week are fast days. Monday and Tuesday are normal fast days, with no fish, wine, or oil permitted. On the rest of the days of the week the fast is mitigated, with wine and oil being permitted: on Wednesday and Thursday because of the Vigil of the Great Canon, and on Friday because of the Vigil of the Akathist Hymn. Next Saturday and Sunday, as on all weekends of Great Lent, wine and oil are also allowed.

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

4th Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus		
4th Sunday	*7th Matins Gospel:* John §63 (20:1-10)	
	Heb. §314 (6:13-20)	Mark §40 (9:17-31)
St John	Eph. §229 (5:8b-19)	Matt. §10 (4:25-5:12a)
FIFTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST		
5th Monday of Great Lent	*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 37:33-38:6	
	Vespers: Gen. 13:12-18 • Proverbs 14:27-15:4	
5th Tuesday of Great Lent	*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 40:18-31	
	Vespers: Genesis 15:1-15 • Proverbs 15:7-19	
5th Wednesday of Great Lent	*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 41:4-14	
	Vespers: Genesis 17:1-9 • Proverbs 15:20-16:9	
5th Thursday of Great Lent	*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 42:5-16	
	Vespers: Gen. 18:20-33 • Proverb 16:17-17:17	
5th Friday of Great Lent	*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 45:11-17	
	Vespers: Genesis 22:1-18 • Proverbs 17:17-18:5	
5th Saturday of the Great Fast: Saturday of the Akathist		
5th Saturday	Heb. §322 (9:24-28)	Mark §35 (8:27-31)
Akathist	Heb. §320 (9:1-7)	Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)
5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt		
5th Sunday	*8th Matins Gospel:* John §64 (20:11-18)	
	Heb. §321a (9:11-14)	Mark §47 (10:32b-45)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Namedays – 26th (St Larisa): Larisa Kiyashko Brav.

Birthdays – 21st: Zydrune Ann Mladineo.

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 28th: Madeleine & Margaret Hotz.

THIS WEEK

Namedays – March 30th (St Patrick of Ireland): William Patrick Brien.

Birthdays – March 31st: Deacon Steven Barker; April 4th: Reader Daniel Lieuwen.

Baptism Anniversaries – April 2nd: Paul Schidlovsky (2009).

APRIL

Namedays – 8th (Archangel Gabriel): Gabrielle Komleski; 14th (St Mary of Egypt): Jennifer Mary Hotz.

Birthdays – 4th: Reader Daniel Lieuwen; 12th: Angelina Schidlovsky; 22nd: Katya Darenkov; 24th:

Cliff Paul Brangwynne, Reader Gregory Maxey; 25th: Carolyn O'Brien; 30th: Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne.

Ordination Anniversaries – 13th: Father David Straut (Holy Diaconate, 1986).

Baptism Anniversaries – 2nd: Paul Schidlovsky (2009); 11th: Johan Mladineo (2009).

Chrismation Anniversaries – 11th: Michael Carey (2009); Peter Mladineo (2009).

Wedding Anniversaries – 18th: Andrew & Carolyn O'Brien (2004).

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 28th: Oksana Stryzak (+2001).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to acknowledge a gift of $5000 from the K2TOG Fund of the Princeton Area Community Foundation for general support to St. Elizabeth's.

Many thanks to the Brangwynne family who provided *kolyva* (sweetened boiled wheat) for the last of the three mid-lenten Soul Saturdays.

Many thanks to the Servants of God who have made *Kolyva* (sweetened boiled wheat) and given it to the church for the Memorial Services for the Soul Saturdays we have celebrated during this period of the Lenten Triodion. The next Soul Saturday will be the Saturday before Pentecost.

We will have a special collection for the Haiti Orthodox Mission of ROCOR at the Sunday Liturgies at St Elizabeth's until Pascha to provide the annual salary of one of our teachers in Haiti. A family in our parish will match the first $900 raised by this collection. Please give generously.

The Service of the Great Canon will be served this Wednesday, the fifth Wednesday evening of Great Lent, at 6 o'clock. This is the same Great Canon that was sung during the first week of the Fast, except that this time it is done during the Service of Matins rather than Great Compline, and the entire Canon is chanted on this night, rather than a quarter of it, as on each of the first four weekday evenings of Lent. St Andrew of Crete, an Archbishop and hymnographer who died in the 8th Century, composed this Great Canon of Repentance. It is a masterpiece of Orthodox hymnography, recounting incidents and personalities throughout the whole of Biblical history, weaving the theme of repentance throughout. Participating in this moving service will strengthen us to complete the Fast with compunction.

The Presanctified Liturgy will be served this week on ***Thursday*** morning at 9:30 AM. The Lenten Services of the Third, Sixth, and Ninth Hours and the Typika, which precede the Liturgy, will begin at 8:15 AM.

The Fifth Saturday of Great Lent is the Saturday of the Akathist. Matins will be served at St Elizabeth's on Friday evening at 6 o'clock. During Matins the canon to the Theotokos and the entire Akathist Hymn to the Most-Holy Mother of God will be sung. On Saturday morning the Divine Liturgy will also be served. Come sing the praises of the All Pure Mother of God at these beautiful services!

It is our parish's practice that those who receive the Mystery of Confession before the Liturgy of one weekend are generally permitted to receive Holy Communion at the Liturgies of the following two weeks. Regular communicants will only have to go to Confession every other weekend. Should a grave sin be committed, Confession would, of course, be necessary before communing. A Spiritual Father may give a stricter or more relaxed rule for Confession. Always follow your Spiritual Father's guidance.

We need donations for flowers to adorn the church during Holy Week and Pascha. If you would like to make a donation for this, please give it to either Father David or to our Church Warden, Patrick Brien. You may include a Commemoration List with your donation.

A second printing of the Homilies of St Gregory Palamas is scheduled for release in April 2014. We will be offering this book through the church bookstore at a discounted price of $55.00 (retail is $79.95). If you would like a copy, please let Elizabeth Lieuwen know by Sunday, April 23rd. We know many Orthodox who covet the first edition of this book; St Gregory's words are full of light, beauty, encouragement, and can truly enlighten us in the ways of Christ.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos (25 March / 7 April) is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church. It commemorates the Annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel to the All-Holy One the good news that God had chosen her to become the Mother of God. It is also the day on which we commemorate our Saviour's holy conception. All the faithful should attend as many of the services for the Feast as they are able.

The schedule of services for the Feast of the Annunciation differs from that of other Great Feasts because this Great Feast falls on a weekday of Great Lent and the Festal elements of the service are mixed with Lenten elements. The services are as follows:

The Vigil Service on the Eve of the Feast, 6 April, at 6 o'clock,

The Third, Sixth, and Ninth Hours, with the Typika on the morning of the Feast, 7 April, at 8:30;

The Vesperal Liturgy of St John Chrysostom on the morning of the Feast, 7April, at 9:30.

Father can provide written excuses for absence or lateness for students attending Liturgy for a Great Feast. Just let him know you need it in advance.