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THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT:

VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS (Tone 7)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

3RD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (Tone 7)

Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, 10 March (25 February, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 11 March (26 February, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 PM Parish Council

Wednesday, 14 March (1 March, o.s.)

Fourth Wednesday of Great Lent

9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
at St Alexander Nevsky, Howell

Friday, 16 March (3 March, o.s.)

Third Friday of Great Lent

8:15 AM Lenten Hours & Typika
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, 17 March (4 March, o.s.)

Fourth Saturday of Great Lent: Soul Saturday

5:15 PM General Pannykhida

4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (Tone 8)

Commemoration of St John Climacus

Saturday, 17 March (4 March, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 18 March (5 March, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 PM Adult Study



FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Week of 11 March

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Sunday	11 March (26 Feb, o.s.)	St Porphyrius, Archbishop of Gaza Fast: wine, & oil permitted
Monday	12 March (27 Feb, o.s.)	Venerable Procopius of Decapolis Normal Fast Day (No oil)
Tuesday	13 March (28 Feb, o.s.)	Venerable Basil the Confessor Normal Fast Day (No oil)
Wednesday	14 March (1 Mar o.s.)	Venerable Martyr Eudocia Normal Fast Day (No oil)
Thursday	15 March (2 Mar o.s.)	Reigning Icon of the Theotokos Fast: wine, & oil permitted
Friday	16 March (3 Mar, o.s.)	MM Eutropius and Companions Normal Fast Day (No oil)
Saturday	17 March (4 Mar, o.s.)	St Gerasimus of the Jordan Fast: wine, & oil permitted
Sunday	18 March (5 Mar, o.s.)	Martyr Conan of Isauria Fast: wine, & oil permitted



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of 11 March

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Cross		
3 rd Sunday	7 th Matins Gospel: John §63 (20:1-10)	
	Heb. §311 (4:14-5:6)	Mark §37 (8:34b-9:1)
FOURTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST		
4 th Monday of Great Lent	Sixth Hour: Isaiah 14:24-32 Vespers: Genesis 8:21-9:7 • Proverbs 11:19-12:6	
4 th Tuesday of Great Lent	Sixth Hour: Isaiah 25:1-9 Vespers: Genesis 9:8-17 • Proverbs 12:8-22	
4 th Wednesday of Great Lent	Sixth Hour: Isaiah 26:21-27:9 Vespers: Genesis 9:18-10:1 • Proverbs 12:23-13:9	
4 th Thursday of Great Lent	Sixth Hour: Isaiah 28:14-22 Vespers: Genesis 10:32-11:9 • Proverb 13:20-14:6	
4 th Friday of Great Lent	Sixth Hour: Isaiah 29:13-23 Vespers: Genesis 12:1-7 • Proverbs 14:15-26	
4th Saturday of the Great Fast: Soul Saturday		
4 th Saturday	Heb. §313 (6:9-12)	Mark §31 (7:31-37)
Soul Saturday	1 Cor. §163 (15:47-57)	John §16 (5:24-30)
4th Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus		
4 th Sunday	8 th Matins Gospel: John §64 (20:11-18)	
	Heb. §314 (6:13-20)	Mark §40 (9:17-31)
St John	Eph. §229 (5:8b-19)	Matt. §10 (4:25-5:12a)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back to Daylight Savings Time! Those of you who remembered to set your clocks ahead and arrived on time get a star in your crown!

Many thanks to the servant of God who provided *kolyva* (sweetened boiled wheat) for the second of the three mid-lenten Soul Saturdays.

Today, the Third Sunday of Great Lent, is the Feast of the Veneration of the Precious Cross. Although prostrations, and kneeling in general, are forbidden by the holy canons of the Church on Sundays, we do make prostrations before the Holy Cross adorned with flowers in the midst of the temple on all the Feasts of the Cross, even when they fall on Sunday.

The annual special collection for the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in the Holy Land will be taken at the Sunday Liturgies at St Elizabeth's during the month of March. What we collect will be sent to the Synod of Bishops for the R.E.M. at Palm Sunday. This Palm Sunday collection is a major source of funding for our mission in the Holy Land, and some of us have had occasion to receive their hospitality. Please give generously.

Many thanks to those who made donations for flowers to adorn the Holy Cross and the church today.

The Parish Council meets today (the 2nd of the month) during coffee hour. All parish council members are asked to attend.

Fr David will be away at the Pastoral Retreat of the Eastern American Diocese at St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Lakewood, NJ, from Monday through Wednesday. Attendance at this Conference is mandated by the Metropolitan and has proven to be very spiritually profitable to our clergy. Should you need a priest in an emergency, Fr David's mobile telephone number is: (908) 208-2367.

There will be no Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy at St Elizabeth's this week. Father David will be away at the Lenten Clergy Retreat for the Eastern American Diocese at the Diocesan Center in Howell. Our parishioners are welcome to attend the Liturgy of the Presanctified served at 9:30 on Wednesday morning at St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

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

The third and last of the mid-lenten Soul Saturdays is next Saturday. A General Pannykhida will be served

on Saturday afternoon at 5:15. The names of the Departed in all the Commemoration Books kept at the church will be commemorated at these services. If you need to update your books, please do so as soon as possible.

If anyone is able to provide a donation of *kolyva* (sweetened boiled wheat) this Friday evening for the last mid-lenten Soul Saturday, please let Father know.

Only the names of Orthodox Christians are permitted to be commemorated at Memorial Services and at the Proskomedia. If you have included Non-Orthodox in your Commemoration Book or Commemoration Lists, please clearly indicate which persons named, if any, are Non-Orthodox.

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 on Holy Friday 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

St Elizabeth's Annual Meeting will be held on the fourth Sunday of March. The Rector, Church Warden, and Treasurer will present year-in-review reports for the past year. Planning for the current year will also take place. Parishioner concerns will be heard. All voting members of the Parish are asked to attend.

Those attending the Annual Meeting are asked to bring a dish of food for the meal that will precede the Meeting. Please let Matushka Faith know what you plan to bring.

We have a few individuals and families who regularly attend services at St Elizabeth's, and even confess and commune, but have not yet sought to become formal members of the Parish. If you are one of these and would like to be a formal member of the Parish, please speak to Fr David about this.