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THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: VENERATION OF THE CROSS

SERVICES THIS WEEK

3RD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (*Tone 6*)

Veneration of the Precious Cross

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 19 March (6 March, o.s.)

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

Friday of the Fourth Week of the Fast

Friday, 24 March (11 March, o.s.)

8:15 AM Lenten Hours & Typika
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
6:00 PM Compline & Akathist to Theotokos
7:00 PM Soul Saturday Pannykhida

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

Commemoration of St John Climacus

Saturday, 25 March (12 March, o.s.)

5:30 PM 40th Day Pannykhida for Patrick Brien
6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 26 March (13 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

We are in the midst of the Great Lent. Therefore all the days of this week are fast days. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are normal fast days, with no fish, wine, or oil permitted. On Tuesday, we observe the Feast of the 40 Martyrs of Sebaste, and so wine and oil are permitted. Next Saturday and Sunday, as on all weekends of Great Lent, wine and oil are also allowed.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of 19 March

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Cross		
<i>3rd Sunday</i>	<i>6th Matins Gospel: Luke §114 (24:36-53)</i>	
	<i>Heb. §311 (4:14-5:6)</i>	<i>Mark §37 (8:34b-9:1)</i>
FOURTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST		
<i>4th Monday of Great Lent</i>	<i>Sixth Hour: Isaiah 14:24-32</i>	
	<i>Vespers: Genesis 8:21-9:7 • Proverbs 11:19-12:6</i>	
<i>4th Tuesday of Great Lent</i>	<i>Sixth Hour: Isaiah 25:1-9</i>	
	<i>Vespers: Genesis 9:8-17 • Proverbs 12:8-22</i>	
<i>4th Wed. of Great Lent</i>	<i>Sixth Hour: Isaiah 26:21-27:9</i>	
	<i>Vespers: Genesis 9:18-10:1 • Proverbs 12:23-13:9</i>	
<i>4th Thursday of Great Lent</i>	<i>Sixth Hour: Isaiah 28:14-22</i>	
	<i>Vespers: Genesis 10:32-11:9 • Proverb 13:20-14:6</i>	
<i>4th Friday of Great Lent</i>	<i>Sixth Hour: Isaiah 29:13-23</i>	
	<i>Vespers: Genesis 12:1-7 • Proverbs 14:15-26</i>	
4th Saturday of the Great Fast: Soul Saturday		
<i>4th Saturday</i>	<i>Heb. §313 (6:9-12)</i>	<i>Mark §31 (7:31-37)</i>
<i>Soul Saturday</i>	<i>1 Cor. §163 (15:47-57)</i>	<i>John §16 (5:24-30)</i>
4th Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus		
<i>4th Sunday</i>	<i>Matins Gospel:</i>	
	<i>Heb. §314 (6:13-20)</i>	<i>Mark §40 (9:17-31)</i>
<i>St John</i>	<i>Eph. §229 (5:8b-19)</i>	<i>Matt. §10 (4:25-5:12a)</i>

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Week of 12 March

Namedays – 13th (St John Cassian): Cassian O’Beirne.

Birthdays – 13th: Sarah Brangwynne; 18th: Joseph Reitano.

Wedding Anniversaries – 16th: Father David & Matushka Faith Straut (1979).

Week of 19 March

Namedays – 20th (Martyr Eugene of Cherson): Evgeny Efuni; 23rd (Martyr Vasilissa): Vasilissa Seneko.

Birthdays – 21st: Zydrune Ann Mladineo; 25th: Sergey Efuni, Sr.

THE REST OF MARCH

Namedays – 30th (St Patrick of Ireland): Patrick Hinds.

Birthdays – 31st: Deacon Steven Barker.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Jennifer Mary Hotz 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.

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

The Parish Council will meet today during coffee hour. The meeting will deal primarily with our upcoming Annual Meeting. 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 Service of the Akathist to the Theotokos is served at St Elizabeth's on the first five Friday evenings of Great Lent at 6 o'clock. This is the Service of Small Compline with a canon and the Akathist chanted to the Most-Holy Mother of God. We will be

serving the fourth of these beautiful services this Friday evening. Come sing the praises of the holy Theotokos this Friday evening!

The third and last of the mid-lenten Soul Saturdays is next Saturday. A General Pannykhida will be served on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. 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 Proskomedie. If you have included Non-Orthodox in your Commemoration Book or Commemoration Lists, please clearly indicate which persons named, if any, are Non-Orthodox.

Next Saturday is the 40th day after Patrick Brien's falling asleep in the Lord. A Pannykhida for him will be served at 5:30 p.m., just prior to the Saturday evening Vigil Service.

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.

St Elizabeth's Annual Meeting was scheduled to be held on the third Sunday of March. As we are changing Treasurers, our parish finances are in a state of transition right now, and so the Annual Meeting must be postponed until after Pascha. The new date will be the last Sunday of next month: 30 April 2017.

