

FOUR EVANGELISTS ORTHODOX MISSION

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March 22, 2009

Schedule of Services and Activities

Week of March 22, 2009

Great Lent continues

Sunday, March 22, 2009

Veneration of the Holy Cross

9:10am Confessions

9:30am Rite of Veneration of the Holy Cross

Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

Parish Council Meeting

Church School

6:00pm Pan-Orthodox Passion Vespers Service at Holy Cross AOC in Linthicum, MD

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

The Annunciation of our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

7:00pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Sunday, March 29, 2009

St. John Climacus Sunday

9:10am Confessions

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

Church School

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY for our Mission Parish Community every day, that, by the grace of God, His Church may grow and become fully established, for the sanctification and salvation of souls, and that He may be worshipped and glorified in an Orthodox manner here in Northern Maryland.

Please remember to prepare for and make your Confession at some point during Great Lent!

Weekly Scriptural Readings and Meneia

Sunday: Veneration of the Holy Cross

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Mark 8:34-9:1

Monday: Venerable Nikon, Igumen of the Kyiv Caves
Isaiah 14:24-32 Genesis 8:21-9:7 Proverbs 11:19-12:6

Tuesday: Venerable Zachariah, Ascetic of the Kyiv Caves

Isaiah 25:1-9 Genesis 9:8-17 Proverbs 12:8-22

Wednesday: The Annunciation of our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Hebrews 2:11-18 Luke 1:24-38; Isaiah 26:21-27:9

Genesis 9:18-10:1 Proverbs 12:23-13:9

Thursday: Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

Isaiah 28:14-22 Genesis 10:32-11:9 Proverbs 13:19-14:6

Friday: Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica

Isaiah 29:13-23 Genesis 12:1-7 Proverbs 14:15-26

Saturday: Martyr Evstraty of the Kyiv Caves

Hebrews 6:9-12 Mark 7:31-37

Sunday: St. John Climacus Sunday

Hebrews 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31

Ephesians 5:9-19 Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Saint)

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN

YOUR PRAYERS: Archbishop Antony, Metropolitan Constantine, Bishop Daniel, Rdr. Basil Athas, Barry, Beth Albano, Carrie and Jess Bowman, John Broderick, Michael, Mark and Sally Carico, Dana Cline and the children she bears, Rose Cross, Pani Chris Czumak, Andrew, Debbie and Al Eilbacher, Erik, Dorothy Green, Daniel Harrison, John Robert Johnson, Ann Kietzman, Mary Klopcic and the child she bears, Alexander Krowzow, Olympia Krowzow, Jocelyn Mathewes and the child she bears, Melissa, David Mukai, Peggy Mukai, Ann, Jonathan, Nadia, Bryan Norton, Theodore Pappas, Megan, David, Hannah, Adam and Michael, Kim, Joe Rehmeyer, Peter Roshak, Anthony Rotondo, James Sanderson, Sara, Ginny Seeley, Thomas Smith, Bobby Sutton, Joe, Susan, Lily, Hannah and Tabitha, Susan, Sophia, Peter, Stephen, Katherine, William, Catherine Lupiwok, Lydia, Bruce, Sophia, Sigmund, Pauline, Gabrielle Walsh, Rachelle Wauhoup-Davis

2009 Tentative Schedule of Parish Events

March

March 22 Rite of Veneration of the Holy Cross before Liturgy
Parish Council Meeting during Coffee Hour
6pm Pan-Orthodox Passion Vespers Service at Holy Cross AOC

April

April 5 6pm Pan-Orthodox Passion Vespers Service at St. Andrew's OCA
April 12 Palm Sunday
Holy Week begins

Great Lent is upon us. As a reminder, the Church prescribes the following eating rules for this Fast: we abstain from meat, meat products, eggs, dairy products, fish with backbones, wine, and olive oil. Wine and olive oil are permitted on weekends. Remember, fasting is not an end in itself, nor simply a means to an end, but the *practical enacting* of the virtues of self-control, contentment, temperance, and moderation, among others, by cooperating with the energies, the grace, of God. Abstinence from certain foods is intended as spiritual preparation for an experience of deeper communion with God. Each person is a unity of body and soul. A right spiritual diet and a discipline of fasting go together and strengthen each other. Just as prayer benefits not only the soul but also the body, so also fasting from foods benefits not only the body but also the soul. As St. Isaac the Syrian teaches, there can be no knowledge of the mysteries of God on a full stomach. **Fasting and prayer make us more sensitive to God's personal presence in our daily lives.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Services: the **Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts** will be served at 7pm every Wednesday during Great Lent. This week, on March 25th, the Service will be held at the Czumak home. Please see Fr. Gregory if you need directions. **Please make every effort to attend these special Lenten Services** as part of your devotional efforts during the Great Fast. **To receive Holy Communion** at a LPSG (the entire purpose of the Service!), one should take a light meal at midday, and fast completely after that until the Service. We will have a Lenten Potluck Dinner after the Service.

Please note that there will be two **Pan-Orthodox Passion Vespers Services** held on Sunday evenings this Lent: 6pm **tonight** at Holy Cross AOC, and 6pm, April 5, at St. Andrew's (OCA). All Baltimore area Orthodox parishes are invited. Guest Homilists will speak. Lenten refreshments will be served after the Services.

Please note that Holy Cross Antiochian Orthodox Church is sponsoring its **9th Annual Church School Camping Trip** at Camp Alkor in Monkton, MD: Friday, May 15, to Sunday, May 17, 2009, for children ages 6-12. Applications due by April 1st. Please contact Fr. Gregory for more information.

This year's **Four Evangelists Ironbirds Game** will be held on **Saturday, September 5th, 2009 at 7:05pm. THIS IS A FIREWORKS GAME!** Looking forward to seeing you there!

Four Evangelists Tee Shirts have arrived! Prices range from \$10-\$15, with all proceeds going to the Building Fund. Please contact Tammy Herbert at 443-371-0049 to place your order.

An Orthodox Christian, who, after proper preparation, regularly participates in the Mystery of Holy Eucharist, should also participate in the Mystery of Repentance, making their Confession regularly. At a **minimum**, the fathers of the Church recommend making one's Confession four times per year- once during each of the Fasting Periods (**Great Lent**, Apostle's Fast, Dormition Fast, Nativity Fast), in addition to anytime that sin weighs heavily upon one's soul. **Our Bishops, however, strongly encourage monthly Confession for those who partake of the Holy Mystery of Communion on a weekly basis.** In accordance with the canons of the Church, anyone who misses 3 consecutive Sunday Liturgies **must** make their Confession **prior** to reception of Holy Communion. Confessions will be heard on Sunday mornings just prior to the beginning of Divine Liturgy during the chanting of the Hours, or by appointment with Fr. Gregory.

Anointing with the Oil of Holy Unction for healing is available for Orthodox Christians at the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy. Please come forward if you wish to be anointed.

Coffee Hour Sponsors

March 22 - Herbert / Borns Families

March 29 - Czumak Family

April 5 - Potluck Fundraiser

April 12 - Seeley / Klopoc Families

April 19 - Agape Feast from our Pascha baskets

April 26 - Krowzow / Norton Families

May 3 - Potluck Fundraiser

(Fast Days underlined)

Please see Pani Chris if you would like to become involved in this ministry.

"A clear rule for self-control handed down by the Fathers is this: stop eating while still hungry and do not continue until you are satisfied." Saint John Cassian

Last Sunday's Collection: \$672.00
Weekly Collection (budget): \$900.00
Current Building Fund: \$23,091.50