

FOUR EVANGELISTS ORTHODOX MISSION

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March 29, 2009

Schedule of Services and Activities

Week of March 29, 2009

Great Lent continues

Sunday, March 29, 2009

St. John Climacus Sunday

9:10am Confessions
9:30am Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
Church School

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

7:00pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Sunday, April 5, 2009

St. Mary of Egypt Sunday

9:10am Confessions
9:30am Divine Liturgy

Children's Sermon

40 Day Panikhyda for +Fr. Petlak

Potluck Fundraiser Luncheon

**6:00pm Pan-Orthodox Passion Vespers Service at
St. Andrew's OCA in Baltimore, MD**

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: St. John Climacus Sunday

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

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

Monday: Venerable Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse

Isaiah 37:33-38:6 Gen. 13:12-18 Proverbs 14:27-15:4

Tuesday: Venerable Hypaty, Healer of the Kyiv Caves

Isaiah 40:18-32 Genesis 15:1-15 Proverbs 15:7-19

Wednesday: Venerable Herontyi, Canonarch of the

Kyiv Caves

Isaiah 41:4-14 Genesis 17:1-9 Proverbs 15:20-16:9

Thursday: Venerable Titus the Wonderworker

Isaiah 42:5-16 Genesis 18:20-33 Proverbs 16:17-17:17

Friday: Virgin-martyr Theodosia of Tyre

Isaiah 45:11-17 Genesis 22:1-18 Proverbs 17:17-18:5

Saturday: Venerable Joseph the Long-suffering of the
Kyiv Caves

Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 8:27-31

Sunday: St. Mary of Egypt Sunday

Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45

Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 7:36-50 (Saint)

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Archbishop Antony,
Metropolitan Constantine, Bishop Daniel, Rdr. Basil Athas, Barry, Beth Albano, Carrie and Jess Bowman, 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, Mary Hardester, Daniel Harrison, John Robert Johnson, Ann Kietzman, Mary Kloplic and the child she bears, Jocelyn Mathewes and the child she bears, Melissa, David Mukai, Peggy Mukai, Ann, Jonathan, Nadia, 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

2009 Tentative Schedule of Parish Events

April

April 5	6pm Pan-Orthodox Passion Vespers Service at St. Andrew's OCA
April 12	Palm Sunday Holy Week begins
April 15	7pm Holy Unction Service
April 16	7pm Passion Gospels Service
April 17	2pm Vespers of the Cross 7pm Jerusalem Matins
April 18	11:30pm Midnight Office
April 19	12am Paschal Matins with Procession, Paschal Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Baskets, Agape Feast
April 23	7:30pm Parish Council Meeting

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 April 1st, 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 this year's second **Pan-Orthodox Passion Vespers Services** will be held **next Sunday**, 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 29 – Czumak Family

April 5 – Potluck Fundraiser

April 12 - Seeley / Klopocic Families

April 19 – Agape Feast from our Pascha baskets

April 26 - Krowzow / Norton Families

May 3 - Potluck Fundraiser

May 10 - Czumak Family

(Fast Days underlined)

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

Last Sunday's Collection: \$672.00
Weekly Collection (budget): \$900.00
Current Building Fund: \$23,157.00