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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

Served By

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WATCH THE PUSSY WILLOWS !!

With the warm weather we have been having
the pussy willows may bloom too early.

They can be cut and stored in a cool dark place
until Palm Sunday.

From the beginning of Christianity, local
churches kept registers of their living
members as well as those who departed.
These registers were folding tablets made of
wood, ivory, or precious metals artistically
decorated with carvings and bound together
by rings. They are known as diptychs, taken
from the Greek word díptychon, which means
anything folded in two. These were used in
Church to commemorate the living and the
dead at the Divine Liturgy since the fourth
century.

Our hramoty has become quite disorganized
and needs to be revised and updated.
Duplicate names need to be removed and the
lists need to be condensed and reorganized.

Third Sunday of the Great Fast

Veneration of the Cross

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Theophane Venerable- Confessor

Our venerable father and confessor, Theopane of
Syngria, was banished by the Emperor Leo the
Armenian for his stand against the Iconoclasts at
the second Council of Nicea A.D. 787. Died in
exile A.D. 818, bound and starved to death. Our
holy father, Gregory the Great, Dialogus, Pope of
Rome, who probably composed the Liturgy of the
Presanctified for the Eastern Churches. He died
A.D. 604 in the reign of Emperor Phocas.

Fasts & Feasts

March

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| March 12 | Third Sunday of the Great Fast
(Veneration of the Cross) |
| March 18 | Fourth All-Souls Saturday |
| March 19 | Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
(St. John of the Ladder) |
| March 25 | Annunciation of the Theotokos
Solemn Holy Day / No Fast-
ing |
| March 26 | Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
(St. Mary of Egypt), Synaxis of the
Archangel Gabriel |
| March 31 | End of the Holy Forty Day's Fast (at
sunset or after Vespers or
Presanctified on Friday) |
| April 1-8 | Great and Holy Week |
| April 1 | Lazarus Saturday |

Divine Liturgy Intention

Living & deceased members of the parish.

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY
(Pokrov)

March 12 2023

We also have to commemorate those who founded, supported and maintained the church but have no one to put their names on the list.

Take the donation envelope for the All Souls Saturday, place a stipend into the envelope for Father and attach a list of the deceased members of your family to it.

Father and I will take all of this material and organize it. Hopefully this will be done by the fifth all souls Saturday.

Titurgy of Presanctified Gifts
Wednesday @ 9 am

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3rd Sunday of Great Fast Veneration of the Cross

Regarding Christ and His Cross, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches in #618: The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men". But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men. He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]", 454 for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps." In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering.

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As we have "crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the precious and life-giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. In other words, we must experience what the Lord experienced during His Passion - being humiliated in a shameful manner. The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

As they who walk on a long and hard way and are bowed down by fatigue find great relief and strengthening under the cool shade of a leafy tree, so do we find comfort, refreshment, and rejuvenation under the Life-giving Cross, which our Fathers "planted" on this Sunday. Thus, we are fortified and enabled to continue our Lenten journey with a light step, rested and encouraged.

