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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request

March 19, 2023

Epistle: Heb 4: 14-5:6

Gospel: Mark 8: 34-9:1

COFFEE HOUR: There is a coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. Come and join in Christian fellowship.

FOR THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Judy Wadysz, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Sonia Kurtyka, William Harvey, Nancy Hawkins, Bradley Webster, Jestin Spears, Matthew Kerrigan, Roger Wodkowski, Daniel Moran, Joanne Kowalenok, Fr. Timothy, Russell Masura, Marge Wade, Nancy Hay, Mary Varchola, Zlatko Petrovich, Pam Resetar, Thomas Barkulis, Allen Alexander Owen, Tammie Kerrigan and Nancy Wolenter, Zlatko Petrovich, and Deacon David Rehn

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK DURING LENT:

Wednesday, March 22nd - Confession and Absolution

5:30 p.m.

Presanctified Gifts Liturgy followed by Agape Meal

6:00 p.m.

Friday, Marcy 24th – Vespers for Holy Feast of Annunciation

6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 18th–Divine Liturgy for Holy Feast of Annunciation & repose souls

10:00 a.m.

FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY PRECIOUS CROSS: Anyone who would like to donate towards flowers to beautify the *Holy Precious Cross* for the *third Sunday of Lent - The Veneration of the Cross*, today March 19th, please fill out an envelope found in the pews and mark it “Flowers for the Cross”! Thank You.

FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS DONATIONS:

Munaco Family, Hermes Family, Fr. Tim & Mat. Sherry

\$ 70.00

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR JOANNE NICHOLAS:

Helen Woytowich & Al Bejczy

\$ 50.00

Mary Ann Harvilla

\$ 100.00

Julia Korniyozskaya

\$ 30.00

Mark & Sandy Grier

\$ 40.00

Mike & Sharon Kania

\$ 20.00

Nicholas Obrizok

\$ 25.00

Munaco Family

\$ 25.00

Hermes Family

\$ 25.00

MEMORIAL DONATION:

Munaco Family (in memory of Fr. Daneil Shirak)

\$ 25.00

William Saxby (in memory of Anna Saxby)

\$ 25.00

CHURCH DONATIONS:

Nicholas Obrizok Jr. (health of Fr. Deacon Daniel Woytowich on his birthday and Angela Woytowich on her birthday)

\$ 50.00

Bill Saxby (health of daughter Kathryn Saxby)

\$ 25.00

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday, March 25th, we celebrate the *Feast of the Annunciation*. On this day, the angel announced to Mary that she had been chosen by God to bring the Saviour into the world. We call it Annunciation because it is the announcing of the greatest good news mankind has ever heard: the coming of God into the world, and more specially, into our lives, to overcome sin and death for us, to make us sons and daughters of God, heirs of the everlasting kingdom.

If there is the bad news of a world gone mad, take heart, there is also the good news of One who can restore it to sanity. If there is the bad news of man’s sin, guilt and anxiety, there is also the good news of a loving Saviour who says, “Him that cometh to me I will in no way cast out.” If there is the bad news of man’s weakness, his inability to achieve his potential, there is also the good news of God’s power. If there is the bad news of suffering, there is also the good news of a God who loves and cares; a God who comes to be with us in our suffering, to strengthen, comfort and support us. “Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, yea, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand” (Is 41:10) If there is the bad news of death, there is also the good news of the Resurrected Christ, by His death trampling upon death to grant to those in the tombs everlasting life.

Here indeed is the greatest good news in the world. The world is literally dying for the kind of happiness the good news of the love of God in Christ has the power to give.