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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 26, 2023

Epistle: Heb 6: 13-20; Heb 2:11-18

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31; Luke 1:24-38

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, Tammie Kerrigan and Nancy Wolenter Zlatko Petrovich, and Deacon David Rehn

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK DURING LENT:

Wednesday, March 29th - Confession and Absolution **5:30 p.m.**
Presanctified Gifts Liturgy followed by Agape Meal **6:00 p.m.**

Saturday, April 1st –Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy **10:00 a.m.**

FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS DONATIONS:

Pat Dominick, Ron Miller, Stephanie Henkel, Allen Owen and Anonymous)
\$80.00

EASTER/PASCHA NEWSLETTER – Fr. Timothy mailed the Easter/Pascha newsletter this past week on Thursday, March 23rd. Everyone should receive it, hopefully, in the next two weeks.

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.

God's Little Instruction Book: "A great leader never sets himself above his followers except in carrying responsibilities." Philippians 2:8 – *And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!*