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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

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Epistle Heb 6:13-20

Gospel Mark 9:17-31

COFFEE HOUR: There is a Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy – Come and enjoy Christian fellowship.

FOR THE HEALTH: 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, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Nancy Hawkins, Bradley Webster, Jestin Spears, Matthew Kerrigan, Roger Wodkowski, Daniel Moran and JoAnne Nicholas.

The Holy Orthodox Church beckons us to “Come let us make ready the Feast.” The feast the church is speaking of is the Feast of all Feast – *The Resurrection of our Lord – the Passover from death to life.*

Whether we are young or old, each year we prepare for this feast with anticipation. We recall the Paschas of past years how we listened to the *twelve Passion Gospel Readings on Holy Thursday; processioned around the Church on Holy Friday symbolizing Christ’s body being taken to the tomb, and finally, on Holy Pascha we heard the triumphant words, “Christ is Risen!”* We remember, too, how beautiful the church looked with its *white covers, white flowers, and white vestments.* Surely, we were weary from all the preparation during Lent but, when we arrived home with our baskets of blessed food and ate together with our families, then we knew it was all worth it. No other faith can compare to the Orthodox in its celebration of the *Feast of the Resurrection!* Yet, our weariness is nothing compared to Christ’s suffering on the Cross for us. Let us continue on our journey through Lent with patience and love, as the Church teaches, remembering on that First Resurrection Day how the myrrh bearing women by the Tomb had their sorrow turned to joy!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Church Council meeting TODAY, SUNDAY, April 3, 2022, following Divine Liturgy and Coffee Hour. Please, all council members make every effort to attend. Thank You!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK OF LENT:

Wednesday, April 6th - Confession and Absolution **5:30 p.m.**
Presanctified Gifts Liturgy **6:00 p.m.**
Agape meal following service

Saturday, April 9th - Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy **10:00 a.m.**

FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY CROSS DONATIONS:

Munaco Family \$25.00
Total to date \$294.00 + \$25.00 = \$319.00

CHURCH MEMORIAL DONATION:

Michael & Kim Brown (in memory of Joseph, Jacquelin and David Hermes, and Robert & Donna Brown) \$150.00

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

ST. MICHAEL’S BOOK CLUB: The next scheduled meeting will be on Lazarus Saturday, April 16, 2022, after Divine Liturgy in the church hall. Discussion about “The Soul after Death” by Fr. Seraphim Rose.

PUSSY WILLOWS - Pussy Willow growers: please check your pussy willows – they should be ready to cut. After cutting, do NOT put them in water. Place them in a container or box and keep them in a cool dry place until Palm Sunday.

PASCHA NEWSLETTER: mailed on Monday, March 28th. Enclosed in the newsletter was a special envelope for 7-Day Vigil Lights which will be lit at the grave of our Lord and will burn through Pascha and Bright Week. Please mail or turn in your envelope before Holy Friday Services, April 22nd for special intentions.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST – Sunday, April 10th - The breakfast will celebrate the first confession of Andrew Powell. Please come and support Andrew and his family. The donation is \$10. Sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.