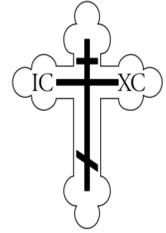


Special points of interest:

Epistle Reading:
Hebrews 6:13-20
Hebrews 2:11-18
Gospel Reading:
St. Mark 9:17-31
St. Luke 1:24-38
Liturgical Tone: 4
Liturgical Color: Blue

April 7, 2019

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Schedule for Week

Sunday, April 7, 2019

**9:30am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Feast of the Annunciation**

*11am Panachida in memory of +Mae Antos by daughter
Katerina and the Hulme family; Panachida in memory
of Aunt +Ann Bohoy-Snearly offered by Gary & Carole
Herrlich & family.*

ADULT EDUCATION TOPIC: DIVINE LITURGY w/SISTER VASSA

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

**6pm Southern Tier Deanery
Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts**

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH- ENDICOTT, NY

Friday, April 12, 2019

6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, April 13, 2019

NO VESPERS THIS EVENING

Sunday, April 14, 2019

*9:30am Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil
Coffee Social*

WELCOME!

Welcome to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While **Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Coffee Social afterward.

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SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH



God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

EPISTLE READING

Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20

Brethren,

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

EPISTLE READING

Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18

Brethren,

For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will sing praise to You. And again, "I will put My trust in Him." And again, Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to

Gospel reading

Reading is from St. Mark 9:17-31

Let us attend,

Then one from the multitude answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. "And wherever he seizes him, he throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast him out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with You? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "how long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood." "And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said in tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him, and enter him no more. The spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast him out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.

Gospel reading

Reading is from St. Luke 1:24-38

Let us attend,

Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He look on me, to take away my reproach among men." Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

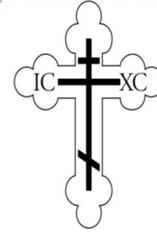
But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end.

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

"Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this now the sixth month for her who was called barren."

"For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S



April 3	Marlene Wheet
April 4	John Medvitz
April 10	John Hoch
April 14	Andrew Chudanic
April 14	Jay Tostanoski
April 18	Christina H.

O God, grant to your servants good health, happiness and salvation for many blessed years!

Mnohaja I Blabaja L'ita!



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PUSSY WILLOW WATCH



Be on the look-out for blooming
PUSSY WILLOWS

If you find any blooming Pussy Willows please clip the branches and bring them to Church. We will store them until Palm Sunday! Spring



COFFEE with SISTER VASSA

“COVERING” THE “NAKEDNESS” OF MY FATHER

“The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Hem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah; and from these the whole earth was peopled. Noah was the first tiller of the soil. He planted a vineyard; and he drank of the wine, and became drunk, and lay uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it upon both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father’s nakedness. When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son done to him, he said, ‘Cursed be Canaan; a slave of slaves shall he be to his brothers...’” (Gen 9:18-25)

So “the whole earth was peopled from these,”—from one who did not cover “the nakedness of his father,” Ham, “the father of Canaan,” and from those who did, Shem and Japheth. This biblical account is counter-cultural in our

age, I think, when popular psychology, due to largely-Freudian influence, often places responsibility for all our “issues” at the feet of our parents and their “nakedness” (or their “dis-grace,” i.e., “(lack of grace”). But the Bible dignifies also us, the children of our parents, (or “adult-children” of our parents, as was Ham, who had already fathered Canaan), with responsibility of our “re-actions” to any of their dis-graceful “actions.”

So let me accept responsibility today, and be dignified by “covering” the nakedness of my “father (s),” as did Shem and Japheth. This doesn’t mean that I ignore it or run away from it, no. But it does mean that I do what needs to be done, to “cover” (from the Late Latin co-oper-ire, “to put something over (something else)”) with the positive energies of God’s grace or “blessings” to me today, any negative stuff I may have witnessed or endured from my parents. Because I continue to be called to, and be capable of, growth and change in my “adult-child” years. It doesn’t only happen at the feet of, or as the sole responsibility of, my parents.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS



His Eminence, Metropolitan GREGORY; Protopresbyter Frank Miloro; Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Kenneth Bachofsky; Protopresbyter Michael Polanichka; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; Very Rev. John Baranik; V. Rev. Michael Psenechnuk; Rev. James Gleason; V. Rev. Robert Lucas; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Vasyl & Lyudmyla Hayova; Helen Coons; Mary Benyo; Anna Chudanic; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheat; Helen Molson; Donna Blazosky; Art Gallant; Nancy Murphy-Teed; Joyce Nissen; Chelsea Roman; Gloria Ewsuk; Andrew Chudanic; Tammy Pierson; Jeanne Zimmer; John Cowherd; Sylvia Serdula; Stephen Brancho; Carole Herrlich; Gary Herrlich; Daniel Donnelly; Jean Cox; Dimitri Wallick; John Chach; Andrew Havalchak; Basil Havalchak; Diane Rodrigues; Kathy Snearly-Mahr; Bella; James Hulme; Isaac Glosser; Jeff Kerrick; Rachel Corey; Kristine Garner; Robert & Ellen Zobbi
To Jonathan Share who is serving in the United States Navy; and for all our Men and Women serving and protecting our country at home and abroad!

SOUTHERN TIER DEANERY LENTEN MISSION SERVICES

6PM Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Saint Mary's Church ~ Endicott

6PM Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Saint Michael's Church ~ Binghamton

All are invited to attend these Lenten services which allow us the opportunity to worship as a Deanery family and to enjoy good fellowship with our brothers and sisters, old friends and perhaps making a new friend or two.

***MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO JOIN US!
YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!***

Forty-eight Days to the "GREAT DAY"



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Remembrance of St. John Climacus of the Ladder of Divine Ascent

Good news and bad news.

I love the placement of this Gospel on the Lenten calendar. We are now 28 days into the 48-day spiritual journey. Are you getting weary (be honest, even just a little)? You might be, simply because Lent takes us on a spiritual path so different from the rest of the year, and by now it could be taxing on us. So what happens? The Church is wise. She gives us a reminder to keep fasting and praying, and not to quit. Not to give-up. Not to throw away what we have already worked hard to spiritually accomplish. But instead to go on stronger.

Today's Gospel is that reminder (Mark 9:16-30).

First the bad news....Nine of Jesus' disciples and the Temple scribes got into a heated discussion. The other three apostles-Peter, James and John-were with Jesus on nearby Mt. Tabor. The scribes confronted the apostles as to why that day they could not cure someone's devil-possessed son who was in the crowd that had gathered. Remember, the apostles were given that power. Also remember that the Temple authorities were always looking for an opportunity to discredit Jesus. The discussion turned ugly. In fact, it was embarrassing to the apostles. They were losing the debate. They were out-manuevered. Quite possibly, this had never happened before. I'm sure it shook their confidence.

Can you imagine how embarrassed the apostles were? They were given power to cast out devils, and today they could not do it. Bad news.

Could any good news possibly come out of this confrontation? Read tomorrow's meditation.

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Forty-eight Days to the "GREAT DAY"



29th Day of Lent

Now the Good news.....

Out of nowhere, Jesus appeared and saved the day for those apostles. Jesus was loyal to His own and did not question the apostles. He put the scribes on the spot instead: "What are you discussing with them?"

Loosing instantly turned to winning. Not even waiting for an answer, with one command Jesus pulled the demon out of the boy who had been tormented.

This whole episode turned into a real teaching moment for the apostles. Scripture says they privately came to Jesus asking: "Why couldn't we cast out the demon?". Jesus' answer... "This kind of thing can be cast out in no way except by PRAYER and FASTING!"

Dear readers: this is your teaching moment also! Think about it. The apostles were so worried about a lot of unimportant little things in their lives that they blew the big things, like NOT praying and NOT fasting as He told them to do. Is this you too? Do you resist what the Church has told you to do? Do you meet God only half way? Are you lukewarm?

You have 48 days every year to fix that. We have multiple opportunities in these Lenten days to become better people, all in the context of a life of faith. Prayer and fasting are essential expressions of that life of faith.

Right now, Jesus is seeking to elicit faith from you just as he did from the father of the demon-possessed boy in the Gospel. Do you believe? That's the question.

This Lent, sanctify and dignify your life at the same time. The best good news is that you can do it!

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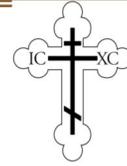
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*In memory of beloved Aunt
+Ann Bohoy-Snearly*

*O Lord, grant eternal rest to
Your servant +Ann where there
is no sorrow, sickness,
nor suffering,
but life everlasting!*

*May her memory be eternal!
Vichnaja I Blahaja Pamjat!*



The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn Our Lord's grave, are a special part of the celebration of Pascha. You're invited to purchase plants for \$20/plant to express your love and appreciation and help the church defray costs of providing the plants. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. Your flower dedications will be part of a special insert included in the Easter bulletin.

If you would like to contribute, Carole Herrlich will be taking requests or you can e-mail her at caroleherrlich@aol.com

LAST DAY TO PLACE YOUR ORDER IS

APRIL 22

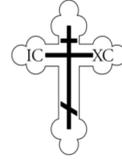
THANK YOU!



Mary Benyo and the Benyo family has asked me to Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and love that all of you have sent her way during her illness. She loves and misses all of you!

*In Christ,
Father Dan*

THANK YOU!



Jean Cox and the Cox family has asked me to Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and love that all of you have sent her way after her surgery and during her convalescence.

She misses all of you and hopes to be back in our midst soon.

*In Christ,
Father Dan*

There will be a WOLF in our kitchen and we could use your help!!



We have purchased a 36" WOLF Gas Range with 6 Burners for our the kitchen in the Church Hall and will be delivered in a few weeks. The new range will allow our ladies and also our men to begin cooking delicious meals, baking our Christmas and Pascha delicacies' (Paska's, cookies, etc.). The cost of the range is approximately \$6,200.

*If you would like to help your church by making a donation towards it's cost in memory of **OR** in honor of a loved one or friend please see Rodney or Nancy Gabel and let them know that you would like to help!*



LENTEN FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINIAN CHILDREN ALONG THE WAR ZONE

Our parishioner and Church Council member Don Kakretz will be in the Ukraine personally working with Olga Riznychenko of Saint Demetrius Orthodox Church in Khar-kov from May 7th through May 30th helping them obtain and deliver supplies to the children along the front line in the war zone.

We will be having a basket out every Sunday of the Great Lent and we ask your support in helping the children in this area of the Ukraine in their time of need.

Won't you please give as generously as you can and help us make a difference.

If you are issuing a check please make it payable to **SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH** and we will have Rodney process it.

For further information please see Don during the coffee social.