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—Schedule of Divine Services—

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST—VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS—PREFESTIVE DAY OF ANNUNCIATION (Tone 3)

- Saturday Mar. 23** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for a special intention
- Sunday Mar. 24** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
9:30AM Third Hour
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1
11:45AM ECF/Adult Education classes continue
- Monday Mar. 25** **ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY**
(Solemn Holyday—No Fasting this day)
7:30PM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
- Wednesday Mar. 27** **MID-LENT: OUR VENERABLE MOTHER MATRONA OF THESSALONICA**
(simple abstinence from meat)
7:30PM Scripture Study on the Epistle to the Hebrews
8:30PM Great Compline for the Great Fast
- Friday Mar. 29** **OUR VENERABLE FATHER MARK, BISHOP OF ARETHUSA** (simple abstinence from meat)
7:30PM Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
8:30PM Pot-luck dinner in the narthex
- Saturday Mar. 30** **FOURTH ALL SOULS SATURDAY—OUR VENERABLE FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS, AUTHOR OF “THE LADDER OF DIVINE ASCENT”**
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for those Inscribed in Our Diptics

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST—MEMORY OF OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS (Tone 4)

- Saturday Mar. 30** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the repose of +Mykola Scheremeta by Michael & Irene Laschuk
6:30PM Panachida for the repose of +Mykola Scheremeta by Michael & Irene Laschuk
- Sunday Mar. 31** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
9:30AM Third Hour
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 & Ephesians 5:9-19; Mark 9:17-31 & Matthew 4:25-5:12
11:45AM ECF/Adult Education classes continue

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment or before and after weekday services

During the month of March, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for a Special Intention by Alex Adekambi

Stewardship 3/03/2019	Offertory	\$3,384.00	Total March: \$11,3840.00
Stewardship 3/10/2019	Offertory	\$3,847.00	March Operating Budget \$13,255
Stewardship 3/17/2019	Offertory	\$4,153.00	

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Fr. Conan Timoney, James Murray, Deborah Deduck, Patricia Rabayda, and Catherine Garcia. May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.—Please let Fr. Lewis know if anyone should be added or taken away from this prayer list.

DONATE ROSARIES: The Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (MMI) is a group of missionary priests who serve people in the most challenging areas on Earth. To facilitate evangelization, and to provide hope for those they serve, the missionaries are requesting 500 rosaries. These will be distributed to individuals in their Central African Republic and Papua New Guinea missions. There will be a box to accept Rosary donations in the church narthex during Lent. New or used Rosaries are accepted. Thank you for your contribution to this collection. For more information, please email parishioner David Malakauskas. David.Malakauskas@outlook.com

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: The class on the prophets will resume on Sunday, March 24. Dcn. James is ill this week, please keep his recovery in your prayers.

HEBREW BIBLE STUDY: This week we will read chapters 8, & 9 and begin to talk about the High Priesthood of Jesus Christ. If you like, you may bring your own Bible and stay for a very beautiful service of Great Compline.

COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT EPIPHANY:

We are very happy to join the Legionaires of Christ by sponsoring a “Conference on a pastoral approach to those suffering from same-sex attraction in the light Christ’s merciful love” at 4:30PM on Sunday, March 31.

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- Mar. 25 Annunciation of the Theotokos (Solemn Holy Day)
- Mar. 30 4th All Souls Saturday
- Mar. 31 Courage & EnCourage Conference with Fr. Philip Bochanski in the nave 4:30PM

The speaker of the conference will be Fr. Philip Bochanski, the executive director of Courage and EnCourage. These organizations are fully supported by the Catholic Church and embrace Catholic teaching in the areas of same sex attraction and for the family and loved one of those who experience same-sex attraction. If you are interested in learning about this important issue, please plan on attending.

LENTEN DONATIONS: We will participate in the Baby Bottle Boomerang as an option for almsgiving outside of the parish during this Great Fast. There is often a complaint about Christians that in being Pro-Life they fight to defend the unborn child, but then seldom offer ways and means to take care of these previously unwanted children when the mothers do decide to bring them to term and allow them life. This is definitely one way in which we can all contribute to Life by offering the financial support that mothers in need require to choose life instead of death. I pray that we will be generous in our giving, so that in providing life, we too will experience an abundance of life. <https://supporttheopecenter.com>

ROSWELL DANCE THEATRE: Parishioners Elizabeth and William Parnaby will be performing with the Roswell Dance Theatre in their production of “Anastasia” on March 23-24 at the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$20-28 and are available at SpringBalletConcert.com. The Atlanta Dance Theatre will perform “Peter Pan” as part of the same show, so it’s two ballets for the price of one.

WORKING COPY OF PARISH DIRECTORY IN NARTHEX: Please look over your details and make sure they are current and correct. We will then reproduce the directory and distribute it.

EVAGRIOS THE SOLITARY (345-399AD): ON PRAYER excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

33. What is good, except God? Then let us leave to Him everything that concerns us and all will be well. For He who is good is naturally also a giver of good gifts.

34. Do not be distressed if you do not at once receive from God what you ask. He wishes to give you something better—to make you persevere in your prayer. For what is better than to enjoy the love of God and to be in communion with Him?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: This past summer we began to do our own lawn and grounds care which has saved us a huge amount of money. **We are looking for 2 additional volunteers to help with lawn maintenance this year.** We found last year that it takes two people per week to cut the grass which only takes a few hours. If we could get two additional people, the schedule would be for that person to dedicate a few hours once a month. If interested in donating your time for the beautification of our parish grounds, please contact Ed Klotz at Ed@trinitasgroup.net, or 404-901-0155.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY TO PROMOTE MOVIE ABOUT ABORTION: Our parishioner, Hannah Grace Fuchko, is in the process of beginning a Pro-Life young adult ministry and is asking for those who are interested to join. She is promoting the upcoming independent film Unplanned, which can be learned about at <https://www.unplannedfilm.com>.

FASTING REGULATIONS: Every person who receives Holy Communion and is a subject of the Eparchy of Passaic is obligated to participate in the prescribed Fast. This is: no meat or dairy on Monday, Mar. 4, & Friday, April 19. No meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast. Of course, Bishop Kurt Burnette and Father Lewis Rabayda encourage everyone to go further in their fasting regimen so that the celebration of Pascha is truly a joy and celebration of not only Jesus' Resurrection, but also our own resurrection with Him! **Fr. Lewis also recommends taking off work on Good and Holy Friday, April 19 to fully enter into a day of prayer.**

NEW PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY NOW IN THE FALL: We have rescheduled our new parish photo directory for the fall with dates to be out soon. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we look forward to that in the Fall. We will have a new Parish phone directory coming out soon.

READER INSTALLATION ON PALM SUNDAY: Those who have been training to be new Readers will have more practices on the coming Sunday afternoons with Subdeacon John Reed, please see him for the schedule. However, we will be blessing our newly trained Readers on Palm Sunday, April 14 after the Ambon Prayer. They will then be equipped to participate in the many readings of the services of Great and Holy Week.

DAYS OF ALLELUIA & PROSTRATIONS: The weekdays during the Great Fast are called Days of Alleluia. One aspect of this is that the Divine Liturgy is specifically not to be cele-

brated. This is why we have the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts, because the Sacrifice of the Liturgy of the Eucharist is a joyous celebration, it cannot be done during a period of fasting and repentance. Also, during the weekday services we will have the opportunity to prostrate. These can be difficult with pews, but please do not feel unwelcome to enter into the aisles in order to make a full prostration. A full prostration is to make the sign of the cross, bend on both knees, place one's hands on the floor and touch one's forehead to the floor solemnly. Fr. Lewis will be leading these for anyone who may not be familiar.

FRIDAY PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY AND POTLUCK: We will be celebrating the Presanctified Divine Liturgy on Friday's of the Great Fast. This is a beautiful Lenten service where we sing about the austerity of the Fast and enter into its life-giving spirituality. We will also be holding a small pot-luck meal afterwards. In order to be prepared for it, we ask that those who wish to bring something sign up on the sheet in the narthex. See you there!

NEW ECF TEACHERS NEEDED: For the next academic year we will be in need of some new teachers for our Eastern Catholic Formation program for children. If interested, please see Karen Madrigal, or Father Lewis.

APOSTICA OF THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS:

“O Lord, You assisted David in battle to overcome the godless ones; with the weapon of your Cross, help us to drive back our enemies. Show us your love as You did before, so that the people might know in truth that You are our God, and that our victory comes from You. Your Mother intercedes unceasingly that we may be granted your great mercy.”

APOSTICA OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST:

“Woe, is me, I dare not lift my eyes to heaven because of my evil deeds; but like the Publican I sigh and say: Forgive me, for I am a sinner, and preserve me from the hypocrisy of the Pharisee, O Lord, in your goodness.”