

April 7, 2019

Upcoming Services:

- Sun. Apr. 7, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy for Annunciation & John Climacus Sunday
- Wed. Apr. 10, 6:30 pm. - Presanctified Liturgy
- Fri. Apr. 12, 9:30 am. - Presanctified Liturgy
- Sat. Apr. 13, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
- Sun. Apr. 14, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy for Mary of Egypt Sunday
- Wed. Apr. 17, 6:30 pm. - Presanctified Liturgy
- Fri. Apr. 19, 9:30 am. - Presanctified Liturgy
- Sat. Apr. 20, 9:30 am. - Lazarus Saturday Liturgy
- Sun. Apr. 21, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent and the Feast of Annunciation:

The Annunciation is one of the earliest Christian feasts, it falls during Lent, but it is always celebrated with great joy, and may be translated as "good tidings." This, of course, refers to the Incarnation of the Son of God and the salvation He brings.

The Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth in Galilee. There he spoke to the undefiled Virgin: "Hail, thou who art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. The Virgin did not immediately accept the Angel's message. In her humility, she did not think she was deserving of such words, but was actually troubled by them. Mary said unto the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" "And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: therefore that which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.' And the angel departed from her." (Luke 1: 35-38)

Salvation is not merely an act of God's will, but also involves the Virgin's free will. She could have refused, but she accepted God's will and chose to cooperate without complaint or further questions. The Gospel of Saint Luke (1:26-38) describes this as the "beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the eternal mystery," for on this day the Son of God became the Son of Man."

Hebrews 6: 13 - 20

Mark 9: 17 - 31

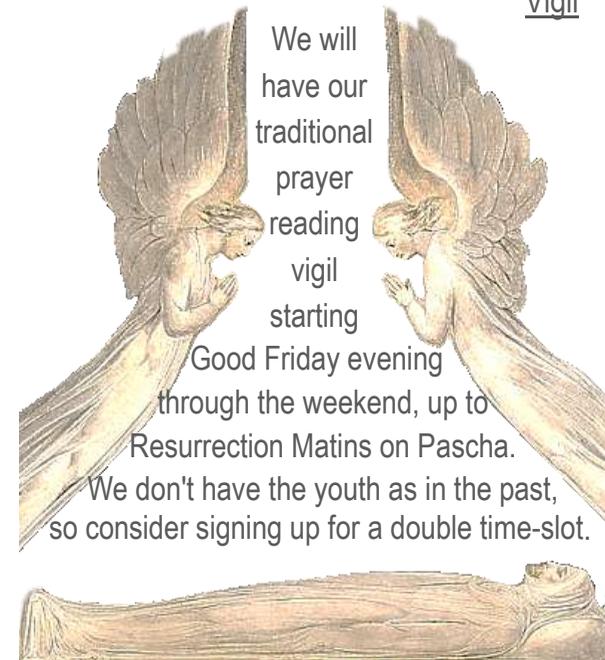
<u>Reader Schedule:</u>
Sun, Apr. 7 - Kurtis Lauser
Sun, Apr. 14 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
Sun, Apr. 21 - Cynthia Neff

Birthdays:

Apr. 8 - Abby Teijaro

Upcoming Events:

- Apr. 10 Wed. - Lenten Potluck Dinner following liturgy in the church hall
- Apr. 13 Sat. - 7:30 am. Cemetery Cleanup. Bring a rake and join us at the cemetery. Rain date Apr 20
- Apr. 14 Sun. - Sisterhood Meeting in the church hall after liturgy.
- Apr. 16 Tue. - Executive Board Meeting in the church hall. 7 pm
- Apr. 17 Wed. - Lenten Potluck Dinner following liturgy in the church hall
- Apr. 21 Sun. - Annual Parish Photo followed by Easter Egg Hunt after liturgy.
- Fri - Sun, Apr. 26-28 - Guarding of the Tomb Vigil



Anniversaries:

None this week

Notices:



Dyed Eggs for Pascha

Please let Tabitha know if you are able to dye eggs for Pascha.



Pascha Flower Donations

Donations for white flowers for the church may be given to Cynthia or Greg. Please use your flower donation envelope. Checks payable to "St. Anastasia Sisterhood".

Church Cleaning

Holy Ghost is in need of volunteers to help clean the Church. Due to health issues many of the cleaners have dismissed themselves. Cleaning requires 1 or 2 hours every other week. Please contact Tabitha to help.

Coffee Hour Signup

Hosts are needed for Sunday coffee hour. Check the posted list for openings.

April Charity
Ukrainian Orphanage

Bulletin Additions

Provide bulletin additions to Wesley Hatch by Friday at 9 pm

Prayer Corner:



For the Health of: Erin Bove, Florine, Linda, Charline Ene, Salwa, Richard Ziegler, Bill Brown, Donna, Karen, James Kish & Erica Kish