



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Week of March 22 - 28, 2015 ❖ Tone 8

4th Sunday of Great Lent ❖ St. John Climacus of Sinai

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Heb. 6:13-20 & Eph. 5:9-19

Mark 9:17-31

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 multiplying I will 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.

BRETHREN: for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

AT THAT TIME: A man came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not. Jesus 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 Jesus. And when he saw Jesus, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So Jesus 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 with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then 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 it 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 betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

& Matthew 4:25 - 5:12

DAILY READINGS:

March 23rd

Gen. 13:12-18

Prov. 14:27-15:4

March 24th

Gen. 15:1-15

Prov. 15:7-19

March 25th

Gen. 17:1-9

Prov. 15:20-16:9

March 26th

Gen. 18:20-33

Prov. 16:17-17:17

March 27th

Gen. 22:1-18

Prov. 17:17-18:5

March 28th

Heb. 9:24-28

Mark 8:27-31

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 22nd

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour -

Sunday Lenten Vespers at All Saints of America, Salisbury - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24th

Confession 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25th

ANNUNCIATION

Confession 5 - 5:40 p.m.

Festal Vespers Liturgy 6:10 p.m.

Soup & Bread / Pot Luck

Friday, March 27th

Akathist to the Theotokos 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28th

Pre-Pascha Clean-up 8:30 a.m. - ??

Choir Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.

Confession 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Confession

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday March 22nd

Greeter: ? ? ?

Cleaning: R. Delaney

Coffee: Everson/Dilger

Sunday March 29th

Greeter: ? ? ?

Cleaning: R. Delaney

Coffee: Cherpak/Bradani

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 4,143

YTD:\$34,602 **[108.6%]**

YTD Goal:\$ 31,850.50

(11 wks) [\$ 2895.50/wk]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆**Special Parish Meeting:** Sunday, March 29th after Divine Liturgy to approve roof repair expenditure.

◆**Soup & Bread:** Please check out the sign-up sheet on the side about soup and bread to break the fast after Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays. The more hands the easier the task.

◆**Greeters: Greeters List** for the first half of 2015 is available for your participation. PLEASE sign-up today! WE HAVE NO ONE FROM MARCH THROUGH JUNE!!

◆**Coffee Hour:** The NEW 2015 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board.



WE HAVE NO ONE FOR APRIL!!

◆**Men's Club Lotto -**

35 Laura Burrill Hills

Support the Men's Club
Special Projects Fund!!

Sign up today!!!

New numbers have started!!!
There are numbers available!

◆**The March monthly charity collection** is for **St. Herman's Seminary, Alaska**. At St. Herman Seminary we seek to continue the heroic educational and evangelistic work begun by Ss. Herman, Innocent, Jacob, and the host of dedicated clergy and laity



"For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos John Steffick
Michael Horbal Nelson (Stephen) Potter

Archpriest Paul Lazor
Archpriest Michael Koblosh (chemotherapy
Alexandria, VA)

Priest Michael Shuster (Holy Trinity Church,
Spring Hill, FL)

Mat. Susanne Senyo (cancer - Pittsburgh, PA.
schoolmate of Fr. David)

Mat. Clara Eissman (Bethel, CT)
Mat. Mary Balmer (St Raphael Church,
Inverness, FL)

Mat. Elizabeth Bacon (Chelsea, MA)
Officer Brett Morgan (NBPB)
Patricia Minitier (cancer - Friend of
Rosemary Delaney)

Jennifer Akerley (cancer - Friend of
Rosemary Delaney)

Luba Martins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Kathy Collins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Leslie Nutthall (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Paul Sulich (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Helen Skrobat (Mother of John Skrobat)
Cindy Eastman (Sister of Phyllis Bartos)
Catherine Williamson (Daughter of
Steve Bradford)

Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)
Margaret Wallick (Sister of Marion Bichun)
Lovey (Luba) Kovalesky (Friend
of the Bichun's)

Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)

Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)
Adriano Melluzzo (Son-in-law of the Potter's)
Gregory Savoie (Friend of the Santoro's)
JoAnn Hensley (stroke - Friend of
Jennie Everson)

Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
Ann Ward (Friend of the Polzun's)
Matthew Murphy (Nephew
of Marie Shimchick)

Camille Fusco (cancer - Friend of
Marie Shimchick)

James Fisher (cancer - Friend of
Marie Shimchick)
child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of
Diane Dounouk)

Bruce McCallum (Parkinson's - Father of
Rebecca McCallum)

Gloria DeMartino (Grandmother of
Jen Belonick)

Steven Belonick (Grandfather of
Daniel Belonick)

Andrew Veek (Grandfather of Brian Veek)
Alexandra Hopko (in-operable tumors -
Sister of Fr. John Hopko)

Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril &
Methodius, Terryville)

Jennifer Ganley (MS - Friend of Chris Dresko)
Katherine Kopcha (Mat. Melanie's Aunt)

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John
of Aleppo, Syria.

..... and all those shut-in and in Nursing Homes!

Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko [Mar 18]
Priest Matthew Baker [Mar 1] (Norwich, CT)
Newly 21 Coptic Orthodox Martyrs in Libya [Feb 15]
Departed: Ronald Schmitt [Feb 18] (Friend of Jennie Everson & Paul Culton)
Mat. Elizabeth Pishtey [Feb 21] (Waterbury, CT)
Emery Wegh [Mar 3] (Terryville)
Sharyn Everson [Mar 14] (Sister-in-law of Jennie Everson)



who struggled to increase the presence of Holy Orthodoxy in Alaska.

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<http://www.sthermanseminary.org/>

Please be generous by using the envelopes provided in our monthly mailing. Collection will be taken NEXT WEEK, the last Sunday of the month.

◆Future Dates:

Sunday, March 29th - Holy Unction @
Three Saints, Ansonia - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, March 30th: Parish Council
meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4th: Lazarus Saturday
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Vigil with Blessing of Palms 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 5th: Palm Sunday Festal
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Bridegroom Matins @ Holy Transfigura-
tion, New Haven - 4:00 p.m.

Holy Week: April 5-11

Pascha - April 12th

Sunday, April 19th: St. Thomas Sunday -
Blessing of the Graves at our Cemetery
11:30ish.

Monday, April 27th: Parish Council
meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 20th: Great Feast of As-
cension - Festal Vesperal Liturgy on
Wednesday, May 19th 6:10 p.m. followed
by a festal Pot Luck supper.

March Finances

Income: \$ 15,536.54
Expense: \$ 12,889.78
Exp/Inc: \$ 2,646.76

Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 45,732.88
Expense: \$ 43,267.15
Exp/Inc: \$ 2,465.73