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*Week of March 25 - 31, 2012 ❖ Tone 8 ❖ 4th Sunday of Great Lent
St. John "Climacus" of Sinai ❖ Annunciation of the Theotokos*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Heb. 6:13-20 (Saint) & Heb. 2:11-18 (Feast) Mark 9:17-31 (Saint)

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 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 assembly 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 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.

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." **& Luke 1:24-38 (Feast)**

DAILY READINGS:

March 26th
Gen. 13:12-18
Prov. 14:27-15:4

March 27th
Gen. 15:1-15
Prov. 15:7-19

March 28th
Gen. 17:1-9
Prov. 15:20-16:9

March 29th
Gen. 18:20-33
Prov. 16:17-17:17

March 30th
Gen. 22:1-18
Prov. 17:17-18:5

March 31st
Heb. 9:24-28
Mark 8:27-31

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 25th
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. -
Coffee Hour - Study Group
Vespers @ Holy Ghost Church,
Bridgeport 4:00 p.m.

Monday, March 26th
Parish Council mtg. 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27th
Visitation: 9:30 a.m. Jerome Home and
10:30 a.m. Arbor Rose (for communion)
Confession 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28th
Confession 5 - 5:30 p.m.
Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m.
Soup & Bread

Friday, March 30th
Akathist of the Theotokos 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 31st
SPRING CLEANING 8:30 a.m. - ??
Choir Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
Confession 4:43:30 p.m.
Chrismation of Alex Polzun &
Vespers 5:00 p.m.
Confession

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday March 25th

Greeter: Potter's

Cleaning: Bartos

Coffee Hour: Cabrera

Sunday April 1st

Greeter: Bartos

Cleaning: Bartos

Coffee Hour: Wanik

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 2,055

YTD:\$ 33,402 [94.1%]

YTD Goal:\$ 35,484.00

(12 wks) [\$ 2957.00/wk]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦**Sunday Lenten Vespers:** Today at Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport at 4:00 p.m.

♦**The March monthly charity collection** is for **Project Mexico**. Project Mexico has worked to alleviate suffering by building homes for Mexico's poor. Over the years, more than 200 homes have been built for needy families in Baja California, with the help of over 10,000 volunteers. In 1996 our outreach expanded through the opening of St. Innocent Orthodox Orphanage in Tijuana, to care for orphaned and abused teenage boys. The collection will be taken TODAY! Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!!

♦**Parish Education:** The Study Group will meet TODAY & April 8 following coffee hour. We will continue our study on Great Lent and the Divine Liturgy.

♦**Soup & Bread:** Please see Phyllis or Rosemary to sign-up for soup and bread to break the fast after Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays. The more hands the easier the task.

♦**Confessions during Great Lent:** Check the calendar for times when Fr. David will be available for confession. Please make your Lenten confession before the end of Great Lent, Friday, April 6th.

"For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos	Paul Sachok
Alla Hamisevich	Ruth Lucas
Barbara Raymond	Dorothy Kowar

Archpriest Michael Mihalick (MS - All Saints, Johnstown, PA)
Archpriest William DuBovik (All Saints, Hartford)

Deacon John Zarras (experimental cancer treatment - Christ the Savior, Southbury)
child Timothy Armstrong Jr. (Great-nephew of Ann Myszka)

Michael Myszka (recovering from surgery - Brother of Mark Myszka)
Vincent MacKenzie (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Robin Prince (Cousin of John Delaney)
Helen Skrobat (Mother of John Skrobat)
Sonya Bartos (Mother of David Bartos)
Jean O'keefe (Friend of Ewa Zagorska)
Faith O'keefe (Friend of Ewa Zagorska)
Shirley Lucas (Daughter of Ruth Lucas)
Charles Casciotta (Friend of the Bichun's)
child Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)
Laura Iles (Friend of Diane Polzun)
Krista Nordmark (cancer - Friend of Laura Burrill)

Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)
child Isabelle Negron (Friend of Larissa Rembisz)

Raymond Bargielski (cancer - Friend of Nelson & Arlene Potter)
Lorraine Lynch (Mother-in-law of Peter Anop)

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

Newly James Brennan [Feb 25] (Friend of Margaret Wagner from Florida church)
Departed: Ann Lazowski [March 12] (Fr. David's Aunt in New Jersey)

♦**Parish Council:** Our monthly meeting will be tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

♦**Vareniki Workshop:** Thursday & Friday, March 29 & 30 for Potato Vareniki. See Ed or Marion Bichun to place your order. Come and help roll, stuff, pinch and boil!

♦**Akathist:** This Friday we celebrate the joyous Akathist of the Theotokos at 6:30 p.m.

♦**Clean-up!!!** Our Pre-Pascha church clean-up, inside and out, is scheduled for THIS Saturday, March 31st starting around 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome and many are needed!

♦**Chrismation:** This Saturday, March 31st before Vespers Alex Polzun will be Chrismated into the Orthodox Church.

♦**Greeters & Cleaners:** The list for Greeters for the first half of 2012 is

Twyla Mah (recover from surgery - Sister in law of Tessa & John Mah)
David Hull (cancer - Physician of Arlene Potter)
child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)
JoAnn Hensley (stroke - Friend of Jennie Everson)
Dorothy Ludko (Friend of Barbara Raymond)
Roy Fongemie (cancer - Friend of Barbara Raymond)
Margaret Davies (Friend of Barbara Raymond)
Eleanor Sundman (Friend of Barbara Raymond)
Kevin Stewart (recovery/auto accident - Friend of the Wanik Family)
Avril LaCouer (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
Bruce McCallum (Parkinson's - Father of Rebecca McCallum)
Salvatore Verdi (Father-in-law of Adam Salina)
Ann Belonick (Grandmother of Daniel Belonick)
James Bell (Lymphoma - Friend of Dan Telychka)
Seth Bannon (recovery from surgery - cousin of Tim Bannon)
Alexandra Hopko (in-operable tumors - Sister of Fr. John Hopko)
Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville)
Donna Kriniske (recovery from brain surgery - Cousin of Matushka Melanie)

posted. Cleaners, by weeks, for **March through May** is posted on the bulletin board. PLEASE sign-up today. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to beautify OUR church!

♦Men's Club Lotto -

58 Jennie Everson

Support the Men's Club Special Projects Fund!!

The 2012 Lotto began on February 3rd. Please see a Men's Club member to renew or pick new numbers. There are plenty of open numbers!!!

♦Future Dates:

Sunday, April 8th - Palm Sunday.
(Western Easter)

Sunday, April 15th - **PAŞCHA!**

Sunday, April 22nd - Blessing of Graves at our parish cemetery.