



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of March 18 - 24, 2018 ❖ Tone 8*  
*4th Sunday of Great Lent ❖ St. John Climacus of Sinai ❖ St. Nikolai of Zhicha*

## 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:

**Mar 19th**  
 Is. 37:33-38:6  
 Gen. 13:12-18  
 Prov. 14:27-15:4  
**Mar 20th**  
 Is. 40:18-31  
 Gen. 15:1-15  
 Prov. 15:7-19  
**Mar 21st**  
 Is. 41:4-14  
 Gen. 17:1-9  
 Prov. 15:20-16:9  
**Mar 22nd**  
 Is. 42:5-16  
 Gen. 18:20-33  
 Prov. 16:17-17:17  
**Mar 23rd**  
 Is. 45:11-17  
 Gen. 22:1-18  
 Prov. 17:17-18:5  
**Mar 24th**  
 Heb. 9:24-28  
 Mark 8:27-31

## Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, March 18th**  
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
 Coffee Hour -  
 Sunday Lenten Vespers at HTOC 4pm

**Tuesday, March 20th**  
Visitation: Monsignor Bojnowski  
 Manor 11:00 a.m. (for communion)

**Wednesday, March 21st**  
 Confession 5-5:30 p.m.  
 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m.  
 Soup & Bread

**Thursday, 22nd**  
 Confession 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 23rd**  
 Akathist to the Theotokos 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 24th**  
 Pre-Pascha Clean-up (1st session) 9:00  
 Confession 4:4:30 p.m.  
 Festal Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.  
 Confession

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday March 18

Greeter: R. Delaney

Cleaning: Delaney/Bress

Coffee: Koles / Labas

Sunday March 25

Greeter: R. Delaney

Cleaning: **EVERYONE**

Coffee: Everson / Dilger

## Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 2,321

YTD:\$31,089 **[109.1%]**

YTD Goal:\$28,490.00

(10 wks) [\$ 2849.00/wk]

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆**Sunday Lenten Vespers:** We will be hosting the CT Deanery Sunday Lenten Vespers TODAY at 4:00 p.m. It would be wonderful to have faithful here "at home" when guests come to visit and pray!

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

◆**Pascha Card:** The choir is collecting for this years Paschal Card. If you want to be a signer please pick up a flyer and return the coupon to Jennifer Belonick or Sarah Clark with funding no later than **March 28th!**

◆**Coffee Hour:** The 2018 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board. Can ANY-ONE take **Sunday April 1st??** Also, if you signed up for one Sunday it is important to pick two or more Sundays during the year.

◆**Cleaners List:** We have a NEW weekly Cleaners List. Please see Nadine Cabrera (or she will find you) to participate as we move through 2018. This is our church and WE need to keep it cleaned!

◆**Cemetery Clean-up:** A reminder that with the coming of spring we should take the opportunity to remove the Christmas wreaths and winter flowers from the graves of our loves ones before we visit at the end of the month.

◆**Butter Lambs:** Antoinette Rudy will be making butter lambs for your Pascha basket. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. \$5.00 each with funds going to the church.

◆**The March monthly charity collection** is for **Archpriest Dimitrie Vincent.**

Father Dimitrie, the Parish Priest of St. Thomas Albanian Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills, Michigan, suffered a serious spinal cord injury while playing hockey on Saturday, November 25 at the Redford Ice Arena. Fr. Dimitrie underwent emergency surgery and has been recovering at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan in Detroit.

## *"For the sick and suffering"*

Catherine Szestakow    Nicholas Hamisevicz  
 Arlene Potter            Peter Labas  
 Joseph Kowar            Dorothy Kowar  
 Nadine Cabrera        Jane Eugenia Gunning

Archpriest Paul Lazor  
 Archpriest Steven Belonick (Father of Dan Belonick)

Archpriest Peter DiLeo (cancer - St. Spyridon Church, Trujillo Alto, PR)

Archpriest Dimitrie Vincent (spinal surgery recovery - schoolmate of Fr. David - Michigan)

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

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

Mat. Laryssa Hutnyan (ovarian cancer - Sagamore Hills, Ohio)

Mat. Anne Hosking (St. Alexis, Clinton, CT)

Nona Richards (Mother of Sarah Clark)

Michael Kokus (Father of Nick Kokus)

Gregory Shesko (cancer - Maynard, MA)

John Delaney (Husband of Rosemary Delaney)

Kathy Collins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Ola Ferla (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Peter Doyle (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Thomas Kirby (kidney failure - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Daniel DeRosa (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Catherine Williamson (Daughter of Steve Bradford)

Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)

Peter Lozewski (Friend of Marion Bichun's)

Gerri Lozewski (Friend of Marion Bichun's)

Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)

Anita Katske (cancer - in-law of Paul Culton)

*..... and all those shut-in at home or in Nursing Homes!*

### **NEWLY DEPARTED:**

Julia Chiarizio [Feb 11] (Friend of the Polzun's)

Lawrence Beck [Feb 12]

Leo Civitillo [Feb 17] (classmate of Adam Salina)

ВЪЧНОА ПАМЯТЬ

Hockey has Heart [www.hockeyhasheart.org](http://www.hockeyhasheart.org) is requesting donations to assist Father D's with his ongoing care. Medical expenses can be astronomical for these types of injuries. The collection will be taken NEXT week, the last Sunday of the month! Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!!

### ◆Men's Club Lotto -

# 34 Greg Dresko

**Support the Men's Club  
 Special Projects Fund!!**

**There are 4 open numbers**

All payments are due in March. See a Men's Club Officers to renew or add new numbers!

**Do you have your number?!!!**

### ◆Future Dates:

**Sunday Lenten Vespers - 4:00 p.m.**

March 25th - Holy Unction @ Three Saints, Ansonia.

April 1st - Bridegroom Matins @ All Saints Church, Hartford.

Pre-Pascha Clean-up: Sunday, March 25th after

Ann Ward (chemo - friend of the Polzun's)  
 Richard Kusmirek (Friend of the Santoro's)  
 Wayne Norman (cancer - Friend of the Santoro's)  
 Barbara Davis (recovery - Friend of the Santoro's)  
 Daniel Poproski (Nephew of Ellen Santoro)  
 Courtney Smith (recovery/breast cancer - Friend of Jennifer Bradanini)

Marge Bargielski (cancer - Sister of Potter's Brother-in law)

John Ludko (Brother of George Ludko)

Patricia Borick (Friend of Margaret Wagner)

Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)

Spencer Tracy (cancer - Friend of the Aherns)

Richard Detmer (colon cancer - Colleague of Marie Shimchick)

Susan Morris (breast cancer - Colleague of Marie Shimchick)

Andrea Oden (recovery - Sister of Mike Wanik)

Harry Peters (recovery - Friend of Mike Wanik)

Heather Verdi (sister-in-law of

Adam and Danielle Salina)

Frank Lozis (Brother-in-law of Diane Dounouk)

child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)

Nancy Tate (recovery - mother of Paula Place)

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)

Hunter Weitowitz (Leukemia - Student of Chris Dresko)

Jennifer Ganley (MS - Friend of Chris Dresko)

### Captives:

Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo, Syria.

Coffee Hour.

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

**Lazarus Saturday/Palm Sunday:** Festal Divine

Liturgy, Saturday, March 31st 9:00 a.m.

Festal Vigil with Blessing of Palms, Saturday, March

31st and Festal Divine Liturgy, Sunday, April 1st

9:00 a.m.

**Holy Week:** April 2nd - April 7th.

**Pascha - April 8th!!**

**Bright Monday, April 9th:** Paschal Divine Liturgy &

Procession 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday, April 12th:** Finance Comm. mtg. 7:00pm

**Sunday, April 15th:** St. Thomas Sunday -

Blessing of the Graves at our Cemetery 11:30ish.

**Monday, April 30th:** Parish Council mtg. 7:00 p.m.

### March Finances

Income: \$ 7,244.20

Expense: \$ 10,713.43

Exp/Inc: \$ **-3,469.23**

### Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 36,153.78

Expense: \$ 43,011.03

Exp/Inc: \$ **-6,857.25**