



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Week of March 26 - April 1, 2017 ❖ Tone 7
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:

Mar 27th
Is. 37:33-38:6
Gen. 13:12-18
Prov. 14:27-15:4

Mar 28th
Is. 40:18-31
Gen. 15:1-15
Prov. 15:7-19

Mar 29th
Is. 41:4-14
Gen. 17:1-9
Prov. 15:20-16:9

Mar 30th
Is. 42:5-16
Gen. 18:20-33
Prov. 16:17-17:17

Mar 31st
Is. 45:11-17
Gen. 22:1-18
Prov. 17:17-18:5

Apr 1st
Heb. 9:24-28
Mark 8:27-31

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 26th
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
 Coffee Hour -
 Sunday Lenten Vespers - Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Meriden 4:00 p.m.

Monday, March 27th
 Parish Council mtg. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29th
 Confession 5-5:30 p.m.
 Presanctified Liturgy 6:10 p.m.
 Soup & Bread

Thursday, March 30th
 Confession 2:00 p.m.

Friday, March 31st
 Akathist to the Theotokos 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1st
 Pre-Paschal 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 26

Greeter: R. Delaney

Cleaning: Santoro's

Coffee: Dresko/Dresko

Sunday April 2

Greeter: ? ? ?

Cleaning: Belonick, Polzun, Delaney

Coffee: Fiedler

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 1,715

YTD: \$ 34,434 [102.1%]

YTD Goal: \$ 33,732.00

(12 wks) [\$ 2811.00/wk]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦**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.

♦**Lenten Collection:** During Great Lent we will be collecting \$\$ in order to help our neighbors in purchasing food for Easter. Please find the basket before you leave church for coffee hour or see Matushka Melanie or Gladys Labas to contribute. THANK YOU in advance!

♦**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 with funding no later than Sunday, April 2nd!

♦**The March monthly charity collection is for Team JENGA for Walk MS: East Hartford 2017.** Walk MS 2017 sponsored by Novartis Pharmaceuticals will take place on May 7 at Rentschler Field from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Walk MS provides an opportunity for people to support MS research which is critical to stopping the progression of MS and ultimately to finding a cure for this disease. Jennifer Ganley, who is on our prayer list, was the spokesperson for Walk MS 2015. Visit their website at http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=25106



for more information. The collection will be taken **TODAY**, the last Sunday of the month. Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!!

♦**Cleaners List:** We have a NEW weekly Cleaners List posted on the bulletin board or on our web page in need of your participation!!

♦**Coffee Hour:** The NEW 2017 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board.

"For the sick and suffering"

Catherine Szeszakow Nicholas Hamisevicz
 Elizabeth Beck Jennie (Eugenia) Pich
 Michael Karabin Diane Karabin

Archpriest Paul Lazor
 Archpriest Steven Belonick (Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport, CT)

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

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)

Veronika Dubnansky (recovery: liver transplant - Granddaughter of Raisa Shafran)

Gregory Shesko (cancer - Maynard, MA)

John Delaney (Husband of Rosemary Delaney)

Kathy Collins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Ola Ferla (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Anne Healey (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Thomas Kirby (kidney failure - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Daniel DeRosa (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

John Skrobat (recovery: Brother-in-law of Rosemary Delaney)

Catherine Williamson (Daughter of Steve Bradford)

Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)

Margaret Wallick (Sister of Marion Bichun)

Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)

Laura Bashar (Friend of the Bichun's)
 child Blake Curtis (Great-great Nephew of Marion Bichun)

Marie Machado (cancer - rehab)
 Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)
 Richard Kusmirek (Friend of the Santoro's)
 Daniel Poproski (Nephew of Ellen Santoro)
 Marge Bargielski (cancer - Sister of Potter's Brother-in law)

Patricia Borick (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
 Claudia Kehran (Friend of Margaret Wagner)

Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
 Steven Ball (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)

Cathryn Hatridge (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)

Debra Shimchick (Cousin of Marie Shimchick)
 Patricia Ranta (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)

Rosalie Mastropaolo (surgery - Friend of Marie Shimchick)

William McKinney (cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)

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

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

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)

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo, Syria.

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

NEWLY DEPARTED:

Alexandra Lozis [Feb 15] (Sister of Diane Dounouk)
 Louise Balkun [Mar 19]

ВЪЧНДА ПАМАТЬ

♦**Greeters: Greeters List** for the first half of 2017 is available for your participation. We have **NO ONE** for April & May!!

♦**Egg Hunt:** We are collecting candy and goodies for the Egg Hunt for the children following the Vespers of Pascha, 12:00 noon, Sunday, April 16th. **Can you help!!**

♦**Men's Club Lotto -**

42 Dan Bradanini

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

Sign up today!!!

NEW Lotto has begun!!

See a Men's Club Officers to renew,
 add and pay for your numbers!

Do you have your number!!!!

♦**Future Dates:**

Sunday Lenten Vespers - 4:00 p.m.

April 2nd - Holy Unction @ Three Saints, Ansonia.

April 9th - Bridegroom Matins @ All Saints Church, Hartford.

Saturday, April 8th: Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Bridegroom Matins @ All Saints Church,

Hartford - 4:00 p.m.

Holy Week: April 10th - April 15th.

Pascha - April 16th!!

Bright Monday, April 17th: Paschal Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 23rd: St. Thomas Sunday - Blessing of the Graves at our cemetery 11:30ish.

Monday, April 24th: Parish Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

March Finances

Income: \$ 9,372.64
 Expense: \$ 11,660.61
 Exp/Inc: \$ **-2,287.97**

Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 41,334.13
 Expense: \$ 43,237.08
 Exp/Inc: \$ **-1,902.95**