

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast (*St. John Climacus*)

March 22, 2020

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

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Services

Sundays

Divine Liturgy
11:00 AM

Feast Days

As Announced

Divine Liturgy
7:00 PM

Confessions

Upon Request

Mission Community

HOLY CROSS

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Disciples of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of the truths and marvels of our faith, called to announce the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth. Faithful to our baptismal vocation, we become living icons of Christ.

We are a mission with an Eastern Christian identity, and one that prays, celebrates, and proclaims the faith in accordance with the Byzantine Rite, in full communion with the Church of Rome.

We follow the missionary example of Saints Cyril and Methodius by incarnating the Gospel and celebrating the divine mysteries in the vernacular of our nation. Ours is a church for all people. All are called and welcome.

Our vocation as Christians is to go throughout the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that Christ has commanded of us.

With burning hearts, we gather near the Altar of Sacrifice to declare the glory of God and sing His praises, to experience and understand the marvelous works of our salvation, and to receive the Holy and Life-Giving Mysteries of His Body and Blood for the remission of sins and life everlasting.

We speak the Word of God with boldness, urging repentance, for the Kingdom of God is at hand. We proclaim that the promises made to our fathers are fulfilled in us, their children. We do not conceal the treasures that have been entrusted to our care, but, rather, we choose to bear the spiritual fruit that abides wherever it has been planted.

CLERGY



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Any instance of sexual abuse by a cleric, lay employee, or lay volunteer within the boundaries of our parish should be immediately reported to the local police department, child protection services of the county, the pastor of the parish, and the chancery of the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma. The bishop can be reached at the Chancery by calling 1-440-888-1522, or by writing to the Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Eparchy of St. Josaphat, P.O. Box 34780, Parma, OH 44134. You may also file a report with Ms. Marika Zaliszczuk, Victim Assistance Coordinator of the Eparchy (412-215-5372). For more information on the eparchy's policies and procedures and other pertinent information, please visit www.stjosaphateparchy.com/safe-environment/.

FEASTS & READINGS

Sunday, March 22

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

Saint John Climacus

Tone 8

Holy Priest-Martyr Basil, Presbyter of Ancyra

Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19

Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12

Monday, March 23

Holy Venerable-Martyr Nikon & His

Disciples, Martyred With Him

Sixth Hour - Isaiah 37:33-38:6

Vespers - Genesis 13:12-18; Proverbs 14:27-15:4

Tuesday, March 24

Fore-feast of the Annunciation

Venerable Father Zachary

Holy Father Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia in

Pisidia

Sixth Hour - Isaiah 40:18-31

Great Vespers - Genesis 15:1-15

Proverbs 15:7-19

Genesis 28:10-17

Ezekiel 43:27-44:4

Proverbs 9:1-11

Wednesday, March 25

Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos

Sixth Hour - Isaiah 41:4-14

Vespers & Divine Liturgy - Genesis 17:1-9

Proverbs 15:20-16:9

Hebrews 2:11-18

Luke 1:24-38

Thursday, March 26

Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel

Sixth Hour - Isaiah 42:5-16

Vespers- Genesis 18:20-33; Proverbs 16:17-17:17

Friday, March 27

Holy Mother Matrona of Thessalonica

Sixth Hour - Isaiah 45:11-17

Presanctified Liturgy - Genesis 22:1-18;

Proverbs 17:17-18:5

Saturday, March 28

Akathist Saturday

Venerable Father Hilarion the New

Holy Stephen the Wonderworker

Hebrews 9:24-28; Hebrews 9:1-7

Mark 8:27-31; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

Saint Mary of Egypt

Tone 1

Venerable Father Mark, Bishop of Arethusa

Deacon Cyril & Others Martyred During the

Reign of Julian the Apostate

Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29

Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Faithful in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

During these uncertain days of fear and anxiety over the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic, I would like to reach out to you and remind you of something that *is* certain, namely, the love and support of Our Lord, the Church, and your Parish for you and your loved ones.

Just as you could never neglect the needs of your children, parents, or other family members, the Church does not turn its back on its spiritual children at any time, particularly during times of crisis. The Church is a mother for its children – the People of God – you.

We are under orders from national, state, and local authorities to restrict the communal gatherings of our parish. Nevertheless, our chapel will be open daily from 1:00pm to 6:00 pm for personal prayer and meditation. At your request, I am available to hear confessions and to anoint the sick.

As a life-long sufferer of asthma, I myself am at high risk of contracting the virus severely. This means that I also need to practice “social distancing.”

I ask you to remember your parish in a practical way with your gifts of alms during this Great Fast. Contributions are the main source of financial support for our parish, and while some expenses may be a little lower during this time, we have many fixed costs that need to be attended to. Please remember to support your parish.

Finally, while we may have to spend extra time in our homes during these present days, I ask you to focus on the “domestic Church” – your family – and to pray as a family and teach the faith to your children and family members.

I wish you a blessed Lenten journey in preparation for Holy Week and the glorious Feast of the Resurrection. Please know that I will remember you at the Liturgies which I will be celebrating.

Please keep in touch with me and let me know how you are doing.

Yours in Christ,

Father Joseph Matlak

ANNUNCIATION TO OUR MOST HOLY LADY The Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary

One of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Byzantine Church



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

7 PM

Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Live Streamed on our Facebook Page

AKATHIST SATURDAY

Saturday, March 29



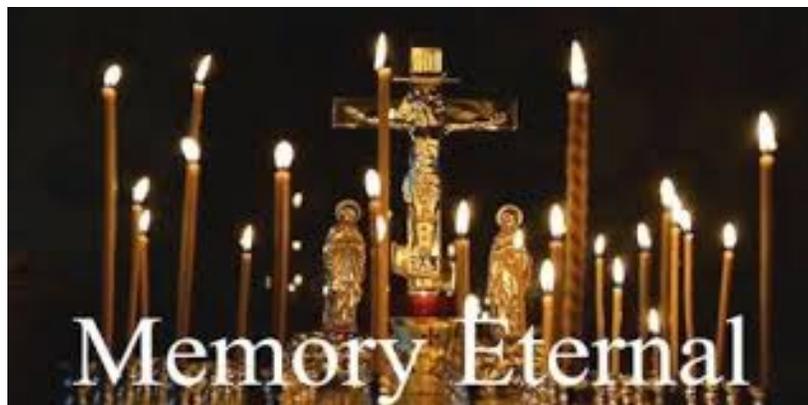
The Saturday of the Fifth Week in Lent is devoted to the Akathist Hymn to Our Lady.

It is usually sung in church during the celebration of Matins.

However, due to present circumstances, you are earnestly exhorted to pray it at home, especially with your families.

The text of the prayer may be found on the "Prayers" page of our Parish Website.

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS



May 30

Saturday
Before Pentecost

We invite you to submit the names of your beloved deceased for commemoration in our parish.

RECEIVING THE HOLY MYSTERIES

MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE (Confession)

When parents estimate that their children are sufficiently endowed with the power of moral decision and reasoning as to make this Holy Mystery of fruitful, they should present them for reconciliation. In every case, children are to be prepared for this Holy Mystery with suitable catechetical instruction.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION (Baptism, Chrismation, & Holy Eucharist)

The Mysteries of Christian Initiation take place during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays or Feast Days. Parents who desire baptism for their children should contact the parish office, preferably before the birth of their children, in order to make the necessary preparations. Parents and godparents are prepared by the priest (*or by another person, group, or organization that he has delegated for this purpose*). At least one of the godparents must be a practicing Catholic. He or she must provide an original copy of his or her own baptismal certificate - from the parish where his or her baptismal records are kept - and a letter of good standing from his or her current pastor. It is presumed that parents and godparents will participate in the life of the community as much as they are able, both before and after their children have been baptized. Parents and sponsors are required to attend a "mystagogy" session after reception of the Mysteries of Christian Initiation.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months before the desired date of marriage, in order to make the necessary preparations. Couples are prepared by the priest (*or by another person, group, or organization that he has delegated for this purpose*). It is expected that the new family will participate in the life of the community as much as they are able, both before and after marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office. In cases of emergency, you may contact any available Catholic priest, and ask him to administer the Holy Anointing of the Sick.

RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION

Please speak with the clergy if you desire to be received into full communion with the Church. Eastern Catholic children, who were not admitted to Chrismation and/or Holy Communion at the time of their baptism, and who have now attained the age of reason, may be admitted to these Holy Mysteries after appropriate instruction.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

If a member of the Christian faithful has fallen asleep in the Lord, please contact the parish office to arrange for the Order of Christian Burial. The family of the deceased, especially those who have been away from the life of the Church, is encouraged to benefit from the occasion by renewing their commitment to Christ and His Church.

BLESSINGS

For **blessings of persons on special occasions** (e.g. anniversaries, birthdays, etc.), please contact the parish office, or speak with the priest directly. These blessings often take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy. **Blessings of holy objects** often take place during the Divine Liturgy. Please consult with the priest before the Divine Liturgy. For **blessings of new homes** , please contact the parish office, or speak with the priest directly. **Theophany blessings** take place annually, following the Feast of Theophany (January 6). Please contact the parish office or speak with the priest directly.