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VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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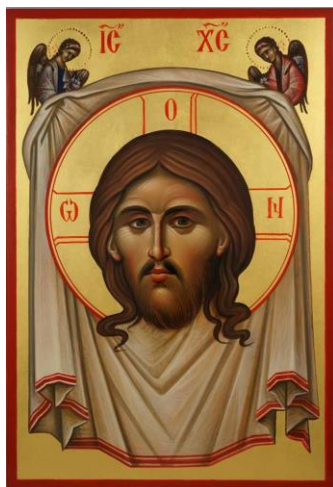
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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

THE LENTEN TRIODION



FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN-MARY

Friday, March 25

**9:00 am Vespers Divine Liturgy for the
Feast of the Annunciation at
St. Elia the Prophet Church**

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**7:00 pm Parastas for the repose of the  
Soul of Reader Vasil (Bill) Paluch  
at Anthony Funeral Home**

**Saturday, March 26**

**11:00 am Funeral Service for Reader  
Vasil (Bill) Paluch at St. Elia the  
Prophet Orthodox Church**

*Fourth Week of Great Lent*

**THIRD SUNDAY GREAT LENT - Tone 7  
VENERATION OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday, March 26**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, March 27**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Bud Graham**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**

**Epistle Reader: Bud Graham**

**Epistle: Romans Hebrews 4:14-5:6**

**Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1**

**5:00 pm LENTEN MISSION VESPERS**

**St. George Orthodox Church**

**Wednesday, March 30**

**6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

**Friday, April 1**

**6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

*Fifth Week of Great Lent*

**FOURTH SUNDAY GREAT LENT- Tone 8  
St. John Climacus**

**Saturday, April 2**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, April 3**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Sandy Graham**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**

**Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham**

**Epistle: Romans Hebrews 6:13-20**

**Gospel: Mark 9:17-31**

**5:00 pm LENTEN MISSION VESPERS**  
**St. Thomas Orthodox Church**

# 3rd Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Cross



The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the Lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).

*Before Thy Cross, O Master, we bow down in  
worship, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify*

### **MEMORY ETERNAL**

Grant rest eternal in blessed repose, O Lord, to Your servant Reader Vasil (Bill) Paluch, who is fallen asleep, and make his MEMORY ETERNAL.

### **GRAVE WATCH**

On Good Friday evening following the Services, a **Vigil** will be kept at the tomb of our Lord, remembering His sufferings and death for our salvation. A Vigil time is spent in meditation and prayer while one or more people read the Psalms and the Gospel before the Tomb in the Church. A Sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule of the Church at the Candle Desk. Please sign-up for your hour of watch.

For more information, please contact Mary Marcin @330-730-0963

### **FLOWER DONATIONS**

Flowers adorn the Cross on the Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, **March 27**, and will adorn the tomb of our Lord on Good Friday, **April 22**, and the Altar Area on Pascha, **April 24**. Please make your donations at the Candle Desk for the flowers and decorations for these celebrations

**PARISH GROUNDS SPRING CLEANUP**  
**Saturday, April 2 – 10:00 am**

We need your help to clean up the Parish grounds and flowerbeds as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Pascha. Please mark your calendar: April 2 at 10:00 am.

### **Visit the St. Elia Shop**

If you haven't visited the little St. Elia "shop" downstairs in the parish hall lately, we are carrying a number of new items including coffee mugs with quotes from the saints, and St. Elia T-shirts and baseball caps. If you are interested in a piece of St. Elia "spirit wear" in a certain size or style that's not currently available, please see Aaron Gray about a special order. All proceeds go toward the life and ministry of our parish. Thank you for your support.

#### **OUR STEWARDHIP – March 20, 2022**

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Candles:</b>                | <b>\$ 68.00</b>        |
| <b>Bookstore:</b>              | <b>50.00</b>           |
| <b>“ZOE” for Life:</b>         | <b>20.00</b>           |
| <b>Improvement Fund:</b>       | <b>5.00</b>            |
| <b><u>Sunday Offering:</u></b> | <b><u>2,382.00</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                  | <b>\$2,525.00</b>      |

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Tithely Donations:</b>       | <b>\$ 566.06</b>    |
| <b><u>PayPal Donations:</u></b> | <b><u>30.00</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                   | <b>\$ 596.06</b>    |

#### **ORTHODOX COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

**March 27 – St. George Church – Vespers – 5 pm**

**APRIL 3 – St. Thomas Church – Vespers 5 pm**

**APRIL 10 - St Nicholas Church – Holy Unction – 5 pm**

#### **OUR PRAYERS**

Have no expiration dates.  
You never know  
When or where or how  
God will answer.

**REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE  
ARMED FORCES**

Subdeacon Anthony Freude,  
son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna Freude  
Egor Cravcenco,  
son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

**REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUTINS**

Metropolitan Herman  
Archbishop Paul  
Archbishop Benjamin  
Archbishop Nathaniel  
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)  
Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)  
Angelo Lambo  
Florence Lambo  
Reader William Paluch  
Martin Vronick  
Rose Marie Vronick  
Pani Dolores Zuder  
Matushka Myra Kovalak  
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak  
Matushka Christine Zebren  
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan  
Sarah Niglio  
Gregory Sugden

Eve Tavenier  
Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

## **PANDEMIC GUIDELINES**

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been taking every PRECAUTION to protect the health and well-being of all our people.

In accordance with the CDC St. Elia Parish will follow these directives:

**1)If you are sick and/or exhibit coronavirus symptoms, you must refrain from attending services.**

**2)The CDC recommends masking while indoors if you are unvaccinated, sanitizing your hands and to maintain social distancing.**

**3)The kissing of Icons, the Cross, the Gospel Book, the Chalice and the priest's hand when receiving the blessing is permitted if you are comfortable doing so.**

**4)The sanitizer and masks are available in the vestibule for your convenience**



***“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.” 1John 4:7***

**GREAT LENT – A TIME OF RENEWAL**

Great Lent is a very valuable season of the Church Year and the appointed time for our spiritual renewal. In truth, it is ***a Gift from God***. Great Lent is an excellent time to put aside all those things that make us displeasing to ourselves, to others and to God.

Someone once suggested an item called a ***spiritual wastebasket***. A wastebasket is a very valuable piece of equipment. A generous use of this item is important for efficiency in an office or a home or wherever needed. Possibly, a wise and generous use of a spiritual wastebasket could also be the secret of a spiritual efficiency and blessedness. Many of our lives are encumbered with things that should go into this type of wastebasket.

The Epistle to the Hebrews enjoins in this advice when it says: ***“We too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running in the race we have started.”*** (Hebrews 12:1) Past sins and errors belong in the wastebasket. We all sin and make mistakes. Because we are human, we have erasers on pencils, and deletes on computers. Old grudges, festering

anger, old resentments, are only a few of the items we should discard. Great Lent is a call to repentance. So, let us take a deep breath and pray: *Lord, help us and give us repentance that is worthy of Thy forgiveness.*