

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

Saint John Climacus



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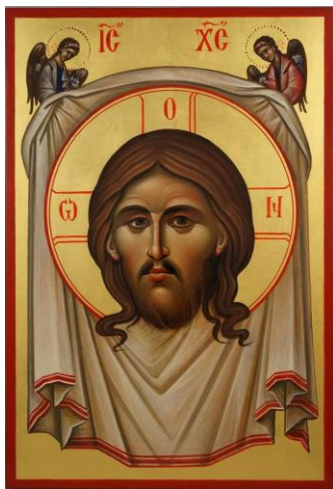
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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

THE LENTEN TRIODION



Fifth Week of Great Lent

FOURTH SUNDAY GREAT LENT- Tone 8 **Saint John Climacus**

Saturday, April 2

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, April 3

9:10 am 3rd & 6th 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

Wednesday, April 6

6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, April 8

6:00 pm Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos

Sixth Week of Great Lent

**FIFTH SUNDAY GREAT LENT- Tone 1
Saint Mary of Egypt**

Saturday, April 9

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, April 10

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc

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

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: Romans Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

5:00 pm OFFICE OF HOLY UNCTION

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Wednesday, April 13

6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, April 15

6:00 pm Vigil of Lazarus Saturday

Beginning of Great and Holy Week

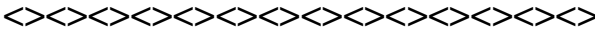
LAZARUS SATURDAY

Saturday, April 16

9:00 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

5:00 pm Vigil of Palm Sunday

Blessing of Palms and Willows



The Lenten Mission Service **on Sunday, April 10,** will be an Unction Service at St. Nicholas Church at **5:00 pm.** To facilitate how many to prepare for at the meal afterwards - **we are asked to sign up by Monday, April 4 at 5 pm.** **RSVP Link – [https://.forms.gle/.4cZU1Jk2KK1TWG219](https://forms.gle/.4cZU1Jk2KK1TWG219)**

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.

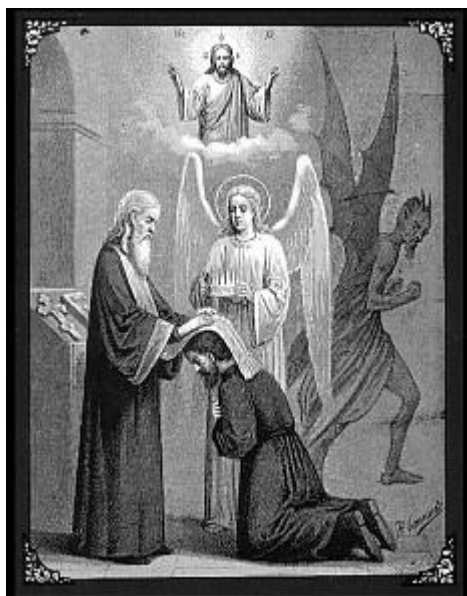
For more information, please contact Mary Marcin @330-730-0963

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

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.



THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Great Lent is a call to repentance. *“Repentance is a second regeneration from God”* says Saint Isaac the Syrian, and also an incomparably a great gift and grace from God Who restores that which is fallen.

So let us repent and forgive one another. Let us take a deep breath and pray: *Lord, help us to forgive, give us repentance that is worthy of Thy forgiveness.*

As a Parish Family we gather again to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the great and glorious Feast of Pascha. One of the primary

ways we prepare ourselves is by receiving the Sacrament of Confession. The Sacrament of Confession recognizes the Presence of Christ forgiving His people. Confessions are held each Saturday evening following the 5 :00 pm Vespers ,or, by request to Fr. Don.

PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord and Heavenly King. Comforter and Spirit of Truth, have pity and mercy upon me, Your sinful servant. Forgive me, though I am unworthy, and remit whatever sins I have committed against You today – both as a man and not as a man, but acting worse than an animal.

Forgive my voluntary and involuntary sins, those committed knowingly and unknowingly and in ignorance, from my youth and knowledge of evil, and those which have arisen from insolence and despondency. Forgive me if I have cursed in Your Name or have blasphemed it in my mind. Forgive me if I have reproached or cursed someone in anger, or if I have caused grief or become angry because of something. Forgive me if I have turned away a poor person who came to me.

Forgive me if I have caused my brother grief,
or judged or condemned anyone.

Forgive me if I have exalted myself or become
angry. Forgive me if, while standing in prayer,
my mind was turned to the evil of this world,
and I considered returning. Forgive me if I
have eaten or drunk inordinately or acted
foolishly. Forgive me if I have thought of evil,
and have seen the good as something strange,
and by this strangeness was wounded in heart.

Forgive me if I have spoken dishonorably. Or
have laughed at the sin of my brother; for my
own sins are without number. Forgive me if I
have been negligent concerning prayer or have
forgotten any other evil which I have done; for
I have committed all these and greater sins
than these I have committed.

O Master and Creator, have mercy on me,
Your humble and unworthy servant. Remit,
pardon, and forgive me; for You are good and
Lover of Mankind. May I, who am sinful,
dissolute, and cursed, lie down in peace to
sleep and rest; and I will adore, praise, and
glorify Your all-honorable Name with the
Father, and His only-begotten Son, now and
ever, and unto ages of ages.

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
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
Sue Ellen Turscak

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

OUR STEWARDHIP – March 27, 2022

Candles:	\$ 24.00
Flower Fund:	100.00
Memorial Donations:	1,845.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>620.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,589.00

Tithely Donations:	\$194.11
<u>PayPal Donations:</u>	<u>61.40</u>
TOTAL:	255.51