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**NORMAL OFFICE HOURS**

**MON: OFFICE CLOSED**  
**TUE: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**  
**WED: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**  
**THUR: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
**FRI: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURES**

**EPISTLE:** 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. (*Hebrews 6:13-20*)

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. (*Ephesians 5:9-19*)

**GOSPEL:** Then one of the crowd answered 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. He 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 Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

Stewardship 3/7:	\$ 3,688.00
Total Income 3/7:	\$ 4,626.00
<i>Weekly income needed:</i>	<i>\$ 4,856.00</i>
2010 INCOME GOAL (10 wks):	\$48,560.00
2010 INCOME ACTUAL:	\$38,382.00
<i>Percentage of Budgeted Income:</i>	<i>79.0%</i>

**SUNDAY, March 14**

*Greeters:* TBD  
*Readers:*  
**Hours:** Butcher  
**Epistle:** Failla  
**Post-Comm:** Pfliger  
*Coffee:* Team Colleen

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Mar 15: Is. 37:33-38:6	Gen. 13:12-18	Prov. 14:27-15:4
Mar 16: Is. 40:18-32	Gen. 15:1-15	Prov. 15:7-19
Mar 17: Is. 41:4-14	Gen. 17:1-9	Prov. 15:20-16:9
Mar 18: Is. 42:5-16	Gen. 18:20-33	Prov. 16:17-17:17
Mar 19: Is. 45:11-17	Gen. 22:1-18	Prov. 17:17-18:5
Mar 20: Heb. 9:24-28	Mark 8:27-31	

**SUNDAY, March 21**

*Greeters:* TBD  
*Readers:*  
**Hours:** Failla  
**Epistle:** Butcher  
**Post-Comm:** Dresko  
*Coffee:* Team Irina

**SUNDAY, 14 MARCH**  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
— Tone 7. St. John Climacus (of *The Ladder*). Ven. Benedict of Nursia. St. Theognostus, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Russia. Great Prince Rostislav (Michael), Prince of Kiev and Smolensk.  
**CHURCH SCHOOL**  
**MISSION VESPERS, 6:00 PM**  
**ST. SIMEON CHURCH**

**TUESDAY, 16 MARCH**  
Parish Council, 6:30 PM  
**WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH**  
**CONFESSIONS, 5:00 PM**  
**LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS, 6:00 PM**

**THURSDAY, 18 MARCH**  
**CONFESSIONS, 5:00 PM**  
**MATINS WITH KANON OF ST. ANDREW, 6:00 PM**  
**FRIDAY, 19 MARCH**  
**CONFESSIONS, 5:00 PM**  
**AKATHIST TO THE THEOTOKOS, 6:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, 20 MARCH**  
**CHURCH CLEAN-UP 8:30 AM**  
**CONFESSIONS, 5:00 PM**  
**PANIKHIDA, 5:30 PM**  
**GREAT VESPERS, 6:00 PM**  
**CONFESSIONS**

**SUNDAY, 21 MARCH**  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. St. Mary of Egypt. St. James (Jacob, Iago) the Confessor, Bishop of Catania. St. Cyril, Bishop of Catania. St. Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople.  
**CHURCH SCHOOL**  
**MISSION VESPERS, 6:00 PM**  
**ST. GEORGE CHURCH (HERE)**

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." (*Mark 9:17-31*)

Great multitudes followed Him — from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (*Matthew 4:25-5:12*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Church clean-up next Saturday, March 20, beginning at 8:30 AM. We need help getting the temple ready for Pascha.
- March 26-27, church school confessions and Lazarus Saturday services. We will celebrate Proskomedia in the nave of the church to allow everyone to witness the service and make personal commemorations. A breakfast follows for the church school.
- *We will need help after the Lazarus Saturday breakfast in preparing the palms and willows for the vigil service that evening. We need many hands, so try to stay and help.*
- We need readers for the Holy Saturday liturgy on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We especially would like as many children as possible for those readings. Please see Juliana if you would like to volunteer.

### LENTEN DINNERS

We are blessed that our coffee teams have been able to provide soup and bread for us to share some fellowship after the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesdays. The last two Wednesdays are assigned to: **Natalia Minkoff (March 17) and Angela Schwindt-Paul (March 24)**. Thank you!

### INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

It has been determined that we needed to replace two compressor

units for our HVAC system, along with assorted other parts. The cost of this unbudgeted project, **which has been completed**, is going to be \$6,000. Please begin considering a donation for this need.

### FASTING/CONFESSION

- Fasting for the evening Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is all day for those able to do so, but at least from the noontime meal. This includes all drink, food, and smoking.
- Confession is a journey that every Orthodox Christian of confessing age participates in during Great Lent. There are numerous times scheduled before and after evening services (none after liturgies) and by appointment. *Confessions will only be heard by appointment after the Eve of Palm Sunday.*

### SUNDAY LENTEN VESPERS SCHEDULE

(ALL 6:00 PM):

March 14: St. Simeon Church

March 21: St. George Church (at St. Paul's)

### MARK THE DATE

Our annual Benefit Dinner has been moved to May 2 because of the early start of Great Lent. Please mark your calendars. Pam Campbell will be approaching you for your participation. We also need help with silent auction items. Start planning now!

### REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

Bishop Nikolai	Sarah Betten
Archpriest James	Vadim McClellan
Priest John	Augustina Sandou
Subdeacon Vladimir	Marteen Moore
Michelle Chong	Mary Simkovich
The child Christopher Elliott	Al & Anita Maresca
The child Eliana Kalogeris	Yemsrach Berhanu
Christine Sechrist	Fernande Bica
Tara Caterine	Natasha Zonitch
Madeline & Serge DeSomov	Susan Blonsky
Dorothy Grudzina	Peter Jovaleski
Tamara Homyakova	Bobbie Lazar
Svetlana Grodecki	

Newly departed Matushka Paulette, Edward, Guri

### DEGREES OF PRAYER • *St. Theophan the Recluse*

The principal thing is to stand before God with the intellect in the heart and to go on standing before him unceasingly day and night until the end of life.

There are various degrees of prayer. The first degree is bodily prayer, consisting for the most part in reading, in standing and in making prostrations.

The second degree is prayer with attention: the intellect becomes accustomed to collecting itself in the hour of prayer, and prays consciously throughout, without distraction. The intellect is focused upon the written words to the point of speaking them as if they were its own.

The third degree is prayer of feeling: the heart is warmed by concentration, so that what hitherto has only been thought now becomes feeling. Where first it was a contrite phrase now it is contrition itself; and what was once petition in words is transformed into a sensation of entire necessity. Whoever has passed through action and thought to true feeling will pray without words, for God is God of the heart.

When the feeling of prayer reaches the point where it becomes continuous, then spiritual prayer may be said to begin. This is the gift of the Holy Spirit praying for us, the last degree of prayer that our intellects can grasp.

But there is, they say, yet another kind of prayer which cannot be comprehended by the intellect, and which goes beyond the limits of consciousness.