

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SCHEDULE OF LENTEN SERVICES AND EVENTS

<b>Wed. March 11</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Holy Unction w/ Bp James</b> <i>at Christ the Savior Church</i>
Sat. March 14	5 pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sun. March 15</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross</b>
Wed. March 18	6:30 pm	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy w/ <i>Potluck</i>
Sat. March 21	5 pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sun. March 22</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Sunday of St. John of the Ladder</b>
Wed. March 25	6:30 pm	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy w/ <i>Potluck</i>
Sat. March 28	9 am	ASONA Market
	5 pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sun. March 29</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt</b>
Wed. April 1	6:30 pm	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy w/ <i>Potluck</i>
Fri. April 3	5 pm	<i>Confession of Catechumens</i>
<b>Sat. April 4</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>HOLY BAPTISM</b>
	5 pm	Great Vespers*
<b>Sun. April 5</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>

\* LAST DAY FOR CONFESSIONS BEFORE PASCHA

REMEMBER, PRAY FOR PEACE  
PRAY FOR EACH OTHER,  
AND PREPARE



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**Prokeimenon in the 5th (Ps 11)**

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.  
Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

**in the 1st Tone (Ps. 48)**

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

EPISTLE : HEBREWS 1:10-14; 2:1-3 ; 7:26-8:2

**I**N THE BEGINNING, Thou O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make Thy enemies a stool for Thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

**B**RETHREN, for such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.+

**Alleluia in the 1st Tone (Ps 90)**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

**In the 2nd Tone (Ps 36)**

The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

**A**T THAT TIME, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" +

**T**HE LORD SAID, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd." +



## Catechumens

Many of you will be preparing for Holy Baptism on Lazarus Saturday this year, and are in the process of completing the list of items to complete before baptism.

**NEXT WEEK, all Catechumens will meet and set the date for their individual receptions into the Church.**

Be sure to:

- Fill out all of the required forms and return them to the priest (return the Personal Information form right away. The others as they are completed). The Prayer Rule should be filled out as soon as possible and approved by Fr. John so that this Orthodox practice can be formed as part of preparation for being received.
- Prepare and make a Life confession to establish a regular confession practice.
- Visit at least two (2) other Orthodox Churches during catechumenate and confirm this information to the Priest.
- You will need to find a Godparent/Sponsor. You must discuss your choice with the Priest prior to asking the potential sponsor. The sponsor will need to be approved to be your sponsor by the Priest. If you have not done so, accomplish this in the next two weeks.

Once again, it is the time of year when we accept donations for



## Paschal Flowers and Memorial Donations

We need your help in beautifying our parish for the upcoming

## Annunciation Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Pascha

**Please remember ASONA and commemorate a loved one. Beautify the church with flowers this upcoming festal season!**



**Resurrection Troparion – Tone 6**

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb;  
 The guards became as dead men;  
 Mary stood by Thy grave,  
 Seeking Thy most pure Body.  
 Thou didst capture hell,  
 Not being tempted by it.  
 Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life,  
 O Lord who didst rise from the dead glory to Thee!

**Troparion of St. Gregory Palamas - Tone 8**

O Light of Orthodoxy! Teacher of the Church! Its confirmation!  
 O Ideal of Monks and Invincible Champion of Theologians!  
 O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and Preacher of Grace!  
 Always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

**Troparion of All Saints of North America - Special Tone**

We offer unto Thee, our Father in heaven,  
 The first fruits of sanctity sown in this new land,  
 And all Thy saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in America.  
 Fill Thy Church with heavenly joy, grant peace to Thy land and to Thy Holy  
 Church,  
 And sanctify all those who worship Thee,  
 Through the intercessions of the Theotokos and of all Thy saints, O most merciful One!

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Resurrection Kontakion – Tone 6**

When Christ God the giver of Life,  
 Raised all the dead from the valley's of misery with His mighty hand,  
 He bestowed resurrection on the human race.  
 He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, and the Life, and the God of all!

**Kontakion of St. Gregory Palamas - Tone 4**

Now is the time for action! Judgment is at the doors!  
 So let us rise and fast,  
 offering alms with tears of compunction and crying:  
 Our sins are more numerous than the sands of the sea;  
 but forgive us, O Master of All!  
 So that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Kontakion from the Triodion—Tone 4**

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 Judgment is at the doors!  
 So let us rise and fast,  
 offering alms with tears of compunction and crying:  
 “Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea;  
 but forgive us, O Master of all,  
 so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!”

**Instead of ‘It is Truly Meet. . .’ we sing:**

All of creation rejoices in you,  
 O Full of Grace,  
 the assembly of angels and the race of men,  
 O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,  
 the glory of virgins  
 from whom God was incarnate and became a child,  
 our God before the ages.  
 He made your body into a throne  
 and your womb he made more spacious than the heavens.  
 All of creation rejoices in you,  
 O Full of Grace, glory to you!