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Sunday, March 26, 2017-Sunday of St. John Climacus

Schedule of Services and Events:

Sunday, March 26; 10:00 AM-Divine Liturgy

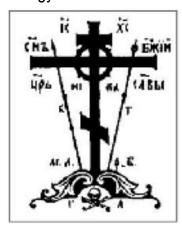
Monday, March 27; 7:00 PM-Adult Catechism Class

Wednesday, March 29; 6:30 PM-Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 31; 7:00 PM-Moleben to the Holy Cross

Saturday, April 1; 4:00 PM-Deanery Mission Vespers; St. John's Hermitage, PA

Sunday, April 2; 10:00 AM-Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Events

April 16-GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA June 25-28-Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat June 25-28-Young Women's Encounter July 16-22-Camp Nazareth

The Lenten season is the perfect time to go to confession. During this season of repentance, make it a priority to go to confession. Fr. Nick will be available one hour before the weekday services for confession. If these times do not work for you, please schedule an appointment with him for confession as you would the rest of the year.

Our Adult Catechism classes are held every Monday at 7:00 PM. Please bring your friends, neighbors and family members who want to learn more about our faith!

Online Registration for Camp Nazareth begins March 1! **Staff Applications for the summer are due March 15!**Visit www.campnazareth.org for more information.



Prayer List

Living		
Pani Donna (Smoley)	Thomas (Royko)	Kathryn (Royko)
Fr. James (Gleason)	Fr. Ronald (Hazuda)	Ethel (Rusyniak)
Fr. John (Zboyovski)	Angela (Hubiak)	Emerson (Sirilla)
Eileen (Bunevich)	Fr. George (Havrila)	Fr. George (Hutnyan)
Tiana (Hosta)	Virginia (Shymske)	Jakob (Hwang)
Matushka Katherine (Jula)	Jane	
Departed		
Virgilia (Nicula)	Peter (Tatsis)	Infant Nazareth (Mihaly)
Fr. Paul (Herbert)	Marion (Fallon)	Pani Martha (Zeleniak)
George (Smisko)	Jack (Cochran)	Helen (Spanovich)
Brandy		

"Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects." James 5:16

If you have someone you would like to be added to the prayer list, please see Fr. Nick

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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27	Emily Dunn
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On Holy Week

Adapted from the bulletin of Saint John's in Hermitage, PA.

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At this midpoint of the Great Fast (Lent), we can see Holy Week and Pascha on the horizon. Our Lenten spiritual preparation helps us enter Holy Week and Pascha with full, conscious, and active participation. The greatest harvest of the fruits of Holy Week and Pascha is received through attending services.

Remember that there will be divine services on Holy Monday at 10 AM & 6:30 PM; Holy Tuesday at 10 AM & 6:30 PM; Holy Wednesday at 10 AM & 6:30 PM; Holy Thursday at 10 AM and 7 PM; Good Friday at 10 AM and 7 PM; Holy Saturday at 10 AM and 8 PM; and on Pascha Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Over the next few weeks, look at your schedule. Don't ask yourself "What is the least amount of services I need to attend during Holy Week?" but ask "What is the most I can do to accompany Our Lord to His Passion, Cross, and Tomb?"

Life presents many demands upon us: work, school, family. Even our physical condition makes demands. Some things are unavoidable: your employment may be less than accommodating; your doctor may have only had one appointment available on the morning of Good Friday; you don't see well at night. But for every valid reason, there are plenty of excuses that are given for lack of participation in Holy Week services.

This year, the Orthodox and Western dates of Easter coincide. Our children will be out of school on Thursday and Friday, and sporting events and practices will not be held. (And even if they are held—which is more important?) Many places of employment will also be closed, especially on Friday. Yes, we have to clean the house, cook the foods, and welcome our guests. But all of these are secondary to the mystery that unfolds within the services.

For those who can't drive at night, don't be shy: if you need a ride—just ask! Fr. Nick and your parish family will find a way to get you to church and back home.

As Orthodox Christians, we must make every effort to be in church throughout Holy Week, and most especially (but not exclusively) on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Our doors will be open, Our Lord will be waiting—come and worship!

To Ponder

An Excerpt from the Homily of St. John Chrysostom on the Annunciation

"Again tidings of joy, again messages of freedom, again calling back, again return, again voice of rejoicing, again driving back of slavery. An angel speaks with a virgin, because a woman spoke to a serpent. "In the sixth month", as it is written, "The Angel Gabriel was sent by God to a virgin betrothed to a man." Gabriel was sent with the message of universal salvation. Gabriel was sent, bringing the writ of the recall of Adam. Gabriel was sent to the Virgin, that the dishonor of womanhood might be transformed into honor. Gabriel was sent, as is worthy, to rejoice at the pure chamber of the Bridegroom. Gabriel was sent, and the Creator is betrothed to His creation. Gabriel was sent to the spiritual palace of the King of the Angels. Gabriel was sent to a virgin, who though betrothed to Joseph, will bear the Son. The bodiless servant was sent to the spotless Virgin. Sin was sent free towards corruption by the inviolate one. The lamp was sent to tell of the Sun of Righteousness. The morning star precedes the light of day. Gabriel was sent to relate of Him Who is in the bosom of the Father, and in the arms of His Mother. Gabriel was sent to show Him Who is on the throne and in the cave. The solider was sent to cry out the mystery of the King. We know this is a mystery through faith, not one that can be studied in various ways. We venerate the mystery, not a joining together. We theologize a mystery, not a study. We confess a mystery, we do no count it. "In the sixth month, Gabriel was went to a virgin..."

And he [the Archangel] received all the commandments like these [from the Lord]: "Come, O Angel, become a servant of this awesome mystery. Serve this hidden wonder, as an answer to fallen Adam, who will come under my compassion. Sin has made he that is fashioned in my image to grow old, and has soiled my creation, and has darkened where I created beauty. The wolf has scattered my flock. The dwelling place of Paradise has become a desert. The Tree of Life is guarded by the flaming sword, and the place of nourishment is closed. I have mercy on him who was attacked, and I wish

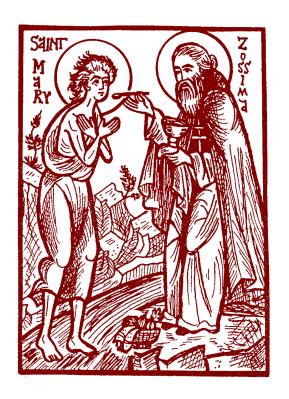
to make war with him who fought against him [i.e. the devil]. I wish for all of the heavenly powers to know, but to you alone I impart the mystery. Go to the Virgin Mary, go to the Spiritual Gate, of which the Prophet said: "Glorious things have been said of you, O City of God." Go to my Rational Paradise. Go to the Eastern City. Go to her who is the worthy dwelling-place of the Word. Go to the second Heaven on earth. Go to the Light Cloud. Tell her of my coming, the Thunderstorm. Go to her who is my prepared holy place. Go to the Bridal Chamber of my incarnation. Go to the pure Bridal Chamber of my nativity in the flesh. Speak to the ears of this rational Ark, to prepare the entrance of my hearing. But do not be fearsome, do not trouble the soul of the Virgin...First cry out to her with a voice of joy, and tell Mariam: "Hail, O Full-of-grace," that I might have mercy on Eve, who is full-of-shame."

The Angel [Gabriel], having heard what was spoken to him, said: "Strange is this thing, surpassing every thought to speak. He Who is awesome to the Cherubim, and invisible to the Seraphim, He Who is incomprehensible to all the Angelic Powers, is proclaimed to become nature!"

...But having truly all of this, the Physician has come to the sick, and the Sun of Righteousness has dawned for those who sat in darkness, the Anchor and Calm Harbor to those storm-tossed, the Intercessor has been born for the despised slaves, and peace has been united, and the Redeemer of captives has come, the strong unspeakable Joy and Love and Protection has come for those who are embattled. He is our peace, as the divine Apostle says, through Whom we have all received grace, Christ our God, to Whom belong glory to the ages of ages. Amen."



2017 MISSION SERVICES in the YOUNGSTOWN DEANERY



Join the clergy and faithful of our Deanery as we prayerfully journey together towards Pascha!

Sunday, March 19, 2017

St. Nicholas, 2053 North Road NE, Warren, OH Vespers, 4:00 PM. Homilist: Fr. Joseph DiStefano

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Christ the Savior, 10000 State Road, North Royalton, OH Vespers, 4:00 PM. Homilist: Fr. Donald Valasek

Saturday, April 1, 2017

St. John's, 3180 Morefield Road, Hermitage, PA Confessions, 2:00 PM. Vespers, 4:00 PM. Homilist: Fr. Nicholas Mihaly

Friday, April 7, 2017

St. Nicholas, 1115 East Avenue, Erie, PA Confessions, 5:00 PM. Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 PM. Homilist: Fr. David Mastroberte

A free-will offering will be taken at each service.

Meal and fellowship to follow.