

Parish Life March 18 - 26

Saturday, March 25 *Annunciation of the Theotokos*

- 9am **Pan-Orthodox Liturgy for Feast of Annunciation**
at St. Andrew's Orthodox Church in Lexington
- 11am-1pm Parenting Conference at St. Andrew's
- 6:30pm **Great Vespers**
- 7:20pm Confessions

Sunday, March 26 *St. John Climacus*

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (team IV)
- 12:30am Bread Ministry (team B)
- Girl's Group Meeting is cancelled for this week!

Monday, March 27

Tuesday, March 28

Wednesday, March 29

- 5:55pm **Presanctified Liturgy**
- 7:20pm Soup & Salad Meal
w/Reading from "The Ladder of St. John Climacus"

Thursday, March 30

- 9am **Matins w/St. Andrew Canon &**
Reading the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

Friday, March 31

Namesday for Lisa Powell

- 10am Confessions
- 11am **Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts**
- 6:30pm **Compline w/ Akathist to the Theotokos**

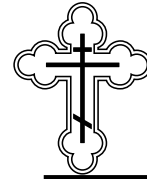
Saturday, April 1

- 9am Cleaning of Church in preparation for Pascha
- 6:15pm **Memorial Litya**
- 6:30pm **Vigil**
- 8pm Confessions

Sunday, April 2 *St. Mary of Egypt*

Namesday for Matushka Ashleigh Siskar

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (team IV)
- 12:30am Bread Ministry (team C)



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, March 26, 2017

4th Sunday of Lent

St. John Climacus (of the Ladder)

Today's Readings: Hebrews 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31



The plant in the photo is said to be a clipping from the Burning Bush from the Monastery in Mt. Sinai.

"Nothing equals or excels God's mercies. Therefore, he who despairs is committing suicide. A sign of true repentance is the acknowledgment that we deserve all the afflictions, visible and invisible, that come upon us, and ever greater ones. Moses, after seeing God in the bush, returned again to Egypt, that is, to darkness and to the brick-making of Pharaoh, who was symbolical of the spiritual Pharaoh. But he went back again to the bush, and not only to the bush, but also up the mountain. Whoever has known divine vision will never despair of himself. Job became a beggar, but he became twice as rich again." (St. John Climacus)

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Girls Group will not meet this Sunday. Next meeting date is April 23.

Presanctified Liturgy is at 5:55pm on Wednesday, March 29 followed by our Lenten soup & salad meal w/reading from St. John Climacus.

Matins w/St. Andrew Canon and Reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt will be on Thursday, March 30 beginning at 9am. The service lasts approximately 3 hours. If you are available to help read at this service, please let Fr. Justin know.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts w/hymns for St. Innocent and Theotokos will be served at 11am on Friday. Father will be available for confessions beginning at 10am. This is the final Friday Presanctified Liturgy for this Lent.

Commemoration of the Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos will be on the eve of the feast, Friday, March 31 at 6:30pm with a Compline and Akathist Service.

Annual Deep Clean of the Parish will be Saturday, April 1 beginning at 9am. Bring cleaning rags and supplies! Also, some folks will be laying mulch on the prepared areas outside. **Many thanks** to the volunteers who gave **many** hours to prepare the soil.

Youth Group will be attending a retreat hosted by Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Pennsylvania next week, April 3-6 (spring break) for local schools. As an offering for their hospitality, each youth will contribute \$50 to the monastery. If any parishioners would like to send additional offerings, it would be a blessing to the nuns. A basket will be set out near the priest after Liturgy.

Welcome Guests & Visitors! We are happy you are visiting with us. Please sit or stand and participate at your comfort level. *Note: Holy Communion is open to all baptized Orthodox Christians who have observed the fasting requirements, had recent confession, and are at peace with neighbors.*

Only 2 more weeks until we enter Holy Week and the daily services leading up to Pascha. Plan now for your final Lenten confession. (Remember Fr. Justin will be gone April 3-6.) His last date to hear adult confessions will be Friday, April 7 following End-of-Lent Vespers at 6:30pm. It is the expectation that in order to receive Holy Communion at the Feast of Feasts, you must have gone to confession *at least 1 time* in the 40 days leading up to Pascha.

Baptisms and Chrismations will take place on Holy Saturday and Palm Sunday (April 8&9). Sponsors of the catechumens will be placing welcoming baskets in the conference room in upcoming days. Let us take this opportunity to offer gifts to welcome and assist our new parish faithful in their Orthodox journey.

Bookstore News Check out new items in the bookstore that include prayer books, devotionals, childrens books, and a copy of the book, *Every Day Saints*. Some items have been rearranged, so browse the shelves for items you may have overlooked.

Calendars for April & May are printed and in your parish mailbox.

Weekly Budget = \$ 3,265 Monthly Budget = \$14,150
 Mar. 19 Offering= \$1,690 March (to date) = \$ 9,662

Date	Handmaidens	Prospora	Bread Ministry	Fellowship	Greeter	Doorkeeper	Counters
Mar 25 Mar 26	Rebecca Walther Nicole Rusu	Mary Bradshaw	Team B (Laura Walther, Becca Walther)	Team IV (Walther)	John Mize	Paul Frangedakis	Mary Cook Josiah Letchworth
April 1 April 2	Suzannah Reeves Shannon Cook	Ryan Winter	Team C (Inessa Verenich, Tanya Viarenich)	Team I (Frangedakis)	Rebecca Wilson	Jeff Hart	Patrick Mooney Ellie Sutter
April 8 April 9	Teresa Powell Myra Lourie	Kathryn McCord	Team D (Lisa Powell, Linda Frangedakis)	Team II (Henderson)	Josh Lourie	Chris Naughton	Jason McCord Mary Cook
April 15 April 16	Anya Jacobs Mandariah Reeves	Kathryn McCord Alina Rizea	Team A (Karis Jacobs, Ben Worthington)	Paschal Meal	John Mize	Myra, Shannon, Linda	Ellie Sutter Mary Cook