



*Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Church*

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Services	Sun., Mar. 8 th	Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers HROC, BV Sun., Mar. 1 st	5 pm
	Wed., Mar. 11 th	Lenten Matins Presanctified Liturgy (Light Meal & reading from "Walking with Moses" by Fr. Farley) HROC, BV	7 am 6:30 pm
	Fri., Mar. 13 th	Lenten Matins Passion Akathist (Holy Sacrament of Confession)	7 am 7 pm
	Sat., Mar. 14 th	Soul Saturday Hours Memorial Liturgy Great Vespers (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)	8:45 am 9 am 7 pm
	Sun., Mar. 15 th	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Church School Hours Divine Liturgy Great Mission Vespers New Salem	9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am 5 pm

A reminder regarding fasting for Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgies... If you plan to attend and receive communion, you should fast from food and drink from your lunchtime meal onward. If you take medications, please follow the normal medical instructions.

Epistle

(Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2)

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented –

of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel
(John 1:43-51)

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"

Nathanael said to Him, "How do You Know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday's Liturgy.

Next Week: Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Gospel Reading: John 10:9-16

Announcements:

This month's Parish Council meeting is on **March 10th at 7 pm.**

Soul Saturday: If you would like your loved ones remembered at next Saturday's Soul Saturday, please give their names to Mary Merella at mmerella@bccz.com or leave a voicemail at 724/880-9010.

Father John Parker of St. Nicholas Donora will be rotating Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with us on Wednesdays that are not already scheduled for the Deanery. We would like to do a light meal and reading from the book "Walking With Moses" by Father Lawrence Farley.

Fr. Stephan will hear confessions after the scheduled services throughout Lent. If one cannot make it due to health or other noble reasons, Fr. Stephan will be glad to hear your confessions at your house.

HOT OFF THE PRESSES! The annual "**Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 11 Week Calendar**" is available for home reference to keep you abreast of all Parish and Deanery services for the coming Holy season. Pick yours up **TODAY** at the candlestand.

The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete was beautiful this past week. The new draft book used for the service worked wonderfully! It streamlined the service, the choir was beautiful, and the whole service felt like a prayer. There was a lot

of good feedback on the draft and next year, the service should be even more beautiful since there will be plenty of updated books.

Don't be surprised if you see clergy in your neighborhood just walking and picking up trash. There are plenty of opportunities for improvement and we may also be able to share some light in the process.

A Note from Fr. Stephan Regarding the Lenten Season: Too often we only focus on fasting or attempting to fast during the season. Fasting is only one way to help bring us closer to God. I have two simple requests for us to reflect and act on:

1. Truly treat others as we want them to treat us.
2. Work on our prayer life. I am willing to open the Church *anytime* throughout Lent for anyone who would like to pray.

Paska! Paska! Paska! Even though Lent has started, Pascha will be here before you know it! Pick up a Paska Order form at the candlestand. Orders are due **Sunday, March 22nd**. Please leave your orders at the candlestand. Due to the large demand for Baba's Paska, no orders can be accepted after the due date.

***Don't forget to include valid telephone numbers on the order form
so we can contact you for pick-up!***

Also, come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow parishioners by coming to one of the baking sessions:

**Fri., April 3rd and Sat., April 4th
Both sessions will start at 7 am.**

Collection: Mar. 1st: \$1,722