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Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Sun., Mar. 19 th	Sunday of the Holy Cross Mission Vespers <i>St. Alexander Nevsky, Allison Park</i>	4:30 pm
	Wed., Mar. 22 nd	Presanctified Divine Liturgy <i>HROC, Belle Vernon</i>	7 pm
	Fri., Mar. 24 th	Akathist to All Mighty God for Help in Trouble <i>(Private Confessions follow)</i>	7 pm
	Sat., Mar. 25 th	Feast of the Annunciation Hours Divine Liturgy Great Vespers with Confession	8:45 am 9 am 6 pm
	Sun., Mar. 26 th	Sunday of Our Holy Father John of the Ladder (“Climacus”) Hours Divine Liturgy Mission Vespers <i>St. Nicholas, Donora</i>	9:45 am 10 am 4:30 pm

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

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:17-31

Epistle

(Hebrews 4:14-5:6)

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession.

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.

Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins.

And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron *was*.

So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, *but it* was He who said to Him:

*“You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.”*

As *He* also says in another *place*:

*“You are a priest forever
According to the order of
Melchizedek”;*

Gospel

(Mark 8:34-9:1)

When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, **“Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.**

“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

“Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

And He said to them, **“Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”**

The Third Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Precious Cross

By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley

On this Sunday, midway through Great Lent, the Church brings out the precious Cross, lovingly adorned with flowers, to be offered to the faithful for veneration. As we endure the rigors of the fast, we are in need of renewed strength, of refreshment of spirit. The Cross gives us this strength, this refreshment, for it is through the Cross that joy has come into the world. Through the Cross we are granted victories over our spiritual adversaries. It is the glory of martyrs, the true adornment of holy monks, and the haven of salvation for the world. Through it, the sting of death and the victory of hell are vanquished, and we all enter again into Paradise.

Announcements:

Paska orders are due TODAY! Please leave your orders at the candle stand or see either Marie or Mary S. Due to the large demand for Baba's Paska, no orders can be accepted after the due date.

Most importantly,

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

Baking sessions will take place on **Thursday, March 30th, Friday, March, 31st and Saturday April 1st starting at 7 am.** Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow parishioners by coming to one and/or all baking sessions.

Mark your Calendars: This coming **Saturday, March 25th** will be a busy day! We have morning *Liturgy for the Annunciation at 9 am.* Afterwards, we will do a *general parish cleaning at 12 pm* in preparation for Pascha. Everyone is invited and more hands make the work easy.

“An Evening with St. John Chrysostom.” Dr. David C. Ford, the well-known translator of many of St. John's homilies, will be at St. John the Baptist Church in Canonsburg on **March 30th** to share some dramatic moments from St. John's life--in his own words. For example, in AD 387, rioters in Antioch, who were objecting to the emperor's policies, mutilated statues of the emperor and others. St. John preached a number of homilies to the people who feared drastic repercussions for this crime. Dr. Ford will also be sharing passages concerning St. John's ordination to the priesthood, and before and after his first exile.

Dr. Ford is now in his 34th year of teaching at St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary. The evening will begin with the **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 6:15 pm**, followed by some Lenten refreshments and **Dr. Ford's presentation at about 7:45 pm.** St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church is located at [601 Boone Ave., Canonsburg, PA 15317](http://601BooneAve.com). Please join us!

Fr. Stephan will hear confessions after ALL 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.

The Lenten Season is in full swing! We have had a few people take advantage of the Church being open the first week of Lent for them to just come and pray. Just give Father a call to let him know when you would like to come to pray and he will make arrangements to have the Church open for you.

This upcoming Lenten Season -- Let us start refocusing our hearts and minds towards humility, forgiveness, repentance, and love towards our fellow man as we begin our Lenten journey on the path to Golgotha with Jesus. We are continuing our support and love of our seminarians and their families by taking a special Paschal collection through **April 9th**. The families are most appreciative of all support!

Thanks for the donations for the seminarians! We received a generous gift of \$500 from a neighbor that will be put towards our collection for the Seminarian Families who are in need. We will be collecting for the Seminarians until **April 9th**. Please be generous. The families are very appreciative.

Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the Paschal season! We have quite a few parishioners who are not able to get out and about as well as they use to. See today's bulletin insert for a listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC. *If you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father Stephan know.*

During the Lenten Season, we should try to look back at ourselves and our lives to see where we can improve and come closer to God. Come and attend any of the upcoming Lenten services to assist you on your journey towards Pascha. Pick up a copy of the annual "**Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 10-Week Calendar**" as a handy home reference to keep you abreast of all Lenten services during this holy season. Calendars available at the candlestand.

Please Note: *As of March 1st, the donation on the large candles will be \$5.00 per candle. The donation on the beeswax tapers and small votive candles will be \$2.00 per candle.*

A Note from Council ~~ **Don't forget:** If you have any changes/updates to your phone/cell number, e-mail address or home address, please let us know. Please drop off any new information at the candlestand or give to Mary Merella to help us keep the information on our contact lists up-to-date. Thanks!

Interested in learning how to make Prospora? If interested, please let either Marie or Mary know. A demonstration/class is on the horizon.