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Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Sunday of St. John Climacus

Services	Wed., Mar. 25 th	Feast of the Annunciation Hours Vesperal Divine Liturgy	8:45 am 9 am
	Fri., Mar. 27 th	Akathist to St. Mary of Egypt <i>Private Confessions to Follow</i>	7 pm
	Sat., Mar. 28 th	Great Vespers <i>Private Confessions to Follow</i>	6 pm
	Sun., Mar. 29 th	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Sunday School Hours Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am

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

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32-45

<p>Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)</p> <p>Thou didst descend from on <u>high</u>, O <u>Merciful</u> One! Thou didst <u>accept</u> the <u>three</u> day burial to free us from our <u>sufferings</u>! O Lord, our <u>Life</u> and <u>Resurrection</u>, <u>glory</u> to Thee!</p> <p>Tone 1 Troparion (St. John Climacus)</p> <p>O <u>dweller</u> of the wilderness and angel in the <u>body</u>, thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing <u>Father</u> John. Thou didst <u>receive</u> heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and <u>prayer</u>, healing the sick and the souls of those <u>drawn</u> to thee by faith. <u>Glory</u> to Him Who gave thee <u>strength</u>! <u>Glory</u> to Him Who granted thee a <u>crown</u>! <u>Glory</u> to Him Who grants <u>healing</u> to all!</p>	<p>Tone 4 Kontakion (St. John Climacus)</p> <p>The Lord truly set thee on the heights of <u>abstinence</u>, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the <u>universe</u>, O our father and <u>teacher</u> John.</p>	<p>Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)</p> <p>Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)</p> <p><i>V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)</i></p>
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Epistle (Hebrews 6:13-20)

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “*Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.*”

And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* for them an end of all dispute.

Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath,

that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*.

This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence *behind* the veil,

where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel (Mark 9:17-31)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”

He answered him and said, “**O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.**”

Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

So He asked his father, “**How long has this been happening to him?**” And he said, “From childhood.

“And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

Jesus said to him, “**If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes.**”

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: “**Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!**”

Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.”

But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

So He said to them, “**This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.**”

Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know *it*.

For He taught His disciples and said to them, “**The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.**”

Announcements:

It's never too late to prepare for Pascha! 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 Passion services to assist you on your journey towards Pascha. Pick up a copy of the “**Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 11 Week Calendar**” for days/times.

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.

Don't forget to 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.

With Pascha right around the corner, one of the questions that is often asked is “What should we do with the old palms and pussy willows?” If they are still being used, use them. If they need to be replaced, then the old ones should be burned and the ashes should be returned to the earth. If you don't have a good place to burn them Father Stephan does Liturgical Burns on a regular basis.

Baba Bunny needs your help – Can you help with a donation of some candy? A few of us are getting together to make up some Pascha treat bags for our children filled with candy and goodies. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and help! God Bless!

Paschal Altar Candles: Gifts are now being accepted for the Paschal Altar Candles. If you would like to make a gift in memory of loved ones or in honor of loved ones – place your offering in an envelope marking it “Paschal Candles” and leave it at the Candle Stand.

Paska! Don't forget, we will be rolling up our sleeves on **Thursday, March 26th through Saturday March 28th at 7 am** to bake the Paskas. Come join the camaraderie of fellow parishioners! Many hands help make the work go fast! See you there!

Lent is a time for quiet meditation and reflection. Disconnect from your busy day for 15 minutes or half hour and lose yourself in the *Orthodox Christian Prayers* book just received from St. Tikhon's Monastery. “It is our conversation with God that brings about our union with him. We must enter into this work of prayerful dialogue again and again, day by day, moment by moment, during every part of our life, always striving to make a new beginning.” Be still, and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10) helps with lowering stress levels and blood pressure. Stop by the candlestand to purchase your copy (\$25) and begin a new daily routine that may continue after Lent.

Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners! 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 **UPDATED** 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.* (Please note that Julia Urdenis is recuperating after breaking her leg at Terrace Health & Rehab Center in Uniontown and her address has been updated.)

Stop by St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main St., Uniontown **TODAY from 12 Noon to 4 pm** for their Egg Eggstravaganza. Pysanky artists will be displaying, demonstrating and selling their eggs. There will be several sales tables of Pysanky supplies, kits, books, embroidered basket blessing covers, lamb butter molds, cookbooks, etc. There will also be a bake sale offering a variety of homemade items. Many raffles will be available. A Lenten lunch menu will be served.

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 5th**. The families are most appreciative of all support!

It's March and the weather is heading in the right direction, but it could still be questionable with fluctuating temperatures. Please use your best judgment and check on your neighbors more often. Also, please respect the weather and use caution when traveling.

Save the Date:

HROC Flea Market is back! The Flea Market will be held on **Friday, June 5th and Saturday, June 6th**. When doing your Spring cleaning, consider donating your clean, gently used, unwanted treasures to the Church. **All items need to be brought to the church by May 31st. Please NO TVs or computers.** Organization and pricing of the items will take place on Wednesday, June 3rd and Thursday, June 4th. Unfortunately, there will be no pre-sale. If you would like to help out either Friday or Saturday, your assistance would be greatly appreciated!