

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

April 7, 2019

(Sunday of the St. John Climacus)

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 9:17-31

Next Week: Hebrews 9:11-14 **Next Week:** Mark 10:32-45

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

Services: Sun., Apr. 7 th	Mission Vespers St. John the Baptist, Canonsburg	6 pm
Wed., Apr. 10 th	Lenten Matins Presanctified Liturgy HROC	7 am 6:30 pm
Fri., Apr. 12 th	Lenten Matins Passion Akathist (Holy Sacrament of Confession)	7 am 7 pm
Sat., Apr. 13 th	Great Vespers (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)	7 pm
Sun., Apr. 14 th	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Church School Hours Divine Liturgy Mission Vespers Holy Trinity, New Salem	9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am 6 pm

Announcements:

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. Also, if one needs to eat for medical reasons, please eat what you have to eat. Don't let this deter one from receiving. Remember, God knows our situation a little better than we do.

Note from Fr. Stephan: I will be working on cleaning the Church between now and Pascha. Anyone interested should give me a call and let me know when you can help. My schedule is flexible and I won't turn down good help.

Reminder re: Confessions: "Please note on the Calendar all the opportunities for participation in the Sacrament of Confession during the Lenten season! Keep in mind that all Orthodox Christians are expected to partake in private Confession at least once a year. So plan now to go to Confession early in Lent (or sooner) so that it's not put off until you are faced with a l-o-n-g l-i-n-e with Holy Week looming."

Paska! Paska! Paska! Nothing could replace this precious tradition to celebrate the joyous Resurrection! The men and women of HROC will be rolling up their sleeves on **Thursday, April 11th, Friday, April 12th and Saturday, April 13th** to ensure that past and new customers will have this wonderful delicacy to enjoy for their Easter. Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow parishioners by coming to the baking sessions. **The sessions start at 7 am.**

Note to Choir Members: There will be choir rehearsals following the Passion Akathist services on **Fridays, April 12th and April 19th at 7:30 pm** to prepare for the upcoming Paschal season. We will be refreshing our memories of the musical settings for Unction Service, Bridegroom Matins on Holy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Holy Friday, Holy Saturday and Pascha. Please make every effort to attend these rehearsals. Anyone interested in joining the choir, please feel free to attend. All are welcome!

A Note from Council: Don't forget to turn in your 2019 Pledge Forms. We are still accepting them. The Pledge Forms are helpful in preparing our budgets.

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.

**** Please see today's bulletin insert for a listing of our Parish Homebounds.** They would really appreciate a card or call during the Paschal Season. Fr. Stephan is making his visits to all the Homebound before the start of Holy Week. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: To help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday, please see Marie on Sunday, **April 14th** for a demo and palms. Also, volunteers will be needed **Saturday, April 20th** (before Great Vespers (**5 pm**)) in the Church Social Hall to help prepare the Palms and Willows for Palm Sunday! Thanks!

Collection: March 31st: \$1,111

(See the reverse side of the Candlelist for additional announcements.)