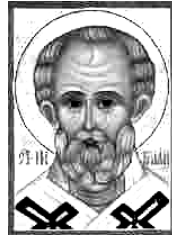


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### Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy Against the Icon Smashers

#### Schedule of Services and Activities

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 PM**

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM**

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM**

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM**

Lenten Fellowship Meal after Liturgy

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM**

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 PM-5:30 PM**

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**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 PM**

**Doxology, Holy Cross Church, Mt Lebanon**

**Lenten Daily Vespers**

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**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

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**General Panikhida for the Departed**

**Church School**

**Great Vespers**

**Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great**

**Vespers, St Gregory Church, Homestead**



**The Lenten fast has begun.** The Church prescribes that we refrain from eating meat (including fish, but not shellfish) and dairy products. While it is understood that some find the prescription challenging to attain (for this is indeed the very point – that we indulge too much in fleshly desires, and the challenge of the fast shows this!), everyone is strongly encouraged to do something, and not to ignore the fast completely, which is both unchristian and unorthodox. Most importantly, as the Fathers remind us, we are also to “fast from sin as we fast from food.” May God bless you in your Lenten journey.

**Those who wish to receive** communion during the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday evening should fast from after the lunch time, if they are able bodied. Those who are ill, elderly and ailing, pregnant or nursing should adjust their fasting accordingly.

**Please consider signing up** to host the Lenten Fellowship following the Presanctified Liturgy any Wednesday during the Great Fast to provide a simple Lenten meal. The sheet is near the kitchen.

**Our annual Lenten collection** “Easter Baskets for Needy Families” is underway soon. Please look for the insert in today’s bulletin for needed items; however, monetary donations are also accepted for perishable items and for gifts for children. Please see Donya Yewisiak, project coordinator, for more information. Deadline is Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**We have several Orthodox Children’s books** that we would have to have donated to our parish library. If you can help, please see Fr Tom or Marsha Wasilko.

**St Nick’s Corner** now has a new inventory of titles from Conciliar Press. Come and browse our entire selection for your Lenten reading!

**Our parish will host the Deanery Mission Service** on Sunday evening, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM (St Mary of Egypt Sunday).

**From the Parish Council:** Standing Committee sign-up sheets are located downstairs in the church hall. These committees function as ways in which members of St Nicholas can be actively involved with the direction and mission of the parish. Parishioners are encouraged to sign-up so they can use their talents for health and growth of the Church. These committees include the Financial Committee, the Maintenance Committee, Membership Services, and Long Range Planning. In addition, since the parish has expressed a near term goal of updating the church building to have bathrooms, a better kitchen, etc. the "Church Building Renovation Committee" has been formed by the Parish Council. This committee also has a sign-up sheet available downstairs and will work on plans to submit to the parish in the near future.

**The next Church School** will be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> (second Saturday in March).

**We are in need of sponsors** for Coffee Hour in March! Please see Melissa Graff to help! Thanks!

**Vigil Light Donations** (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, John Polny; for the health of the Wasilko family, and Carol Kowalcheck; Happy Birthday & Many Years to Chuck! **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, John Polny; for the health of Carol Kowalcheck and Katherine Puskar. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary and John Polny; for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck; Happy Birthday & Many Years to Katherine Puskar (91) and Chuck Wasilko—Many Years! **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From David Namsinak** for the departed servant, Melissa; for the health of Carol Kowalcheck, Helen Shancey, Edward Belfiore and Marsha Namsinak; Happy Birthday Charles A. Wasilko. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the health of the Pravlochak family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Mat. Olga & Fr. Vladimir, Agrippina, Stepan, Nina, Zinovi, Vassili, Vladimir, Peter, Christina, Anna, Denis, Ivan & Lena; for the health of Marina, Vladimir, Yevegeniy, Roman, Polina, Tatyana, Alexandra, Ludmila, Valentina and our relatives & friends. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the departed servant, mother, Sophia Kraynak; for the health of George Shaytar and Peter Kerchum. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck, Tom Robes, Michael Soroka on the occasion of his birthday, grandson, Vaughn Joshua on his baptism and his parents, Jeff & Juliana Hollowood. **From Chuck Conrad** for the health of Barb Fitzgerald & Eva Malesnck—heal both of them. **Charles & Natasha Tichy** for the departed servants, Anna, Aleksandra, Ilya, Vladimir and Proskevia; for the health of Charlie; safe travels. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew) Nicholas, Nicholas and Very Rev. Paul—Memory Eternal; for the health of Amelia, Andrea, Richard & families, Carol, Reader Michael, John, Theodore; community of St. Nicholas Parish; men & women serving our country; special intentions.

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### **Welcome to our visitors!**

*While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting, non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service. Please join us downstairs for coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.*

### **Tone 5**

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin.  
For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh  
to endure death  
and to raise the dead,  
by His glorious resurrection.

### **Tone 2**

#### **Troparion of the Triodion**

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One,  
and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.  
Of Thy good will Thou was pleased to ascend the cross in the flesh  
and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy.  
Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee:  
Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,  
for Thou didst come to save the world.

### **Tone 4**

#### **Prokeimenon of the Fathers** (Song of the Three Youths)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

#### **Epistle** (Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2a)

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...

#### **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."

#### **Communion Hymns** (Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!