



HOLY GHOST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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APRIL 7 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 3

Veneration of the Cross

Rest of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of NA

<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
MONDAY, APRIL 8 Genesis 8:21-9:7 Proverbs 11:19-12:6 TUESDAY, APRIL 9 Genesis 9:8-17 Proverbs 12:8-22 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 Genesis 9:18-10:1 Proverbs 12:23-13:9 THURSDAY, APRIL 11 Genesis 10:32-11:9 Proverbs 13:19-14:6 FRIDAY, APRIL 12 Genesis 12:1-7 Proverbs 14:15-26 SATURDAY, APRIL 13 Hebrews 6:9-12 Mark 7:31-37	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 Presanctified Liturgy.....5:30 p.m. SATURDAY, APRIL 6 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m. SUNDAY, APRIL 7 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Veneration of the Cross. Rest of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of NA. Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Children's choir practice today after Divine Liturgy! Mission Vespers.....4:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist, 364 Mill Hill Avenue, Bridgeport SATURDAY, APRIL 13 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m. SUNDAY, APRIL 14, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT St. John Climacus (of The Ladder) Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Mission Vespers.....4:00 p.m. OCAGB: St. Nicholas Antiochian, 5458 Park Avenue, Bridgeport Fr Mark will be in Indiana on April 9-12, participating in a conference and giving a lecture. He will be available via phone and email. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Council President Rich Kendall at (203) 521-3456 and he will connect you to a local priest.

All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/>

Reminder: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, [holyyghostbpt.org](http://www.holyghostbpt.org). The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church's account. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.

3rd Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Cross

Commemorated on April 7

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the Lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).



LENTEN REMINDER FROM FR. MARK ...

This year for Great Lent, I encourage everyone to read *Pilgrimage to Pascha* by our former pastor, Fr Steven Belonick of blessed memory. In this book are short but rich meditations for each day of the Great Fast. Copies are available for purchase in the basement, or can be ordered online here: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/pilgrimage-to-pascha-a-daily-devotional-for-great-lent/>

CONFESSION SCHEDULE ... Please take the opportunity in this Great Lenten season of repentance to come to confession. According to the holy canons of the Orthodox Church, confession at least once per year is required for membership in good standing. Fr Mark will be available to hear your confession at church every Wednesday 30 minutes before Presanctified Liturgy, and every Saturday for 30 minutes before and after Vespers. You can also schedule confession individually with Fr Mark if you are not available those times. May God give us all grace and courage to come and be reconciled to Christ and His Church!

Hebrews 7:26-8:2

(*Epistle, St. Tikhon*)

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For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

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who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

28

For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

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Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

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a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Hebrews 4:14-5:6*(Epistle)*

14

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.

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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.

16

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

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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.

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

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

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

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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."

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As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";

John 10:9-16*(Gospel, St. Tikhon)*

9

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

11

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

12

But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

13

The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

14

I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

15

As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

16

And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Mark 8:34-9:1

(Gospel)

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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.

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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.

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

37

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

38

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.”

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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.”

CANDLE DESK DUTY

April 7 – Barb Dulin

April 14 – LoveAnn Curran

If you are unable to make your scheduled day, please switch with another member.

MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL MONITORS ...

Teachers	<u>Debbie Rapaport</u>	<u>Steve Pronechen</u>	<u>Mat Claire</u>
4/14	Richard Kendall	Mike Nettle	Bob Denhup
4/21	Chris Savisky	Rich Jankura	Daria DeAngelis

If there are any schedule conflicts, please see Carole Kaputa. Thank you!



Photo by Carole Kaputa

CORSAGE PINS ARE NEEDED FOR PUSSYWILLOW CORSAGES ... Donations can be dropped off at the Candle Desk. Thank you very much!

PUSSY WILLOWS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY ... Thank you!

LENTEN SOUP FUNDRAISER ... Cooks are still needed!

Week	Name 1	Soup	Name 2	Soup
April 7	Rich/Irene Kendall	Split Pea Soup	Diana Quill	Tuscan Red Lentil w/ lemon
April 14	Sue Maugeri	Pasta & Bean		
April 21	Jackie/Rich Jankura	Onion Soup	Carol & Daria	Cabbage Soup
April 28 Palm Sunday				



Pick up your soup today!

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MTG. is scheduled for **April 21st**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

1) Outreach / Missions – Clothing Drive

The Parish Council is requesting new or clean clothing, shoes, or bedding donations for the needy or homeless. Please place them on the bench against the wall. Donations will be sent to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

2) Church Restoration Committee – Please join!

As a result of the flooding of the basement last January, the church received substantial insurance payments. This money creates an exciting opportunity: not just to repair but to remodel and beautify our church spaces. Now we need your help!

The parish council has decided to form a committee to determine the best way to use this money. If you want to be a part of it, please email Fr Mark.

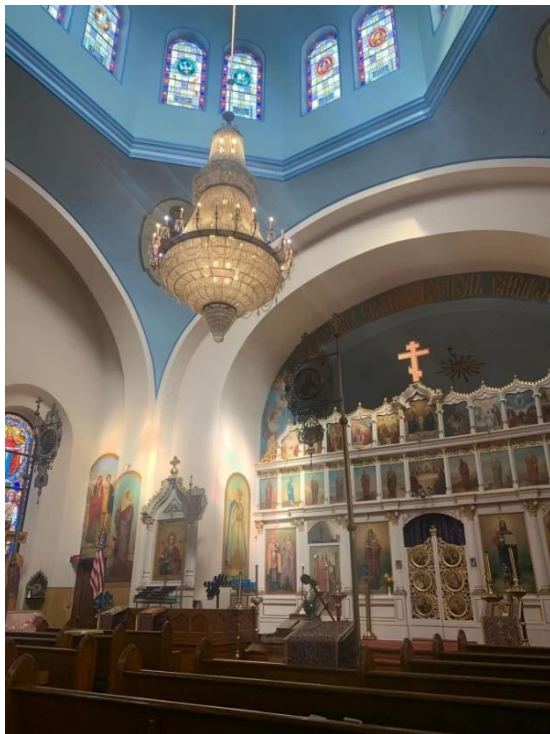
FLOWERS FOR PASCHA... Please find attached, an order form for flowers. You will be able to purchase them for the “health of” or “in loving memory of” and can take them home on Thomas Sunday. Thank you.

PARKING LOT DRYWELL REPLACEMENT

We want to extend a huge word of gratitude to Leo Chavez's cousin Adrian, who on short notice replaced our parking lot drywell. What was thought to be a modest repair turned into a major project when it was discovered the old drywell had collapsed. He doubled the size of the underground pit, installed a larger drywell, and finished the job with a new concrete cover and asphalt. He gave us a great discount for double the work. Adrian has helped us before, pruning our trees and doing major work at our Shelton Park. Leo and Adrian are truly gifts to Holy Ghost. May God grant them many years!



Add'l photos, Rich Kendall



Beautiful photos by Javier Trinidad

PARISH METRICS (APRIL 7 THRU APRIL 13)

BIRTHDAYS

LoveAnn Curran, April 8th; Daria Sinchuk DeAngelis, April 12th

ANNIVERSARIES

None Listed.

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

APRIL 7– Tatiana Bevza, 1924 (18); Archpriest Alexander Pogrebniak, 1961 (73); Teresa Bednar Pistey, 1972 (83); Kenneth Chilek, 1973 (16); Anna Baker Fosko, 1979 (86); Michael Pasick, Sr., 1981 (73); Zina Rozdilsky, 1985 (70); Helen K. Darak, 2005 (85); Nicholas A. Sinchuk, 2005 (86); Irene Hamilla, 2019 (97)

APRIL 8 – Elena Jankura, 1909 (4); Sophia Skomin, 1918 (26); Teresa Wolchko Super, 1958 (78); Peter Naiden, 1980; Anna Jankowski, 1999 (86); Walter Gelazin, 2009; Charles Kozulko, 2020 (92)

APRIL 9 – Mary Koltko, 1967 (55); William Robstock, 1971 (60); Sophia Coba, 1974 (93); Joseph Chueka, 1978 (59)

APRIL 10 – Alexander Begnovsky, 1924 (37); Trofim Supranovich, 1975 (85); Michael Zamoida, 1977 (88); John Chanda, 1998 (90)

APRIL 11 – Nadezhda Lucas, 2002 (89)

APRIL 12 – Nicholas Ladusky, 1943 (51); Simeon Homeniuk, 1945; Joseph Hukola, 1949; Stephen Dubrow, 1966 (70); Michael Selepec, 1978 (69); Stephen Sidorowich, 1984 (66); Olga Krizanovsky, 1988 (78); Jean Pisaretz Bodnar, 1998 (78); Hope Hylwa, 1999 (80); Helen Shurminsky, 2018 (99)

APRIL 13 – Alexander Zagorulko, 1983 (72); Vera Oleshkevich, 1985 (94); Anastasia (Stacey) Pihonak, 2006

Memory Eternal! Вечная память!

