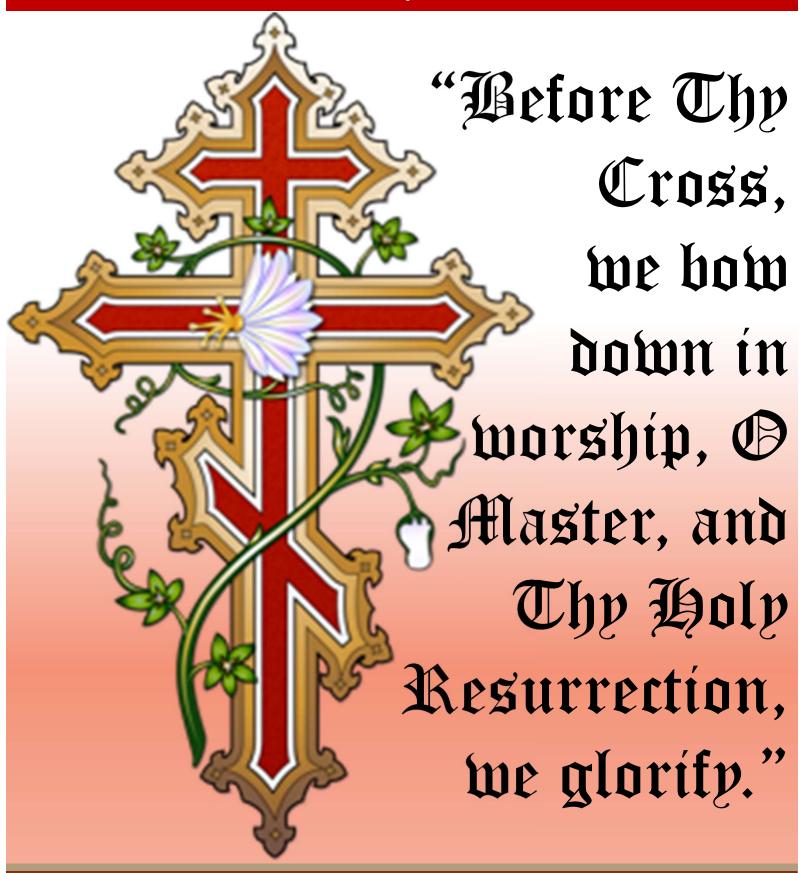
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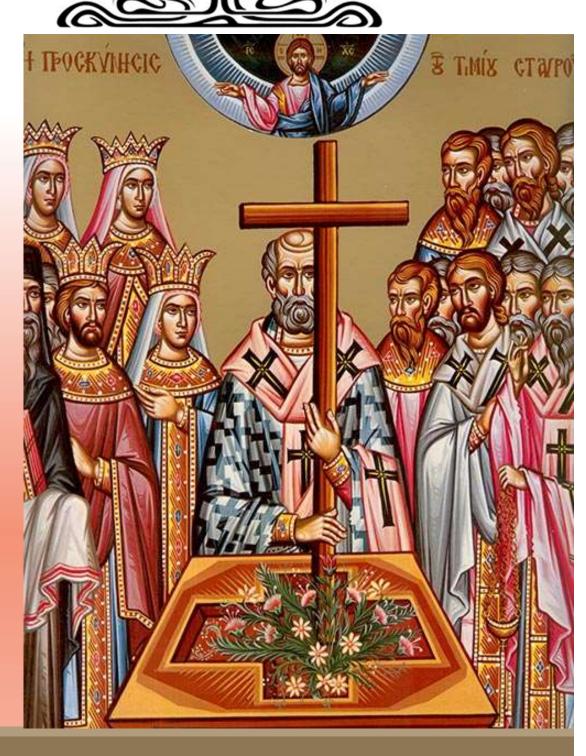
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Bulletin for Sunday, March 27, 2022



Sunday, March 27: Veneration of the Holy Cross The Icon of the Veneration of the Cross depicts the priest in the center, holding the cross in a bed of flowers, and blessing all – clergy, rulers, lay people – who are venerating the Holy Cross.

Our large crucifix was moved to the center of our Sanctuary when **Great Lent began -**not only as a stark reminder of the Passion of Christ, the week of his crucifixion and resurrection -- but also to serve as a symbol of reassurance that the sacrifices we make during Lent will ultimately bring spiritual fulfillment. We are walking the same path of His suffering.





Since Russia's February 24th invasion of Ukraine, and Vicar Bishop Luke announced the Vicariate's fundraising efforts for the purchase of essential items for the Ukrainian people, monetary donations have been pouring in through the DONATE pages on the Vicariate website (uockpusa.org) and the Cathedral website (stnicholaseoc.org); dropped in our plastic HELP UKRAINE canister located by the Cathedral candle window; received in the mail; and delivered to our church office in person. Without delay, funds are sent to our trusted civilian volunteer in Ukraine who sends us purchase receipts for food, mattresses, medical supplies and other necessities for survival. Refugees who have fled to Poland and West Ukraine have also received funds for transportation, shelter and food.

Please make your checks payable to the Vicariate of the UOC-KP. Cash is also accepted. Donations can be mailed to the Vicariate Office at 820 Hoffman Place, Philadelphia, PA 19123, or left at the Cathedral Candle Room window on Sundays. For donations by credit card: visit uockpusa.org or stnicholaseoc.org/donate (scroll down to the HELP UKRAINE FUND.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

YOU ARE MAKING AN IMMEDIATE DIFFERENCE!

Bishop Luke was invited to pray a Moleben at this Rally next Sunday, March 27, 2022 at Independence Mall.

Please join him to show your support as we pray for the safety and welfare of the Ukrainian people.

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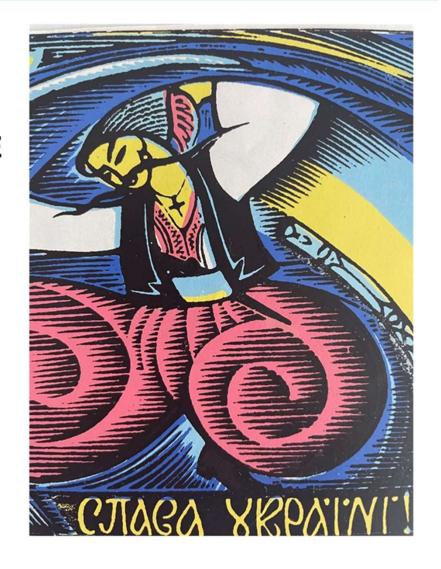
STAND WITH UKRAINE MASSIVE RALLY

SUNDAY MARCH 27, 2022 3:00-5:00PM

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For more info:

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To date, the efforts of the St. Nicholas Parish raised \$12,000 for the

HELP UKRAINE FUND. Thank You!

Last week Bishop Luke received an urgent email from a close friend in Ukraine who asked for thermal underwear and warm clothing for the troops and civilians. Thanks to your donations, we sprang into action! Within hours, we located a wholesaler in Northeast Philly, purchased winterwear in bulk – and on Friday, March 18, Bishop Luke picked up boxes of woolen socks, hats, gloves, thermal underwear and blankets. He then delivered them to MEEST (international travel services) who shipped them immediately to Lutsk, Ukraine.



Choir Directing as a Ministry...

On Sunday, March 20, 2022, St. Nicholas Patriarchal Choir Director, Susan Guz, was awarded an Honorary Professor Diploma in liturgical choir conducting from the Volyn Orthodox Theological Academy in Lutsk, Ukraine, the culmination of several years of work and study. Susan, a member of St. Nicholas Cathedral for almost 60 years, has been directing the Patriarchal Choir since 2019. She regards the position as a ministry, accepting no monetary compensation.

"My father, John Guz, sang bass in the St. Nicholas parish choir in the 1960s and 70s, and I never imagined that I would one day be leading our current professional choir. When the need arose for a choir director at St. Nicholas Cathedral, I was happy to step up to the plate and carry on the tradition. It all came together -- my degree in music, my professional experience as a piano accompanist and private teacher, a seriousness, an obedience, my faith and the love of Orthodox liturgical music."

Susan has spent countless hours organizing the music library in our Choir Loft, researching hundreds of arrangements to find the most beautiful, most uplifting, most memorable music so that Divine Liturgy is one continuous, flowing prayer. She chooses repertoire in accordance with the rubrics of the Orthodox liturgy and fitting the voices of the Patriarchal Choir members. "It is a labor of love....a duty...a ministry," she says.

Susan is also a Reader. Bishop Luke frequently comments that Susan has been blessed with a "church voice," non-disruptive and peaceful, chanting distinctly, simply, reverently. In the absence of the full Choir, Susan is capable of singing all services by herself, if necessary — Divine Liturgy, Panikhida, Vespers, Moleben, Wedding, Baptism, Presanctified Liturgy, Holy Week, Pascha.

Susan is grateful to Metropolitan Michael Zinkievich, Professor Very Reverend Volodymyr Vakin, Rector, and the Volyn Academy community for their guidance, teaching, friendship and support that led to the bestowing of the Honorary Professorship. And, of course, heartfelt appreciation to the St. Nicholas Patriarchal Choir Members in Philadelphia: Eve Edwards, Soprano; Anthony Sinigaglio II, Bass; Nancy Stott Trauger, Alto; and Nathaniel McEwen, Tenor -- for their beautiful voices and extraordinary talent in mastering the Orthodox hierarchal liturgy repertoire.







Bishop Luke's Sermon – Sunday, March 20, 2022 - Mark 2:1-12

Today's Scripture reading is about the paralytic man who was carried on a pallet and lowered through the roof of a house where a huge crowd was gathered to hear Jesus Christ preach. It is a remarkable account of an extraordinary act compelled by faith. Jesus was so moved by this incredible feat that he told the paralytic man that his sins were forgiven. The scribes who heard this were stuck on Jesus' words, even to the point of accusing Him of blasphemy. Jesus responded with different words: he said to the paralytic man, ARISE, TAKE UP YOUR BED AND WALK. The lesson I share with you today is this: do not let WORDS get in the way of what you want to achieve by your faith and spiritual goals. ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. And whether Jesus said to the paralytic man, Your sins are forgiven, or arise take up your bed and walk, the result was the same. An amazing miracle occurred, and the crowd who witnessed it was changed forever. So, instead of talking, take action for the glory of God. Take action driven by your faith. Take action in the name of Jesus Christ. Let your faith be synonymous with ACTION. Believe, and act on it. And you, too, may make a difference in someone's life forever. AMEN.



ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE continues...

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Our annual **Endowment Fund Drive** begins simultaneously with the start of Lent. It is customary to give alms -- a charitable gift -- during Lent. What better beneficiary than our beloved St. Nicholas Cathedral to ensure its future!

Please pick up a PINK envelope from the Candle Room and give generously. You can also give online on our website. Go to **stnicholaseoc.org**; click the DONATE tab at the bottom of the home page; scroll down and click "Endowment Fund."

THANK YOU!

Soul Saturdays



On Soul Saturdays, Bishop Luke prays for the souls of your departed loved ones, reading aloud the names on the lists you provided. The list of names of your beloved departed is kept in a book in the Candle Room. If you want to include someone dear to you, please send an email to sneoc100@gmail.com or just mark the book that is in the Candle Room.

The special Soul Saturday Panikhida follows Vespers. The remaining Soul Saturdays during Lent are March 26 and April 2. We are suggesting a \$25 donation for the reading of your beloved departed names. Thank you. (There are no monthly Panikhidas in March and April.)

CONFESSIONS



Bishop Luke will hear your confession every Sunday morning between the start of Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM and the Entrance Hymn "O Come Let Us Worship." If you want confession, you can approach Bishop Luke during this time, and he will walk from the Bishop's Chair in the center of the Sanctuary to the confessional area at the far left of the altar. Confessions are also heard every Saturday at 5:00 PM at Vespers.



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Schedule of Services	
Saturday, March 26 – SOUL SATURDAY	5:00 pm: Vespers and Panikhida
Sunday, March 27 – Veneration of the Cross	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Semi-Annual Meeting of Parishioners
Friday, April 1	6:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 2 – SOUL SATURDAY	5:00 pm: Vespers and Panikhida
Sunday, April 3	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Friday, April 8	6:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 9	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 10	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Friday, April 15	6:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 16 – LAZARUS SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm: Vespers & Blessing of Pussy Willows
Sunday, April 17 – PALM SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by a traditional "Potato Pancake" Fellowship Brunch in the Cathedral Hall
Wednesday, April 20	6:30 pm: Holy Unction Healing Service
Thursday, April 21 – HOLY THURSDAY	6:30 pm: Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 22 – HOLY FRIDAY	3:00 pm: Vespers 6:30 pm: Funeral Service and Procession with Plaschanitsa
Saturday, April 23 - HOLY SATURDAY Sunday, April 24 – EASTER-PASCHA	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, followed by Blessing of Baskets in the Sanctuary at approximately 11:00 am 11:30 pm: Matins, Procession, Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Baskets and Agape Breakfast in the Cathedral Hall at approximately 1:30 am, Sunday, April 24

Email sneoc100@gmail.com to contribute information to this Bulletin. Info <u>must be received by noon</u> on WEDNESDAY to be published in the Sunday Bulletin. Publisher: Susan Guz; Editor: Bishop Luke

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SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES

LIT TODAY



For the health of Susan Guz on her birthday, offered by Colleen, Nicholas Philipp, George Zervos, Jennifer and Cory Redmond For the health of my son/brother/uncle Nicholas Philipp on his birthday, offered by Colleen Philipp, George Zervos, Jennifer and Cory Redmond and Melissa Cardarelli

For the health of
Judy Hanney on her
birthday, offered by
Colleen, Nicholas
Philipp, George
Zervos, Jennifer, Cory
and Melissa

In memory of my
father/pop-pop
Charles John
Redmond on his
birthday, offered by
Colleen, Nicholas
Philipp, Jennifer and
Cory Redmond

In memory of our
mother/mom-mom/gigi
on the 6th anniversary of
her passing, offered by
Colleen, Nicholas
Philipp, George Zervos,
Jennifer, Cory Redmond
and Melissa Cardarelli

For the health of Judy Hanney on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz

For the health of Barbara Marozzi on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz

For the health of Judy Hanney on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood

For the health of Barbara Marozzi on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood In memory of
George Wohar on the
anniversary of his
passing, offered by
Barbara and Jim
McMonigle

In loving memory of our mom/grandmom, Dorothy Egrie, Love, Frank, Renee, Alex and Matt

For the health of
Susan Guz and
congratulations on
becoming a Professor.
Love, Ellen and Phil

For the safe travel of Veronika Matviienko and Alla Pukhtetska, offered by Susan Guz

For the health of Anna Kuliasha, offered by Susan Guz In memory of our
beloved mother,
Helen Guz, on the
5th anniversary of her
passing, March 24,
2017, offered by
Patricia Walker and
Susan Guz

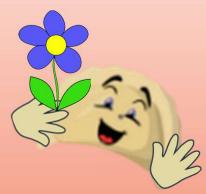
Sunday, March 27, is a busy day:

- 9:30 AM: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross
- 11:00 AM: Fellowship Lunch
- 11:15 AM: Presentation to Congregation by MealsDirect, Anastasiya Kobylyuk, Administrator
- 11:30 AM: Semi-Annual Parish Meeting and Election of Endowment Fund Committee Members
- 3:00 PM: "STAND WITH UKRAINE" Rally at Independence Mall





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Saturday
May 14, 2022
12 noon-9 pm

Proceeds from the sale of pierogies made by volunteers at St. Nicholas Patriarchal Orthodox Cathedral will help support the Vicariate of the UOC-KP in the USA & Canada, St. Nicholas Cathedral and the HELP UKRAINE FUND.

The LAST PREP DATE: Saturday, March 26, 7 am-2 pm

Please mark your calendars! Questions?
Please contact Bishop Luke or Judy Hanney, Festival Director, tjahanney@yahoo.com.

On Saturday, March 19, 2022, the Pierogi Team took a break from filling and pinching almost 3,000 pierogies to celebrate the birthdays of Viktor Voloshnovskyy and Susan Guz, who share the



As we are approach Easter during a challenging time for the world, the **St. Nicholas Cathedral Youth Organization** invites children and families to a traditional Ukrainian egg-coloring class – PYSANKY -- to bring joy to one of our most special holidays.

Join us on Sunday, April 10, 2022, promptly after Divine Liturgy, from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, in our Cathedral Hall for a PYSANKY class. Materials will be provided. Event tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for children; children under 12 are free. A portion of the ticket contributions will be donated to our HELP UKRAINE FUND. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP by April 3 to st.ncyo@gmail.com or 623-760-7427. Seating is limited to 20 attendees.

PYSANKY



Ukrainian Easter Eggs





The Northside gets a face lift.

Our recent processions around the Cathedral building put the northside on display, and the wear and tear from the Mercy vans – deep ruts, mud holes, bald spots – was obvious.

This needed to be corrected immediately. So, Four Seasons landscapers began work on Thursday, March 17, 2022, to resurface all grassy areas with crushed stones. Enormous tree trunks and roots were removed; the ground leveled; a fabric weed barrier installed; and then finally crushed stones will be poured and tamped down.

The work is expected to be completed this week.



ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil: \$2
Analoi Candles: \$25
Altar Candles: \$35
Annual Vigil: \$100
Bulletin Sponsor: \$25

- 1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantinne, offered by David Dantinne, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/23
- 2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp.11/1/22
- 3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz; John and Mary Dzwonczyk; Paul and Anna Guz, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/22
- 4. +The Repose of the souls of Helen and Michael Zaruba, and Christina and Christopher Natale. May Their Memory Be Eternal. Offered with love by Daughter/Sister/Aunt, Marcia O'Connor. exp. 10/1/26
- 5. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/22
- 6. +The Repose of the souls of the Boljarevich Family, Anastasia (Nancy) Yarosh, Helen Kon, Helen and John "Whitey" Horbacz, Harry Mason, Sophie Gamble, Michael Zaruba and John Martin. PERPETUAL
- 7. +The Repose of the soul of my beloved husband, our devoted father and grandfather, Jack Kavchok. May his memory be eternal! Offered with love, Diane, John, Michael, Melissa, Makenzie, Riley and Kylie. exp. 8/1/22
- 8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenco offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/22
- 9. +The Repose of the souls of Irina and Michael Sierp, Konstantin, Olga, Lydia and Juris Teterski, Richard Boswell, and the health of all living members of the Teterski, Sierp, Boswell and Lis Families, offered by Susan Lis. exp. 9/18/22
- 10. +The Repose of the soul of our mother and grandmother, Helen Marx, offered by Victoria, Frank, Christopher, Stephanie, Julia, Nicholas, Krissy, Nathan and Morgan Borriello. exp. 4/19/22
- 11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/22
- 12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/22
- 13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/22
- 14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family, exp. 12/31/22
- 15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/22
- 16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/22
- 17. +The Repose of the souls of the Kowal Family: Andrew, Paraskeva, Andrew, Catherine, Susan, John, Nionila, Anna, David, Franklin Shultz and Edward Barrett, offered by Drew Kowal. exp. 11/1/30
- 18. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Maksym, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana-Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/22
- 19. For the health of Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Olga, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Bogdan, Iryna-Olesia. +In memory of Anna, Sophia, Petro, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunelia, Vasyl, Maria, Stepan, Anna, Volodymyr, Stepania, Maryna, Vasyl, offered by Oksana and Viktor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/22
- 20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/22
- 21. +The Repose of the souls of Mary and Gregory Buckley. Memory Eternal. Offered by the children and grandchildren of the Buckley, Janoczkin and Wojnarowicz Families. exp. 12/20/22
- 22. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/22

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people!

The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

CHOIR: The Lord shall give strength to his people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

READER: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! The Lord shall give strength to His people.

CHOIR: The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...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." **(Hebrews 4:14-5:6)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Alleluia! Alleluia! CHOIR: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READER: It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most-High!

To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night!

CHOIR: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRIEST: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

PRIEST: Let us attend. 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." **(Mark 8:34-9:1)**

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.



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