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On this 4th Sunday of Great Lent, the Church commemorates Saint John Climacus, also known as Saint John of the Ladder, author of the classic ascetic text, "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." Originally written for monks in c. AD 600, the treatise instructs how to avoid vice and practice virtue so that at the end, salvation can be obtained. "The Ladder," a guide for practicing a life completely and wholly devoted to God, has become one of the most highly influential and important works used by the Church.



St. John Climacus
c 579-649 AD

The ladder – a metaphor for the journey to Heaven – has 30 rungs representing 30 stages of ascetic life.



Dear Parishioners:

For your health and safety during the coronavirus pandemic, Father Bohdan and the Church Council are following Philadelphia's "Stay-at-Home" Order and the mandate from the CDC (Center for Disease Control): to cancel mass gatherings for the next 7 weeks, until May 15.

This seems so far away, but it is only 7 Sundays. We all hope -- pray -- that we will be able to re-open the Church sooner.

From Palm Sunday, April 12, through Bright Monday, April 20, it is our intention to live-stream all Church services so that you can participate virtually – and safely. Details will be forthcoming. In addition, as much imagery as possible will be included in your weekly Bulletins to help you stay connected.

Father Bohdan also encourages everyone to submit their Easter vigils and requests for Molebens by emailing him at SNEOC100@gmail.com. Please be assured that your vigils will be lit and your prayers intoned by Father Bohdan. There will be no Easter Flower orders this year.

These are challenging times, but our prayers and faith will sustain us.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

2 Timothy 1:7

Schedule of Services
to be served by Father Bohdan
with the Congregation praying at home

Friday, March 27	9:00 am: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 28 SOUL SATURDAY	9:00 am: Divine Liturgy and Panikhida
Sunday, March 29	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Friday, April 3	9:00 am: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 4	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 5	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Friday, April 10	9:00 am: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 11 LAZARUS SATURDAY	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm: Vespers and Blessing of Pussy Willows
Sunday, April 12 PALM SUNDAY	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Wednesday, April 15	5:00 pm: Healing Service
Thursday, April 16 HOLY THURSDAY	5:00 pm: Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 17 HOLY FRIDAY	3:00 pm: Funeral Service; Vespers and Procession with Plaschanitza
Saturday, April 18 HOLY SATURDAY	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19 PASCHA-EASTER	11:30 pm: Matins, Procession, Divine Liturgy
Monday, April 20 BRIGHT MONDAY	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Procession



Easter Vigils

Diane Kavchok will be contacting you by email for any revisions to your Easter vigil list. To our new parishioners: please contact Diane by email, kavchokd@aol.com, if you would like to have Vigils published in the Easter edition of our Bulletin.

ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE

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** began 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 Church to ensure its future!*

Please give online: stnicholaseoc.org/donate; scroll down and click “Endowment Fund.”

THANK YOU!

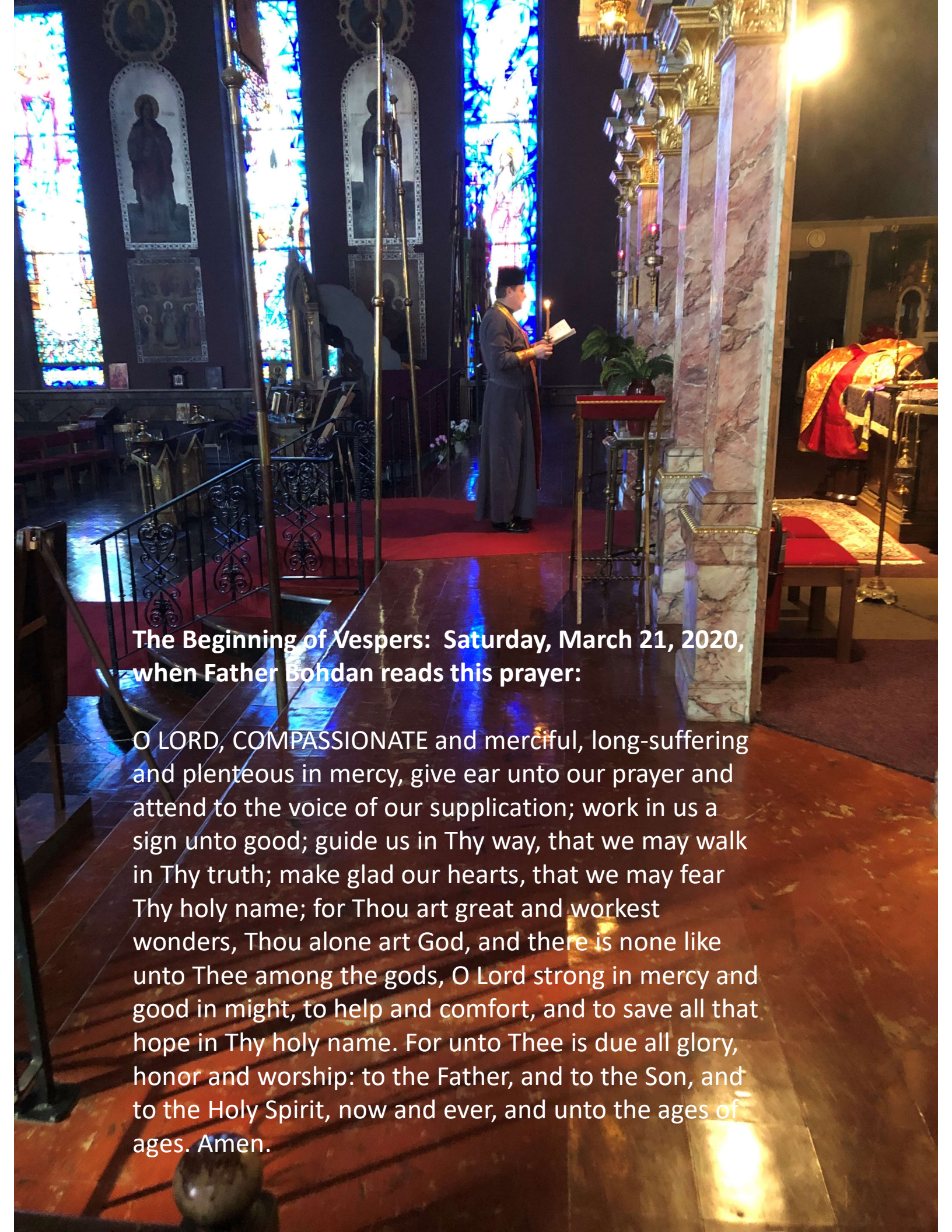


Soul Saturday, March 21, 2020

Father Bohdan read 375 names of your departed loved ones during Divine Liturgy and the Panikhida that followed -- and prayed for the repose of their souls. Father reads from an alphabetized list of names that you provided through the years. There is one more Soul Saturday during this Lenten season: Saturday, March 28. If you want to include someone dear to you, please send an email to SNEOC100@gmail.com.

Today, the most recent name added to the list was newly-departed PAUL KAVCHOK who passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Deepest sympathies to the Kavchok Family.

- Memory Eternal -



**The Beginning of Vespers: Saturday, March 21, 2020,
when Father Bohdan reads this prayer:**

O LORD, COMPASSIONATE and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy, give ear unto our prayer and attend to the voice of our supplication; work in us a sign unto good; guide us in Thy way, that we may walk in Thy truth; make glad our hearts, that we may fear Thy holy name; for Thou art great and workest wonders, Thou alone art God, and there is none like unto Thee among the gods, O Lord strong in mercy and good in might, to help and comfort, and to save all that hope in Thy holy name. For unto Thee is due all glory, honor and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, March 22, 2020.

The cross was adorned with flowers and venerated while singing this Troparion:
BEFORE THY CROSS, WE BOW DOWN IN WORSHIP, O MASTER, AND THY HOLY RESURRECTION, WE GLORIFY.

Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, March 22, 2020
Mark 8:34-9:1

Take up your cross and follow Me, said Jesus Christ in today's Scripture reading. And we should do just that: literally and symbolically. We venerate the Holy Cross today on this 3rd Sunday of Great Lent as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross – and also to remind ourselves that this is the goal of our Lenten journey. But we also venerate the cross because Jesus said: "He who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." It is a simple statement that defines how we must live to be saved.

The cross represents Jesus, and I hold it in my right hand so that you see God's power and wisdom are with us in this sanctuary. And you, too, should wear your cross so that everyone can see that you believe in the power of the crucifix and that God is with you always. The cross symbolizes that you are a disciple of Christ, which means you have chosen to follow Him on your journey through life. It is a winding road of bumps and pot holes. We try to be obedient to Christ and His teachings, listening to the messages He gives us through the parables -- but we often stumble when we are discouraged or tempted by worldly things. Yet we always get back up because we have faith. You are on your journey as a disciple of Christ.

And that is why during Great Lent you deny your SELF. Because only when you deny SELF – or abstain from things during Great Lent -- can you take up your cross and follow Jesus. AMEN.



Following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 22, 2020, Father Bohdan prayer a Moleben to St. Panteleimon, the Great Martyr and Healer, for deliverance from all sickness and disease in the world.

Twenty-four, new gold-tone Communion spoons were donated to the Church by Diane Kavchok and blessed by Father Bohdan on Sunday, March 22, 2020.





Thank you to Diane Kavchok for donating the 24 new Communion spoons.

Diane is pictured here with Father Bohdan celebrating her birthday on Sunday, January 26, 2020



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into the Church Fund of your choice.

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St. Nicholas Church needs your financial help more than ever. Along with many other individuals and businesses, our Church has lost significant income – yet the bills do not stop. So, we are making a special appeal to please give generously.

A big THANK YOU to those of you who have been making your weekly “envelope” contributions and vigil payments online. This is a big help and a sensible way to handle money during this challenging time.

Donations to the Building Fund 2020

1. In Memory of Victoria Patterson
from Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy,
Vicki Borriello, and Gail Osborn
2. Anna Kuliasha



Please remember our
homebound parishioner:

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SUNDAY VIGILS LIT TODAY

Altar Candles: \$35; Analoι Candles: \$25
Sunday Vigils: \$2; Annual Vigils: \$100

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the repose of the soul of John Martin. Memory Eternal. Offered by Susan Guz
2. For the health of Kirk Whitmer, with appreciation. Offered by Susan Guz
3. For the health of our sister/ Aunt Karen Niehoff, love Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
4. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
5. For the health of Nicholas Philipp, on his birthday, offered by Uncle Tom, Aunt Judy and Family
6. In loving memory of my Brother-in-law/our Uncle/Godfather, Paul Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family
7. In memory of Paul Kavchok, offered by Gail Osborn
8. For the health of Judy Hanney on her birthday, Love, George and Barbara
9. For the health of Father Bohdan and with appreciation for all of his prayers, offered by Ellen Hanavin
10. For the health of Dawn Healey and a speedy recovery, Love, Mom and Dad
11. For the health of my sister, Barbara Marozzi, on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil. God grant her many years!
12. For the health of Susan Guz, and with appreciation for all of her support, Love, Ellen
13. For the continued recovery and return to good health of Dawn Healey, Love, the Latsios and McNulty Families
14. For the health of Sister/Aunt Judy Hanney on her birthday Love, Barbara, George, Cassandra and Ray

On Sunday, March 15, 2020, in response to the quarantine measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus, His Holiness Patriarch Philaret blessed all churches of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate to include intensified and special prayers for deliverance from the global pandemic. Consequently, Father Bohdan will say the following prayer during Divine Liturgy. His Holiness instructed that it is also a blessing to include this prayer in your morning and evening prayers **at home**:



“O Lord our God, God of our salvation, look with mercy upon Your humble servants. We have sinned before You, but do not punish us and the world with malady and disease. Turn away Your anger from Your servants. Take away Your terrible sword, which is righteously lifted up against us, Your poor and weak servants. Do not punish us, O Merciful Lord, for our iniquities, foolishness, pride and impatience with one another, for our wickedness and insincere, false love. Lord, Jesus Christ our God, though you punish, you also show mercy as the Father of the Prodigal Son. Remember the great sufferings of Your people, the persecution of the Church, the exiled and the tortured, and because we did not lose faith in You, the only True God, in suffering and in captivity, we pray that You have compassion on us now. We thank You for Your mercy and Your boundless love. Although we sin before You, we serve You only. And now, look upon us, O Lord of Love, forgive our trespasses and deliver us from sickness. Be merciful. Your Church, for which You shed Your blood on the Cross, prays to You. Forgive us so that we may always glorify Your holy name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.”



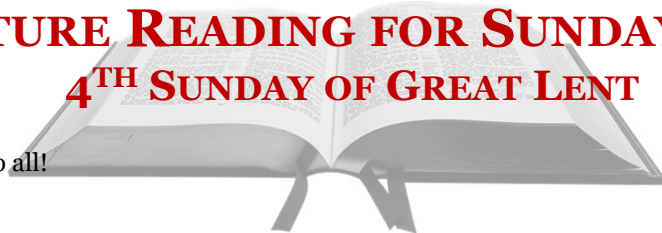
ANNUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

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1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/21
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/20
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz, and John and Mary Dzwonczyk, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/20
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. 10/1/20
5. +The Repose of the souls of the Kucheruk Family, Matrona, Constantine, George, William, Anthony, Anna, John "Whitey" and Helen Horbacz. exp. 7/1/20
6. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/20
7. +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
8. +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. 8/1/20
9. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/20
10. +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. 9/18/20
11. +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. 4/19/20
12. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
15. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
16. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/20
17. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
18. +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. 11/1/20
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitality, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan, newly-departed Anna, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana, Olga, Hrustyna, Dimitriy and Diana, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
20. For the health of Dmitry, Olga, Denis, Anna, Aetyom, Ludmila, Vladyslav, Tatiyna, Sofiya, Konstantin, Vladimir, Natalia, Ludmila, and in memory of Boris, Evdokiya, Nina, Oleg, Anna, Raisa, Leonid, Valerii, Zinaida, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
21. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
22. +The Repose of the soul of Andrej Cebotarev (+July 2018), offered by brother Zlatko Plese. exp. 4/1/20
23. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. exp. 5/1/20
24. +In memory of my beloved parents, Nadejda and Carlos Davidyan, and for the health and protection of my son, Karlos, offered by Era Carter. exp. 6/1/20
25. For the health of Vasyl, Maria, Anna, Mykhailyna, Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyra, Anna-Diana, Olga, Mykola, Olga, Marianna, Oksana, Volodymyra, Olga, Roman, Volodymyr, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan and Angelina, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/20
26. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29

4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

CHOIR: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: In Judah God is known. His name is great in Israel! Pray and make your vows.

CHOIR: Before the Lord our God!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...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. **(Hebrews 6:13-20)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to Him songs of praise!

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. 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." **(Mark 9:17-31)**

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