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LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT Sunday, April 3, 2016

**THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT;
TONE 3 / EOTHINON 11**

Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

Abbot Nikitas the Confessor of Medikion;
Venerable Joseph the Hymnographer;
New-martyr Paul the Russian



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

*We are glad you are with us this morning.
If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to
partake of the blessed bread during
Communion and to join us at Coffee Hour ~
we'd love to meet you!*

Calendar for this Week

Sunday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
5:00 p.m. High School Game Night

Monday, April 4

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
4:30 p.m. Outreach Meal at St. Michaels'
University Church in Isla Vista
6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Tuesday, April 5

3:30 p.m. Catechesis Level I
NO DAILY VESPERS

Wednesday, April 6

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
11:00 a.m. Shower Truck Ministry
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
at Carrillo Residence
6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 7

NO DAILY VESPERS
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 8

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
6:00 p.m. Akathist Service & Soup Dinner

Saturday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Soul Liturgy
4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, April 10 - St. John Climacus

9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

The children will line up in the back of the church today AFTER THE FIRST ANTIPHON to prepare for the procession with the Cross.

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

April 3 Hedges
April 10 Fr. Nicholas
April 17 Dn. G. Braun
April 24 C. Sieck - Palm Sunday

Coffee Hour

April 3 St. Brigid Fellowship Fundraiser
April 10 N. & P. Gilbert
April 17 HOST NEEDED
April 24 PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK

Greeters

April 3 G. Shannon/K. King
April 10 D. Genatone/P. Morrison
April 17 K. Fox/H. Lange
April 24 D. Washburn/D. Lewis

Ushers

April 3 P. Brunner, P. King, D. Meyer
April 10 R. Barre, D. Lewis, C. Speier
April 17 J. King, D. Washburn, G. Shannon
April 24 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King

Readers

April 3 V. Gish
April 6 R. Barre (Presanctified Liturgy)
April 9 T. Harris (Soul Liturgy)
April 10 R. Barre
April 13 D. Meyer (Presanctified Liturgy)
April 17 D. Washburn
April 23 M. Kern (Lazarus Sat. Liturgy)
April 23 R. Barre (Great Vespers)
April 24 V. Gish

CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Birthdays

4/3 Donna Friesen, Josh Braun
4/4 Duane Franzen
4/5 Corina Berari, Ethan Keller
4/6 Monica Finley, Valerie Yova
4/9 Mick Kronman

Great Litany

1 2

Soprano
Alto
Lord have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy

Tenor
Bass

1 2

Grant this O Lord. Grant this O Lord.

Most holy Theotokos save us. To Thee, O Lord.

A - men.

First Antiphon verses with refrain:

Vs. The light of Thy countenance is marked upon us. Thou hast given a sign to them that fear Thee, so that they may flee from the bow.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Vs. Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive. Thou hast given an inheritance to those that fear Thy Name, O Lord. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (Refrain)

******[The children will line up in the back of the church after the First Antiphon to prepare for the procession.]**

Second Antiphon verses & refrain

Vs. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Let us worship at the place where His feet stood.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who rose from the dead; save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Vs. God, our King before the ages, hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Refrain*)

Vs. I will be exalted among the heathen; I will be exalted in the earth. (*Refrain*)

Glory ... now and ever... Amen.

Only begotten Son and immortal Word of God, who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and was crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

(We sing the Third Antiphon as the clergy process around the nave and up the center aisle.)

Third Antiphon – for the Sunday of the Cross

Vs. Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool.

Refrain: Troparion of the Cross (Music is below.)

*O Lord save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance,
granting victory over all adversaries.
And by the power of Thy Cross protect us.*

Vs. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. [**refrain**]

Vs. Feed them and lift them up forever. [**refrain**]

Troparion Elevation of the Cross

Tone 1 Byzantine Priest Mark Sahady
arr. by Priest John Finley

Soprano
Alto

O Lord, save Thy peo - ple and bless_ Thine in - her - i - tance,

Tenor
Bass

S.
A.

grant - ing vic - to - ry ov - er all ad - ver - sar -

T.
B.

S.
A.

ics. And by the pow'r of Thy Cross pro - tect_ us.

T.
B.

**AFTER THE PROCESSION,
WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 3 Byzantine

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,
for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm.
He hath trampled down death by death,
and become the first-born from the dead.
He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades,
granting the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Cross

Tone 1 Slavic Melody

O Lord save Thy people,
and bless Thine inheritance,
Grant victory to all Orthodox Christians
Over their adversaries.
And by virtue of Thy Cross,
Preserve Thy habitation.

Troparion to St. Athanasius

Tone 3 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Holy Bishop Athanasius,
you became a stronghold of Orthodoxy,
strengthening the Church through your divine teachings.
Opposing the heretical opinion of Arius,
you explained and taught that the Son is equal
in nature with the Father.
O holy Father, intercede with Christ God
that He may grant us abundant mercy.

Kontakion of Annunciation

Tone 8 Byzantine melody

To thee, our Queen, leader in battle and defender.
We thy people delivered from all peril,
offer hymns of vict'ry and thanksgiving, O Theotokos.
Since thou dost possess invincible power,
set us free from ev'ry calamity.
That we may cry unto thee: Hail O bride without bridegroom.

As the clergy enter the altar, we sing the Anti-Trisagion Hymn

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O our Master
and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify. (3x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

...and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.

Deacon: With strength!

People: Before Thy cross...

Prokeimenon (Preparatory Psalm Verses) before the Epistle Tone 6 (Byzantine)

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Verse: *To Thee will I cry, O Lord, O my God, do not be silent unto me.*

EPISTLE READING— Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Brethren, since we have a high priest, who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, "You art my Son, today I have begotten You;" as He says also in another place, "You art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old!
(Ps 73/74:2)

Verse: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the
midst of the earth! (Ps 73/74:12)

GOSPEL READING— Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Meglynarion for Liturgy of St. Basil (Hymn to the Mother of God—p. 26 of Liturgy book)

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages: He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

Communion of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 35)

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

The light of Thy countenance has shone on us, O Lord. (Ps 4/5:6)

In place of “We have seen the true light . . .” we sing:

O Lord save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance,
granting victory over all adversaries.

And by the power of Thy Cross protect us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR TODAY is hosted by our St. Brigid Fellowship Team. All donations received during Coffee Hour will go towards our outreach to the homeless and needy of our community, including our Monday evening dinner in Isla Vista and the Shower of Blessings ministry on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. out in front of our church building. Many thanks, once again, to Richard and Susan Barre for their tireless effort and dedication to this ministry, and for their outstanding leadership these past four years! Thanks, also, to Asia, Noelle and Lisa Ballew, Duane Franzen, and Jill Wallerstedt for coordinating the refreshments on Wednesdays for the Shower of Blessings ministry. (Free showers and clean clothing are offered to the homeless and needy through a portable shower truck. We provide coffee, soup and sandwiches.)

LENTEN SOUP DINNERS

We will offer soup dinners after the following Friday evening Akathist services during Lent:

Friday, April 8

Friday, April 15—with a presentation about Mount Athos by Subdn. Stephen Butler

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN YOU MOVE OR CHANGE E-MAIL, CELL PHONE NUMBER OR LAND LINE NUMBER.

ADULT CATECHISM: All are welcome! Join the class any Saturday at 4:30 p.m. if you are interested in learning about Orthodoxy or just want a refresher.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We will be updating the church photo directory. If you would like to use a new photo, please e-mail a **HIGH RESOLUTION** photo to the church office by March 31. A copy of the last directory is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway if you want to check what your photo looked like.

BABY CLOTHES NEEDED - GIRLS SIZES NEWBORN TO 9 MONTHS

Susie's Closet is the material aid arm of Network Medical, located at 185 S Patterson Ave, Goleta. They accept donations of children's clothes up to size 4T, but they are especially in need of baby girl clothing from newborn to 9 months. Clothing can be dropped off at Network Medical, Mon. - Thurs. between 8:45 am and 5 p.m. You can also bring items directly to Susie's Closet on Thursday between 10 and 2 pm.

ANNUAL WORK PARTY ON LAZARUS SATURDAY

April 23rd from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Join us as we make our church building ready for Holy Week and Pascha on Saturday, April 23rd. We will need help with decorating, cleaning the icons, preparing the palms, and other little jobs. Please plan to stay after the Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday to lend a hand. Kids are welcome!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for:

- Kevin Speier, for continued healing and restoration after chemotherapy and radiation.
- Ethan Keller, who is recovering from surgery for a broken jaw after a very bad fall. His mouth will be wired shut for 4-6 weeks. Pray that his jaw, teeth, and bruised liver are restored to complete health.

PASCHA CELEBRATION 2016

It's that time of year again!

PASCHA BREAKFAST

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Pascha we will celebrate together with our traditional BREAK-fast at our new Church!

Due to limited kitchen facilities we will again be “downsizing” our morning festivities a bit. Please plan **now** to put together a family Easter basket. Add to it your own family favorites and include some meats, eggs, cheeses, etc.

We will provide the Pascha Cheese, sliced ham, deviled eggs and beverages. Agape Vespers (with the Gospel read in many languages) will follow the breakfast. Please see the food sign-up list in the foyer of the church. We need volunteers to bring:

- Deviled eggs (please respond with how many)
- Large fancy assorted cheese platters
- Large assorted fruit platters
- Homemade sweet rolls, yeast breads, sweet loaves
- Set up and clean up help

PASCHA PICNIC

The main focus of our celebration this year will be the afternoon PICNIC at Kiwanis Meadows/Tuckers Grove at 3 p.m. The deacons will barbeque tri-tip for all bread read will be provided. Please bring a large salad (green, potato, pasta, fruit) to share and your own place settings and beverages. As always, there will be games, activities for our children, plus music and lots of wonderful fellowship. Plan to attend this special day for our church family. It is a great opportunity to bring your non-Orthodox friends and family members, as well!

The day's festivities cost the church over \$4,000. Last year, for the first time, we came very close to breaking even on our costs for the day. Please help us to cover our costs again this year. We are asking for a donation for each adult and child participating. You can pay in advance online through the parish website (www.stathanasius.org) or you can pay in the food line on Pascha. Pricing is as follows:

Adults: \$15 for breakfast only
\$20 for breakfast and picnic
Children: \$10 flat fee
(Maximum charge per family: \$80)

Of course we could use some help with preparation and clean up and with the children's activities. Please email June Easbey @ june1211@msn.com or call 805.705.3668 to volunteer.