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1st Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy March 17, 2019

Troparion – Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest of mankind!”

Troparion – Tone 2

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast 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 alone hast come to save the world.”

Kontakion – Tone 8

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty.// We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

Prokeimenon – Tone 4

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

v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Originally, the Prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for today's Liturgy reflect this older usage.

Today we commemorate the “Triumph of Orthodoxy,” the restoration of the holy icons in the reign of the holy Empress Theodora (February 11).

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

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, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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."

Service Schedule for the week of March 17

Today – 9:00 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Wednesday March 20 – 5:30 PM Confession, 6:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession

Friday March 22 – 8:30 AM Confession, 9:30 AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession

Saturday March 23 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy MEMORIAL SATURDAY, followed by Daria Hall Kitchen clean-up
5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday March 24 – 9:00 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall;
12:30 PM Vespers with Litya FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Weekly Giving

March 10 – 39 adults, 18 youth, \$1,843

Parish Announcements

The departed family Memorial Books are on the table in the back of the church. Please update your book as necessary so Father can pray for your departed family members starting with this Saturday's Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy.

Starting in March and continuing through Pascha, Bible Study classes will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM in the church basement. The next classes will be held on Tuesday March 19 and Tuesday April 2. All are welcome to attend.

The Senior R Club is selling Gertrude Hawks chocolate Easter candy again this year. Please see Paul or Betty Kavchok for a catalog or to turn in your completed order form on or before next Sunday, March 24. The order must be placed on Monday March 25 in order to get the candy in time for Easter so please no late orders.

Daria Hall kitchen clean-up day is scheduled for next Saturday March 23 at 11:00 AM after Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy. If you are available, please stop by to help. We need to clear out the coatroom as well to make room for dinnerware that will be boxed up from the kitchen so that food items can be stored in the cabinets vs. on top of the counters.

The Ladies Altar Society is a Ministry dedicated to supporting charities and the growth of St. Vladimir Church. The group meets several times during the year and holds fundraisers periodically. To become a member of this worthwhile group, please see Nadja Nowicki or Father Volodymyr.

Church cleaning day is scheduled for Saturday April 20 at 11:00 AM after Divine Liturgy. Many hands are needed to remove wax from the carpets, clean the pews, sweep the floors, polish the brass, etc. Please mark the date on your calendar.

Please remember to turn in your 2019 Stewardship card as soon as possible. The card helps the Parish Council plan annual expenditures. Not only does the card give us the ability to be fiscally responsible, but it also gives us information on parishioner stewardship desires. If you would like clarification regarding why you should fill out the stewardship card, please speak to either Father Volodymyr, Herman Meyer, or Nina Laushell.