

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, March 9, 2025

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Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us in worship this morning.
If you desire any information about our parish, our diocese, or the Orthodox Church and Faith, please contact Fr. John Memorich. Check us out online or visit our Facebook Page which is updated regularly!



CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!

Sunday of Orthodoxy
The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste.
37th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 4

EPISTLE READING

Heb. 11:24 – 26, 32-12:2

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43 - 51

WEEKLY SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 9

9:30 am Divine Liturgy - Live Stream (LS*)
Sunday School – Sunday of Orthodoxy
Parastas – Abraham / Memorich Families
5:00 pm Sunday of Orthodoxy
St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral
(Broadview Rd.)

Monday, March 10

12 noon Pierogi making (potato balls)

Tuesday, March 11

9:00 am Pierogi making
6:00 pm Woodside Board Meeting (Zoom Call)

Wednesday, March 12

9:30 am Molieben / Samaritans
6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy w/Meal

Friday, March 14

7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 15

5:00 pm Vespers / Confession

Sunday, March 16 St. Gregory Palamas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy - Live Stream (LS*)
Sunday School – The Precious Cross
Parastas – Hanchuk / Shuleva Family
11:30 am LCBA Meeting in Library

PRAYERS, CANDLES, 7-DAY VIGILS and FLOWERS

FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Leo Gaydos (Birthday #4)..... by Dyedo & Gigi
Steve Gaydos (Birthday #35) by Dad & Mom

FOR THE REPOSE AND BLESSED MEMORY OF:

Joseph Sekerak (Newly Departed)..... by Tim & Paula Gaydos
Annette Lapso (Departed; 7-d)..... by Dennis Lapso
Joseph Naymik (Departed; 1 yr Anniv; 7-d) . by George Naymik
Sam Noah (Departed; 7-d)..... by Marianne Noah
Joseph Sekerak (Newly Departed; 7-d) by Lynda Kostura
Joseph Sekerak (Newly Departed/Birthday; 7-d)
..... by Helen Sekerak
Joseph Sekerak (Newly Departed/Birthday; 7-d)
..... by Natalia, Jeff, Alex & Elena Boyd
Joseph Sekerak (Newly Departed/Birthday; 7-d)
..... by Lisa & Sam Lyon
Joseph Sekerak (Newly Departed/Birthday; 7-d)
..... by Vasily Sekerak
Steve Wold (Newly Departed; 7-d)..... by Marty & Sandy Urina

Sunday, March 9 - Altar Servers & Readers

Altar Servers: Joseph Deyling, Gavin Lynagh, Michael Gaborick, Nikolai Hanchuk, Jackson Young, Jacob Kormos, Justin Kormos, Kai Tesar, Connor Noll

Reader: Tim Klembara

Sunday, March 16 - Altar Servers & Readers

Altar Servers: Xavier Visocky, David Visocky, Thomas Visocky, John Kormos, Jacob Kormos, Danny Reilly, Lance Louie, Mathias Hoffman

Reader: Nick Kormos

NEWLY DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers the newly departed servant of God, **Joseph Sekerak**, who reposed in the Lord on February 26th and was buried on March 4th. Memory eternal!

St. James Prayer List – March

*"The prayer of the righteous has great power in its affects"
(St. James 5:1)*

*For the complete St. James Prayer List,
please see the most recent issue of the Archangel.*

*Please add: Elizabeth & Baker Mason (with Child)
Newly Departed – Joseph Sekerak*

Stewardship

Thank you for your Stewardship. May God bless you for your generosity.

GENERAL FUND	3/2	March MTD
Pledge **	\$ 3,410.00	3,410.00
PayPal / Pledge	\$ 50.00	50.00
PayPal/Donation	\$ 0	0
Candle Desk	\$ 118.00	118.00
Candles/Vigils–Prayers	\$ 70.00	70.00
Cash Offering/non-Pledge	\$ 0	0
Children's Offering	\$ 2.00	2.00
Flowers	\$ 0	0
Loose Cash	\$ 32.00	32.00
Spec Occasion	\$ 0	0
OTHER INCOME	\$	
IMO – Joseph Sekerak	\$ 50.00	50.00
	\$	
	\$	
Weekly INCOME	\$ 3,732.00	3,732.00
Weekly EXPENSE *	\$ 9,234.50	9,234.50
(UNDER) / OVER	\$ -5,502.50	-5,502.50
SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME		
Charity	\$ 620.00	620.00
Endowment	\$ 300.00	300.00
Improvement	\$ 20.00	20.00
Renovation	\$ 0	0
Liturgical	\$ 0	0
	\$	
Weekly Total / Deposit to Spec Fund	\$ 940.00	940.00

*Weekly expenses are based on the current year's approved budget,
divided by 52 weeks in the year.

**Pledge total may include donations towards the 2024 Pledge Campaign

***Transfer from Special Funds (SF) covers expenses which have been
earmarked for payment from the Spec Funds Acct.

Bulletin Information Deadline

Deadline – is Wednesday – 12 pm / Noon

Please forward any information you would like to have added to the bulletin to
the church email – info@stmichaelscleveland.org

OR call 440-526-5192, Mat. Lu Timko.

Thank you!

CHARITY RAFFLE /

BENEFITING ST. THEODOSIUS FIRE RESTORATION

Next drawing is – today – Sunday, March 9th

Next drawing will be Sunday, April 13th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues, Mar 18 – 55+ Parastas/Meeting/Lunch
- Sun, Mar 23 – 5 pm Deanery Mission – Akathist to the Cross @ St. Nicholas/Mentor
- Tues, Mar 25 – 9:30 am Liturgy - Annunciation
- Mon, Mar 31 – Prosphora Baking
- Sun, Apr 6 – 5 pm - Mission Unction Service @ St. Nicholas / Mogadore
- Mon, Apr 7 – 6:30 pm – Deanery Presanctified Liturgy @ St. Andrew's / Maple Heights
- Mon, May 19 – IOCC Annual Banquet

PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM

O, Lord and Master of my life!
Take from me the spirit of
sloth, faint-heartedness, lust
of power, and idle talk.
(Prostration)

But give rather the spirit of
chastity, humility, patience,
and love to Thy servant.
(Prostration)



Yea, Lord and King! Grant me to see my own
transgressions and not to judge my brother, for Thou are
blessed unto ages of ages. Amen! (Prostration)

LENTEN CHURCH SERVICES

After this first week of Lent, we will have:

- Presanctified Liturgies EVERY Wednesday (starting March 12) at 6pm;
- Akathist Friday, March 21, March 28; April 11 at 7pm;
- On Friday, March 14, and April 4 we will serve Presanctified Liturgy at 7pm in lieu of an Akathist service.
- HOLY WEEK schedule to be determined.

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGIES

If the Presanctified liturgy is celebrated in the morning, the normal guidelines concerning the Eucharist are to be followed. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion should prepare themselves spiritually through prayer and fasting from 12:00 midnight, not eating or drinking anything prior to receiving the Eucharist.

For those who wish to receive the Sacrament at an evening Presanctified liturgy, there are three ways in which to prepare, depending upon your personal abilities.

- Ideally one is expected to keep a complete and total fast (no food or drink) for the entire day and then partake of a light Lenten meal following the service.
- If one is unable to keep such a rigorous fast, you may eat a small, fast-worthy breakfast (such as tea and toast) but have no further food or drink until after that evening's liturgy.

- If one is unable to keep either of the previous two formats, it is permissible to eat a very light Lenten meal at noon and then begin the fast (no food or drink) with rigor. This third option, however, should not be considered the norm, but rather the exception, and is generally practiced only by the weak, infirm, or very aged.

If you have further questions or concerns, you may contact me personally, or bring them up during Confession

Fr. John

Pierogi Making – Come and help!

Mon, March 10 – 12 noon – Make potato balls
 Tues, March 11 – 9 AM – Combine pierogies
 Cost - \$12/Dozen – Order yours today – Call Mary Jane Lucak – 440-237-6284.

55+ Club

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 18th** with Memorial Service at 11 AM, followed by meeting and lunch. Members are also reminded to pay their dues at this meeting if they have not done so yet.

Lenten Meals

We are looking for groups/individuals to help prepare a Lenten Meal (pot-luck) following Wednesday evening Presanctified Liturgies. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Mindala – 440-263-7427.

Meal Dates:

March 12	Samaritans
March 19	Cleveland 'R' Club
March 26	Book Club
April 2	55 Plus Club
April 9	OPEN

PANCAKE BREAKFAST / BOY SCOUTS – Sat, Mar 22

Please support David Hayes and Xavier Visocky's Cub Scout Troop by stopping by and having some delicious pancakes served by the scouts. Thank you for your continued support of our parish youth and their scouting careers!

Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church
 11680 Royalton Rd,
 No. Royalton



Easter Charity – Ronald McDonald House

Drop off your aluminum pop tabs in the 5-gallon bucket in the Vestibule to help families in need! Let's fill the bucket during Lent! Ask your family, neighbors and friends.



Your small donation makes a big impact—Ronald McDonald House of Charities recycles these tabs to support families with sick children.

Together, we can make a difference! For more information, contact Sarah Mindala 330-592-7153.



Sunday of Orthodoxy

Please remember to have your children bring icons from home so they can take part in the Sunday of Orthodoxy Procession, on Sunday, March 9th. We will have plenty of extras, if needed.

Sunday School Teachers will gather and guide the children through the procession and help them find their places in front of the altar on each side.

Looking forward to a beautiful celebration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy on this first Sunday of Great Lent.

Learn more about the Sunday of Orthodoxy and the sacred tradition of Holy Icons, visit:
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/03/13/10-1st-sunday-of-great-lent-sunday-of-orthodoxy>

www.goarch.org/sunday-of-orthodoxy

CALENDAR

- March 16 – Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
- March 23 – Veneration of the Cross
- March 30 – Choir Day

Please join our **GroupMe Chat** and check out our Amazon Supplies List, as well! <https://bit.ly/AMOCSSGroupMe>

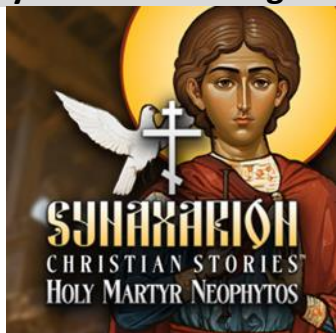
EASTER EGG HUNT

Angel Mindala & family will be away for Easter this year, and unfortunately, won't be able to execute the Easter Egg Hunt.

If anyone is willing to step in and help, it would be greatly appreciated! The eggs that need to be filled and the hunt bags are available in the fellowship area. Additionally, someone will need to coordinate the hunt on the day of the event, deciding whether it will take place inside or outside and making sure the Bunny does his job!

Please contact Angel Mindala (609) 500-2696 or email theangellines@gmail.com

Synaxarion video games for Orthodox kids!



I (Angel Mindala) wanted to quickly share this website with you guys. A monastery friend of mine is a game developer, he even worked on high profile games like Mario Kart! He and a couple of his colleagues wanted to use their talent to create

games for Orthodox kids, so he created [Ignatios Productions](http://www.ignatiosproductions.com). Most of us Orthodox moms limit screen time and try to encourage healthier game options for our kids, and how amazing is it that we could offer them an option that will also teach them about the saints of the church? I just think this is so fantastic! They're constantly releasing new games, so check out their website (linked above) and also their [YouTube channel](#). If any of your kids play these, let me know what they think. I'd love to pass along some additional feedback!

<http://www.ignatiosproductions.com>

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS – 2025

Thank you to those who have sponsored a coffee hour!

March – Senior 'R' Club	August – Junior 'R' Club
April – Junior 'R' Club	September – Samaritans
May – HALOS	October – HALOS
June – 55+ Club	November – Sunday School
July – Senior 'R' Club	December – BOT (Board of Trustees)

GREETERS MINISTRY

Although we do a very good job of welcoming guests into our church, we are looking to expand this parish ministry by adding more volunteers, especially families. This would not simply be opening the door and welcoming, but also taking the time to introduce yourself to our guests, offer to sit with them, help them follow along in our service books, and escort them to Coffee Hour and help introduce them to others in the parish.

If you would like to participate, please contact Ryun Louie as he will be heading up this ministry.

OUTREACH – COOKING & SERVING MEALS

We will be cooking and serving dinner at St Herman's the 3rd Monday of every month. If you can donate a few hours each month to cook and/or serve dinner for the men at St. Herman's, please contact Kathy Kovalak, 440-842-6639.

Also we will be starting a list of people willing to cook a meal or 2 for one of our parishioners who might be ill, in hospital, wonderful it would be to help each other. Please contact **Kathy Kovalak** at 440-842-6639 if you are interested.

CANDLES & PRAYERS

Have your loved one(s) remembered or prayed for during the Liturgy by requesting Candles & Prayers. Each request includes a listing in the bulletin, the name read during the service and the specific candle you would like. A \$3 candle burns during the service; a \$15 Seven-Day candle burns all week. There are specialty candles as well (i.e., Tetrapod Candles, High Place, Altar Table, etc.). Prices for those range from \$20-\$30. Call or email the church office to submit your request – or leave it in the collection basket, or at the candle desk. Call the church office with any questions!

Health & Well-Being

Health * Birthdays * Anniversaries * Name Day * Traveling

Repose & Blessed Memory

Newly Departed * Death Anniversary * Birthday of the Departed

*Happy Birthday to those
celebrating this week*



March

Helen Thomas	9	Leo Gaydos	11
Irene Kuchta	9	Silas Foster	12
Braxton Ahrens	9	Katherine Speth	12
Stephen Kormos	10	Stephen Gaydos	13
Thomas Merrill	10	Olga Sabula	14
Patricia Patrick	10		

No anniversaries this week.

May God grant you many years!!

GRANDFATHER CLOCK –

Looking for a good home!

The grandfather clock in the basement is looking for a new home. This clock (with original paperwork) is available to a good home with a financial donation to the church and the lucky donor will be responsible for moving the clock. Please see Darlene Dimitrijevs or Fr John if you are interested.



MISSION SERVICE HOLY UNCTION

Join us for the Sacrament of Holy Unction and experience the healing power of the Lord

Sunday April 6, 2025 - 5:00PM

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
755 S. Cleveland Avenue, Mogadore OH**

A Lenten Meal will Follow



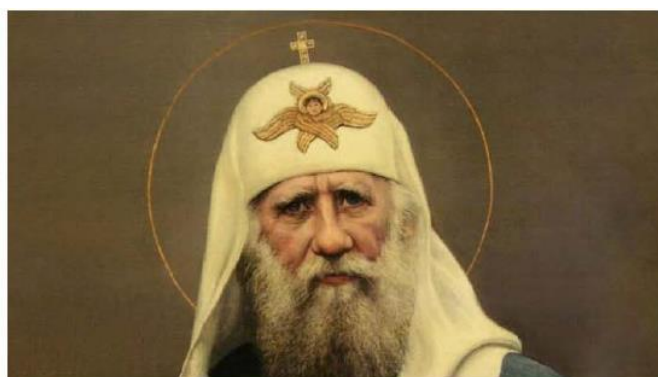
DEANERY MISSION AKATHIST TO THE CROSS

Come join your deanery family in prayer on the Third Sunday of Great Lent
The Sunday of the Cross

Sunday March 23, 2025 - 5:00PM

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
9650 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Mentor, OH**

A Lenten Meal Will Follow



DEANERY PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Come join the members of your deanery family in prayerful celebration of the memory of St. Tikhon Patriarch of Moscow Apostle to America

Monday April 7, 2025 - 6:30pm

**St. Andrew Orthodox Church
16029 Maple Park Dr, Maple Heights, OH|
A Lenten Meal will follow**

PLEASE SIGN UP BY SUNDAY MARCH 30th

Sign up at - <https://forms.gle/CN5AkLaVbEEgXZtr9>

LOCAL FISH FRIES:

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

2187 W. 14th Street
Cleveland, OH 44113

Every Friday

March 8 through April 11

Serving 5 pm to 8 pm

Dine-In / Take-Out

St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church

16029 Maple Park Drive
Maple Heights, OH

Friday March 14 and 21,
April 4 and 11

Serving 5 pm to 7 pm

Dine-in / Take-Out

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral

3352 Mayfield Road
Cleveland Hts., OH

Every Friday

March 7 through April 11

Serving 5 pm to 7:30 pm

Dine-In / Take-Out

St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church

3256 Warren Road
Cleveland, OH 44135

Every Friday through April 11

Serving 5 pm to 8 pm

Dine-In / Take-Out

St. Sava's Orthodox Church

2151 W. Wallings Road
Broadview Hts., OH

Every Friday

March 7 to April 11

Serving 4:30 pm to 7 pm

St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church

5913 State Road
Parma, OH

Every Friday through April 11

Serving 4:30 pm to 7 pm

Dine-In / Take-Out



WOODSIDELIVE!

— Winter Concert Series —

OUT OF EDEN

EAGLES TRIBUTE BAND

FRIDAY, MARCH 21 | DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM | MUSIC STARTS AT 7:30 PM
5025 E. MILL RD., BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OH 44147 | 21+ | TICKETS = \$20 + FEES



OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 9th		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 16th		The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 23rd FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 2nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 9th		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 16th		ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 23rd		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 30th		ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 6th		ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 13th GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 18th		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 20th NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon

March 2, 2025

To the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,
beloved children in the Lord,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

We read in the life of St. Euthymius the Great that, in the time of the great Palestinian monastic fathers, many of the monks had a practice of retreating into the desert, not just for the forty days of Lent, but for the entire period between Theophany and Palm Sunday. This practice is referenced in the hymns of the Triodion. At Matins on Friday of the Sixth Week—the last of day of Lent—the final troparion of the second canon proclaims: “All who dwell in deserts, in mountains and in caves, draw near and assemble with us, to meet the King and Master with palms in your hands; for he comes to save our souls.”

Such a practice is unthinkable in our time, even for most monastics. Still, this practice holds an important lesson for all Orthodox Christians as we prepare for Great Lent. Namely, that ascetic effort should not be divorced from silence, *hesychia*, a withdrawal from the tumult of the world.

In fact, the cultivation of silence has a special value in this age of constant noise. Social media platforms capitalize, quite literally, upon our endless “engagement” with one another. Advertising is ubiquitous, invading every nook of our life, sometimes in truly insidious forms. Thanks to smart phones, a barrage of “entertainment”—podcasts, TikTok videos, YouTube Shorts, Spotify playlists, mobile games—is constantly at our fingertips. News outlets try to persuade us to read or watch or listen to the world’s happenings on a 24-hours-a-day basis. Streaming services like Netflix and live-streaming services like Twitch provide us with a nearly endless river of “content.” And the prevailing ideology tells us that self-expressions and making ourselves “heard” are among life’s highest values.

However, if we constantly fill our eyes and minds with soul-numbing entertainment, what room do we leave for the encounter with God? If we constantly fill our ears with the sound of our own voice and opinions and expression, how shall we hear the eternal Word of the Father?

Therefore, I call upon each of us, all the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, to make a Lenten commitment to cultivate silence in our life in some concrete way. I offer here but a few examples, asking each of us to consider adapting the practice of silence to the realities of our own daily life. We might:

- fast from posting on social media, or perhaps fast from using social media entirely, even passively;
- limit our time on the computer by turning it off at dinnertime and not turning it on again till after breakfast the next day;
- make rules around cellphone usage—no entertainment apps, no podcasts or videos.
- give up all streaming services for the entirety of Lent, or even give up movies, television, and videos altogether for the holy Forty Days.

Regardless of our other efforts, all of us would benefit from resolving to spend 10 minutes or half an hour in complete silence each day, both for the period of the Fast and beyond. In this regard, I recall the 8th and 9th maxims of Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko: “Practice silence, inner and outer. Sit in silence 20 to 30 minutes each day.” It would behoove all of us to practice such deliberate silence in addition to the time we spend in prayer each day.

This practice of silence will take effort, and we may find that we fall short of our goals. But, as with every ascetic effort, we recognize that we are passionate sinners, weak and erring, and in need of God’s strengthening grace. Despite our failures, we know that Christ receives and rewards authentic struggle. As St. John of the Ladder says, to fall is human, but to remain fallen is proper only to the demons. If we come up short, we repent and try again, and if we keep trying, by God’s grace, we will notice a change in ourselves.

To wit, when we cultivate silence, we weaken our passionate ties to the world. We challenge our tendency to idolize our own words and actions. We become more vigilant, noticing the movements in our mind and soul, helping us to see our own sinfulness and our need for Christ. Perhaps most importantly, when we are still and silent, we allow God to act and to speak.

“Be still, and know I am God,” says the holy Scripture (Ps. 45:10); the Word of God came to the holy prophet Elijah in the silence after the storm, as a still, small voice (1 Kings 19:12). When Christ quieted the winds and waves, saying “Silence, be still,” then the disciples recognized his power (Mk. 4:39). If we, too, wish to encounter his power and his Person, we must practice stillness, allowing him to calm the waves of passion and worldliness that trouble our heart and soul.

The Russian term for a monastic novice is *poslushnik*: the one who obeys, or, more fundamentally, the one who listens. Though we may not be able to retreat into the desert like the great monastic fathers of old, at least we can imitate the novice’s way of life by cultivating a small measure of silence and attention in our lives. In addition to our usual and necessary Lenten efforts in fasting, prayer, almsgiving, this Lent, let us all become novices in spirit, through silence learning to listen to God and to obey his word, in which lies our salvation and his great mercy.

Wishing all of you a soul-saving Forty Days, with my primatial blessing and prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

+Tikhon Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Archpastoral Greetings of Archbishop Daniel on the First Day of Great Lent

March 3, 2025

Let us begin the fast with joy!

Let us prepare ourselves for spiritual efforts!

Let us cleanse our soul and cleanse our flesh!

Let us abstain from every passion as we abstain from food!

Let us rejoice in the virtues of the Spirit and fulfill them in love,

that we all may see the Passion of Christ our God,

and rejoice in spirit at the Holy Pascha!

– Vespers, Monday of the First Week of Lent

Beloved Fathers, Sisters, and Brother in the Lord,

As we enter the spirit of prayer and repentance today, please know that I am remembering all of you with love and gratitude. On this first day of the Great Fast, I pray with you and for you that the Lord will grant us all a grace-filled forty days. May our shared Lenten journey bring all of us to also share in the fullness of Christ’s joy as we celebrate Pascha, the glorious Feast of Feasts!

With love in the Lord,

+Archbishop Daniel

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March - 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5pm – Vespers/Confession
Forgiveness Sunday 2 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School Parastas – Tom Herberth 7pm-Forgiveness Vespers	Beginning of Great Lent 3 7pm-Canon of St. Andrew	4 7pm-Canon of St. Andrew	5 7pm-Canon of St. Andrew	6 7pm-Canon of St. Andrew	7 9:30am-Presanctified Liturgy 6:00pm-Akathist 6:30pm-HALOS	8 10am-EOWG @ Buna Vestire 5pm – Vespers/Confession
Sunday of Orthodoxy 9 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School Parastas – Abraham / Memorich 5pm-Sundy of Orthodox Vespers @ St. Sava	10	11 6pm-Woodside Bd Mtg (Zoom Call)	12 9:30am/Molieben / Samaritans 6pm-PreSanctified Liturgy w/Meal	13	14 7pm-PreSanctified Liturgy	15 5pm – Vespers/Confession
St. Gregory Palamas 16 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School Parastas – Hanchuk / Shuleva LCBA Meeting in Library	17 5pm-Dinner/Serve @ St. Herman's	18 11am-55+Meeting 7pm-BOT Zoom Meeting	19 6pm-PreSanctified Liturgy w/Meal	St. Photini 20	21 7pm-Akathist	22 5pm – Vespers/Confession
The Precious Cross 23 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School 5pm-Akathist @ St. Nicholas in Mentor, OH	24	Annunciation 25 9:30am-Vesperal Liturgy	26 Archangel Gabriel 6pm-PreSanctified Liturgy w/Meal (Book Club)	27	28 7pm-Akathist	29 5pm – Vespers/Confession
St. John Climacus 30 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School	31 10am-Prosphora Baking					



2025 PASCHAL FLOWERS



Once again, we will be decorating the Tomb of Christ and the church with flowers for Pascha. Please consider a donation in honor or memory of your loved ones. Flowers will adorn the grave and then be placed around the altar for Pascha – and your donation helps defray the cost of the flowers.

All names will appear as printed below in the bulletin on Pascha - Sunday, April 20th

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES/DONATIONS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 13 (PALM SUNDAY)

(Names submitted after April 28 are not guaranteed to be included)

Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office with your **donation check/cash** (made out to St. Michael's Church) – marked as Easter Flowers. Orders can be returned in the Sunday Collection basket or mailed to the church office. Be sure to note "Easter Flowers" on your donation check.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Envelope #: _____ Check #: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Donated By: _____

(how it will be listed in the Bulletin, i.e. The Memorich Family or Bob & Mary Jane Lucak)

In Honor Of

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