THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Sunday of the Holy Cross

The Cross, Our Victory

Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? ... Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds? By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

Have you understood the victory? Have you grasped how it was wrought? Learn now, how this victory was gained without any sweat or toil of ours. No weapons of ours were stained with blood; our feet did not stand in the front line of battle; we suffered no wounds; witnessed no tu-

mults; and yet we obtained the victory.

tory.

The battle was the Lord's, the crown is ours. Since then victory is ours, let us imitate the soldiers, and with joyful voices sing the songs of vic-

Let us praise the Lord and say, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

The Cross did all these wonderful things for us: the Cross is a war memorial erected against the demons, a sword against sin, the sword with which Christ slew the serpent.

The Cross is the Father's will, the glory of the Only-begotten, the Spirit's exultation, the beauty of the angels, the guardian of the Church. Paul glories in the Cross; it is the rampart of the saints, it is the light of the whole world.

St. John Chrysostom



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March 24, 2019 Annunciation/H. Cross

THIS WEEKEND we will mark the Feast of the Annunciation, as well as the Third Sunday of the Great Fast with veneration of the Cross. We trust that many of our faithful will be with at the Holy Liturgy this week, Saturday/Sunday, to celebrate Archangel Gabriel's announcing to Mary that she would give birth of the Messiah, the Son of God, as well as remembering Christ's death on the Cross.

OUR GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL is now in full swing, as we prepare our students for all our spring events, such as May Day Liturgy, Solemn first Communion, Willow (Palm) Sunday festivities and performance. Please, Good Parents, support our School and value your Faith by bringing your young ones to School on Sunday morning at 10 am.

<u>Please check the pussy willow</u> trees in your neighborhood and cut the budding branches for our use on April 14, Willow Sunday. Just bring them to the rectory porch, so that we will have enough for blessing.

OUR BIG CELEBRATION on April 14, Willow Sunday, will include the 9 am Divine Liturgy, the 10:30 am on-stage School presentation, 11 am delicious breakfast and announcement by Father Ronald about his future plans. Don't dare miss out on this historic event. It's all free for you!

TO BE BAPTIZED AND CHRISMATED SUNDAY: John Stewart, son of John and Heather (Sugalski) Renfro, Norristown, PA. We all pray that the Loving Lord Jesus will bless this little angel and parents with much love, great joy and a strong Faith and Practice unto the Lord.

A FEW 2019 CHURCH CALENDARS, as well as donation envelopes can still be found in the Church basement today. Please take them home today for yourself and all your family.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH AILING FOLKS, especially Dr. George Maxim, Jim Deskiewicz, Gina Plisiewicz, Maryanne Cameron, michael Homa and Anna Sokol Burns. Perhaps a prayer, a card, a kind word or two...?

AND PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT to attend our lenten services on Friday at 6 pm and Saturday at 8 am, when we will pray for all your family's deceased, if you will give Father a list with their names.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Strouse and Tarhovicky Family (Jack and Dottie)
Sunday, 9 am +Michael and Agnes (Fonock and Pasquale Family)
Thursday, 7 am +Emil Bej '(Vera Bej and Family)
Friday, 6 pm Health of George Maxim (Parish Sunday School)
Saturday, 8 am +Sokolosky and Rotondo Family (Kathleen and Family)
Saturday, 6 pm +Joseph Dudas (Margaret and Girls)
Sunday, 9 am +Helen Wanenchak (John Kopcha)

Holy Cross Tropar; O Lord, save Your People and bless Your Inheritance.

Help the Faithful rulers to vanquish their enemies.

And protect all Your Christian People with Your holy cross.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND...

Annunciation Kontak: O Mother of God, we your servants sing today a hymn of thanksgiving to you as the Theotokos. For you have a mighty presence and can free us from all afflictions, so that we may sing to you today: "Hail O Virgin Mother of our LOrd".

Today's Prokimen: Call out every day and night our salvation, amen.

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