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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Slava Isusu Christui! Slava Na Viki!

Schedule of Divine Services for this week

Third Sunday of the Great Fast – Veneration of the Cross

Tone 3 Readings: Heb 4:14-5:6 Mark 8:34-9:1

Saturday, March 22, 2025

(Coatesville) 3:00p.m. Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners / Panachyda

Sunday, March 23, 2025

(Mont Clare) 8:30a.m. Rosary / Confessions

(Pottstown) 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy: +Tess Fox by Tom & Donna Rodack

(Mont Clare) 3:00p.m. Sunday Lenten Vespers – St. John's

Monday, March 24, 2025 VIGIL LITURGY – ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

(Mont Clare) 6:30P.M. Divine Liturgy: +Joseph Reichert by Yvonne Reichert/Mirovanja

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

(Coatesville) 5:00p.m. Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners / Mirovanja

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

(Mont Clare) 6:30p.m. Pre-Sanct. Lit: +Louis & Augusta Walter by Tom & Mary Walter

Saturday, March 29, 2025

(Mont Clare) 8:00a.m. 4th All Souls Saturday / Liturgy / Panachyda

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast-John Climacus Venerable

Tone 4 Readings: Heb 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31

Saturday, March 29, 2025

(Coatesville) 3:00p.m. Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners

Sunday, March 30, 2025

(Mont Clare) 8:30a.m. Rosary / Confessions

9:00a.m. Div. Lit: +George Gatcha by Jayne Batyko & family

VICNA LAMP A – the Eternal lamp this week is in memory of +Joseph Reichert by Yvonne Reichert & family.

Coffee Social and ECF classes – today, following the Divine Liturgy.

Vespers – Mont Clare – April 6 – There is a sign up sheet in the rear of the church for donations of food for the Lenten Luncheon.

Sunday Lenten Vespers - at 3:00p.m. Vespers, Confession, Fellowship, Lenten Luncheon.

March 23 – St. Johns, Pottstown; March 30 – St. Peter & Paul, Phoenixville

April 6 – St. Michaels, Mont Clare.

Mont Clare March 16 Ordinary income: \$2,398.00 Weekly average of ordinary income needed to meet projected expenses: \$2,260.00. Diff. this week: +\$138.00

Easter Baking Project – Each Saturday, through April 12. Volunteers are needed for both the rolls and Pascha bakes. If you would like to learn how you can help, please see Jackie or Karen or Mariya. We welcome anyone who can help on any given weekend. You can also help with cash donations to help defray the cost of ingredients.

Bishop's Appeal – Collected: \$5,110, Goal: \$8,000.

Saint Michael Church

March 16, 2025

Attendance: 77
Sunday: \$1,855 Holy Days: \$30 Lenten: \$202
Loose Cash: \$80 Utilities: \$231 Total: \$2,398

Blessed Virgin Mary Church

March 15, 2025

Sunday: \$110 Lent: \$10 Utilities: \$20 Candles: \$24 Total: \$154

May God bless and reward your sacrificial offering

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Veneration of the Holy Cross

The Power of Christ's Blood

If we wish to understand the power of Christ's blood, we should go back to the ancient account of its prefiguration in Egypt. Sacrifice a lamb without blemish, commanded Moses, and sprinkle its blood on your doors. If we were to ask him what he meant, and how the blood of an irrational beast could possibly save men endowed with reason, his answer would be that the saving power lies not in the blood itself, but in the fact that it is a sign of the Lord's blood. In those days, when the destroying angel saw the blood on the doors he did not dare to enter, so how much less will the devil approach now when he sees, not that figurative blood on the doors, but the true blood on the lips of believers, the doors of the temple of Christ.

If you desire further proof of the power of this blood, remember where it came from, how it ran down from the cross, flowing from the Master's side. The gospel records that when Christ was dead, but still hung on the cross, a soldier came and pierced His side with a lance and immediately there poured

out water and blood. Now the water was a symbol of Baptism and the blood, of the Holy Eucharist. The soldier pierced the Lord's side, he breached the wall of the sacred temple, and I have found the treasure and made it my own. So also with the lamb: the Jews sacrificed the victim and I have been saved by it.

There flowed from His side water and blood. Beloved, do not pass over this mystery without thought; it has yet another hidden meaning, which I will explain to you. I said that water and blood symbolized Baptism and the Holy Eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born: from Baptism, the cleansing water that gives rebirth and renewal through the Holy Spirit, and from the Holy Eucharist. Since the symbols of Baptism and the Eucharist flowed from His side, it was from His side that Christ fashioned the Church, as He had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam.

St. John Chrysostom