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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:24-26; 32–12:2

Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion for Sunday of Orthodoxy

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Your creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Kontakion

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from you, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images.

Sacrament of Confession

Fr. John will be available to hear confessions at 6PM before each Wednesday service and at other times by appointment. Please come before Holy Week.

Pan-Orthodox Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy – Today

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be held at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 20620 River Road in Potomac, MD today at 5PM. The guest speaker will be Fr. Nicholas Belcher of the Antiochian Archdiocese. Come to hear his Lenten message and the sacred choral music, and to witness the triumphant Icon Procession.

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. Please sign the guest book at the entrance and pick up a welcome folder. Join us for Coffee Hour. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be served every Wednesday throughout Lent at 7PM. Preparation to receive the Eucharist begins after the midday meal. Please bring a Lenten food to share afterwards. Discussion follows on the “Four Pillars”.

Metropolitan Tikhon is offering a series of video reflections on the themes found in the Triodion hymns each lasting a few minutes in length. Go to www.oca.org.

Lenten Prayer Partners

This is the final day for adults and children to select a secret Prayer Partner for Lent. Information is available at the display in the social hall.

Commemoration of St. Nikolai of Zhicha - “Pray for us, St. Nikolai”

On March 18, 1956 St. Nikolai, the “Serbian Chrysostom”, reposed at St. Tikhon’s Monastery. He was a spiritual guide and teacher to people in all countries with a special love for children. We venerate his relics at the left front of the Church.

Funeral Service for Robert Trbovich – Saturday, March 23

The funeral for our long-time friend, church and choir member, Bob Trbovich, will be this Saturday at 11AM at Demaine’s Funeral Home, 520 South Washington Street in Alexandria, VA. Memorial donations may be given to the St. Luke Building Fund. “With Thy saints O Lord, grant rest eternal.” Večnaja pamjat + The family invites us to share a memory:
www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/alexandria-va/robert-trbovich-8190979

St. Luke Annual Assembly & Lenten Soup Social - Sunday, March 31

Our Annual Assembly will be convened in two weeks following Divine Liturgy and a Lenten Luncheon. Clergy, Board of Trustees, committee and ministry reports will be presented on our administrative and spiritual status. Come and be a part of the stewardship of our community.

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Father Deacon Patrick on the 13th anniversary of his ordination! We also extend warm wishes to Becca Karabin on her 15th birthday. Mnogaja Ljeta!