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VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:34-9:1

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion (Cross)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation.

Kontakion (Cross)

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell: “Enter again into Paradise!”

Memory Eternal ~ Memoria Eterna

We pray for the newly-departed Archpriest Antonio Perdomo from Saint George Church in Pharr, TX and a member of OCA’s Metropolitan Council. Of Hispanic background, he provided important Spanish language ministry and resources.

Veneration After dismissal from the Liturgy, Fr. John will stand before the central icon, the choir will then sing “Before Thy Cross ...” three times while Fr. John and all present come forward one by one for the appropriate bow-downs.

BEFORE THY CROSS,
WE BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP,
O MASTER; AND
THY HOLY RESURRECTION,
WE GLORIFY.



Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

St. Luke Board of Trustees

Many thanks to everyone who participated in last Sunday’s Annual Assembly. The following were elected to the Board of Trustees: Ron Kecman (President), Alexia Koliass (Vice President), Stefan Glomazic (Treasurer), David Lumovich (Financial Secretary), Louise Romanchak (Secretary) and three Trustees: Mark Mamula, Hunter Whitestone and Elizabeth Minahan. God bless them in their stewardship.

Sacrament of Confession

Fr. John encourages us to prepare and come for Confession during Great Lent. Schedule an appointment with him: 925-667-6451 or john.vitko@gmail.com.

Vesperal Liturgy for the Great Feast of the Annunciation – Wednesday, April 7

The Feast of the Annunciation will be celebrated at 7PM on Wednesday. Begin fasting after the midday meal to prepare for Holy Communion. (RSVP to Fr. John.)

Children’s Liturgy and Church School – Saturday, April 10

The children and parents are invited to attend the 9AM Divine Liturgy this coming Saturday. Church School classes for all levels to follow on beautiful Lenten themes.

"St. Nikolai: His Last Years" – Video Now Available

St. Tikhon’s Seminary posted the video of the March 23 St. Nikolai Velimirovich lecture on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). (51 minutes) The presenter is Rt. Rev. Irenej (Dobrijevic).

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless those celebrating birthdays: Rada Carmichael, Paul Bragulla, Jeff Castiglione and Caleb Kassaye. Mnogaja Ljeta!