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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)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (Veneration of the 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 (Veneration of the 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+

We pray for George Mihich on the first anniversary of his repose, for Nelly Mudrezow on her second anniversary, and for Sam Tatalovich and James Karabin on their anniversaries. With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy servants. Večnaja Pamjat+

Veneration

- After dismissal from the Liturgy, Fr. John and Deacon Stefan 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.
- Thank you to Christina Urso and Jillian Rogers for the floral decoration of the Cross.

Sacrament of Confession

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

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



Welcome to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, please talk with Fr. John and our parishioners. Come again for worship and fellowship.

St. Luke Annual Assembly - Today

Our Annual Assembly will be convened in-person today following Liturgy and a Lenten luncheon. There will be Clergy and Board of Trustees reports including the Church Building Campaign, plus committee and ministry reports. Elections will take place for the Board of Trustees and Audit Board. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Everyone's viewpoint is important as we discuss administrative affairs and plan for our future. God bless, protect and guide our St. Luke parish community.

Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts – Wednesday, March 30 – 7PM

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be served in our Chapel every Wednesday in Lent at 7PM. Fasting to receive the Eucharist begins after the midday meal. Please bring a Lenten food to share.

First-Saturday-of-the Month – April 2

- The Men's Prayer Breakfast will begin at 9AM in the parish hall this Saturday. Come for a time of shared faith and fellowship, especially meaningful now during Great Lent.
- Great Vespers will be served at 5PM.

First-Sunday-of-the-Month Food for the Needy – April 3

Next Sunday's collection of food for homeless and working poor families gives us the opportunity to follow the Lenten discipline of charitable giving. We may be hungry during our fasting seasons but they are hungry every day. Canned and boxed foods are welcomed.

Sunday Coffee Hour

We will continue our Potluck light meals after Liturgy through Lent. Please help if you can.

IOCC's Ukraine Crisis Response

IOCC is now serving refugees in Romania, Poland, Moldova, and reaching people within Ukraine with emergency supplies and other assistance. IOCC's multinational, multipronged response will continue for the long term. They ask for our generosity, compassion, and prayers. Donate at <https://iocc.org/ukraine22>.