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Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

March 19th, 2017

Epistle: Heb. 4:14-5:6

Veneration of the Precious Cross of Christ
Mid-Lent

Schedule of Services for Great Lent

Sunday, March 19th, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 9:30 a.m. Parastas for Yaroslav Palubniak, offered by Barbara Palubniak.

Wednesday, March 22nd, Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m. Confession 5:45 p.m. **Tikhon's Seminary Choir will sing the responses and this will be followed by Lenten Pot-Luck Meal**

Friday, March 24th, Great Compline's 6:30 p.m. - **Eve of the Feast of the Annunciation**- & Blessing of Wheat, Wine & Oil, followed by Confession

Saturday, March 25th, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. - **Feast of the Annunciation** - Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 26th, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 9:30 a.m.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held this Sunday, March 19th following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The Annual Budget and all reports will be presented.

A Special Collection for St. Tikhon's Seminary will be taken this Sunday, March 19th (Mid-Lent) during the second offering. Please use the envelopes provided in last week's bulletin. St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir will sing the responses to the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, March 22nd. Archpriest Dennis Swencki will deliver the Sermon.

Flowers for around the Cross this morning: \$100.00 offering given by Ruth Lasichak for the continued health of her family and \$75.00 offering given by Janet and Rich Dieugenio in loving memory of Joanne Yurchak.

A Special Thank You for your support of our most recent “Ethnic Food Sale” held this past Friday. The next sale will be held on Friday, March 31st, at our St. Michael’s Center 12:00 -3:00pm Please mark this date on your calendar of events and plan to support our fundraising activity. We need your help!

Easter lily and Candle donations are being accepted. The large lily plant is \$20.00 and small \$15.00 and Easter Candles are \$10.00. Please make this offering in loving memory of your loved ones or for the continued health of your family.

The Completion of the Stained Glass Window Project includes the remaining five windows on the second floor of our new addition. The drawing phase for three windows have been approved and the other two windows will be approved this week. The construction of the three approved Stained Glass Windows have already begun. **All of the Stained Glass Windows have been donated by the loving members of our Church.** We will try to complete the project for Palm Sunday, April 9th, 2016.

The “Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony” has been postponed because of the Snow Storm held this past week. A new date will be announced shortly.

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The Vespertal Lenten Mission this Sunday will be held at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Edwardsville, Pa. The homilist will be Fr. Timothy Cremeens. Vespers will begin at 4:00 p.m. The Lenten Mission next Sunday will be held at St. Michael’s Orthodox Church in Old Forge. Archbishop Mark will preside. The homilist will be Fr. David Schewczyk

Home Made Holiday Rolls for Sale: Nut, Poppy, Apricot, Lekvar, Pineapple Coconut **and our new item Raspberry Crème has been added. \$10.00 each.** Please see Ruth Ann, Julie or George see this morning, for advance orders call Ruth Ann at 570-876-1456. **The Holiday Rolls will be available every Sunday for your convenience underneath the Church.** We thank you in advance for your support!

The Presanctified Liturgy Pot-Luck Meal will be held this Wednesday, March 22nd. Please see Millie Telep or Matushka Kathy and let them know what you will be bringing. **Fr. Dennis Swencki will answer questions concerning the life of St. Tikhon’s Seminary.**

Church School will be held on Sunday, March 26th, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are our teachers.

Church Dues are being accepted \$160.00 per member. If you are in the arrears and want to reconcile your balance, please contact Ann Narcoonis any Monday evening in the Church Parlor.

Please remember in your prayers: Joe Chup who is in the Regional Hospital in Scranton. May he have a speedy recovery. Michael Klaptach a guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. Ann Ferenchak in the Carbondale Nursing Home Rm. 406

Hostesses: Sunday, March 19th, Helen Grancey, Ruthann Lasichak and Joan Lasichak; **Sunday, March 26th-** Matushka Kathy Kowalczyk, Victoria Kravetsky and Theresa Krenitsky.