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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome**

**Gospel: Mark 8:34: -9:1**

**April 4, 2021, Sunday of the Veneration of  
the Precious Cross of Christ. (Mid-Lent)**

**Epistle: Heb.4:14-5:6**

#### **Schedule of Lenten Services**

**Sunday, April 4, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 9:30 a.m. Veneration of the Cross of Christ (Mid-Lent)  
Parastas 9<sup>th</sup> Day for the departed Anna offered by children, Valentina and Alexander.**

**Wednesday, April 7, Confession 6:00 p.m.** Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m. Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Missionary Bishop to America.

**Saturday, April 10, Confession 8:30 a.m.** Memorial Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. followed by Parastas.

**Sunday, April 11, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 9:30 a.m.**

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**The Presanctified Liturgy** will be held this Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. The responses will be led and chanted by Bill and Maryann Dubee. Please make every effort to attend. **For those participating in Holy Communion, please keep the fast from 12:00 p.m. (Noon)**

**In order for the Church to meet** the basic weekly expenses on a regular basis, we are kindly asking you to send in your weekly offerings when you are not in Church. **We thank you in advance for your generosity!**

**Special Church Committee & St. Michael's Center** meeting will be held this Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to have a discussion with interested Caterers. Please make every effort to attend!

**A Special Thank You to Protodeacon Gabriel** and all those who worked with him at St. Michael's Center on a very successful Home-Made Bread Sale this past Wednesday.

**Memorial Divine Liturgy** will be held this Saturday, April 10. Please submit the names of the departed members of your family to be commemorated to Fr. John by Friday, April 9. **Please use the appropriate form provided for you!**

**Archbishop Mark will be making his Lenten** visit to our Church on Sunday, April 18. The Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 a.m., Archbishop Mark will be serving as a Priest and the service will end the normal time. **Please make an effort to attend!**

**Great Lent in the Orthodox Church** Please make every effort to keep the prescribed fast, and attend the modified services for the third week of the of Fast.

**Confession and Covid 19:** Once you receive your second vaccine, please wait 14 days and you may approach private confession with Fr. John. (Our Priest has been fully vaccinated with both shots) and wearing masks still should be normative.

**Memorial offering of \$100.00** was given by Valentina Markov in loving memory of her departed Mother Anna. May her memory be eternal!

**Easter Flowers (Lilies \$15.00 & \$20.00) Easter Candles \$10.00 donations** are being accepted. You can make your offering for the health of your family or in loving memory of your departed family members.

**Easter Flowers donation \$25.00** for the continued good health of John Hockin & John Hockin Jr.  
**Easter Candles donation \$25.00** in loving memory of Alex and Elizabeth Hockin offered lovingly by their families.

**Church (Altar Wine) and Incense** will be needed for the remaining part of Great Lent, Holy Week & Easter (Paschal) Services. **Please contact Fr. John if you are interested in making this offering.**

**OCA Online Church School** Please go to [OCA.org](http://OCA.org) and click on OCA Online Church School. Classes will be held every Tuesday at 7:00 pm EST/4:00 PM PST. Click on the buttons to enter the appropriate class. The links will go live 15 minutes before the class starts.

**If your Church Dues are in arrears,** please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

**Please remember in your prayers: Peter Senio** who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. and **Jacky Drutarosky** who is in the Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center, 260 Terrace Drive, Peckville, Pa. 18452

**Special Sunday theme:** is that in the cross of Christ crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor 1:24). On this Sunday in the middle of the Lenten season, the cross stands in the middle of the church, not merely to remind the faithful of Christ's redemption and for them to keep the goal of their Lenten efforts, but also as a reminder: "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:38).

