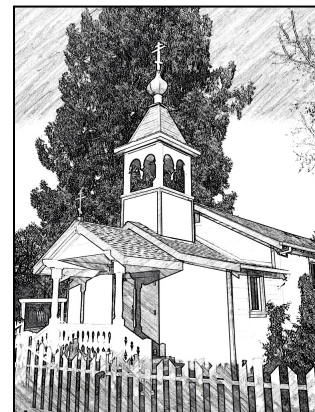


ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

March 27, 2022 - Veneration of the Precious Cross



- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death; to the thief, Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrh-bearers, 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 OF THE CROSS, Tone One:

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 OF THE CROSS, Tone Seven:

The fiery sword no longer guards the gate of Eden, for in a strange and glorious way the wood of the Cross has quenched its flames. The sting of death and the victory of hades are now destroyed, for Thou art come, my Savior, crying unto those in hades: "Return again to Paradise."

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Friday, March 25: 11:30 AM, Vespers Liturgy for the Feast of Annunciation
- Saturday, March 26: 10 AM, *Welcoming Home* distribution ([see this link](#))
3:30 PM, Catechism—*On Marriage*
4:45 PM, Trisagion for the Repose of William McPherson
5 PM, Vigil for the Veneration of the Precious Cross
- Sunday, March 27: 9 AM, Baptism of John Stameroff, child of Hannah and Alexander
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:30 AM, Church School
Noon, Agape Meal
- Mon., March 28: 7 PM, Scripture Study via Zoom
- Tues., March 29: 8 AM, Lenten Matins
- Wed., March 30: 8 AM, Lenten Matins
6:15 PM, Presanctified Liturgy / Meal and Reading in Hall
- Thurs., March 31: 8 AM, Matins
7 PM, Catechism, *On Holy Unction*
- Friday, April 1: 10:30 AM, Presanctified in San Francisco at Holy Trinity Cathedral

- FRIDAY CONFESSIONS:

Please note that this week and next Church Services will take the place of the usual 11:30 AM–1 PM Confession time on Fridays.

- BAPTISMS:

John Stameroff, son of Hannah and Alexander Stameroff will be baptized on Sunday, March 27 at 9 AM, prior to the Divine Liturgy. Sigrid Cecelia, daughter of Lina Michal and Alexander Margitich will be baptized on Saturday, April 9 at 11 AM.

- PRAYERS FOR CATECHUMENS:

O Lord our God, who dwellest in the heavens, and lookest down upon all thy works, look down upon thy servants, the catechumens—Bibiane Vissoh, James Greene, Evan Holloway, Raquel Llamas, John Fullerton—who have bowed their necks before Thee, and grant them a light yoke. Make them honorable members of Thy holy Church, and vouchsafe unto them the washing of regeneration, the forgiveness of sins, and the robe of incorruption, unto the knowledge of Thee, our true God.

- LENTEN RETREAT IN SF:

Holy Trinity Cathedral in San Francisco will host a Lenten Retreat, led by Fr. Bogdan Bucur, professor of Patristics at St. Vladimir's Seminary in NY, Saturday, April 2. Registration is at 11 AM. See [THIS LINK](#). The first session will consider the foreshadowing of Pascha in the Old Testament episodes of Joseph's burial and in the later story of Passover; the second will highlight the insistence of the Holy Week hymnography on the need to adequately recognize the Lord in order to participate in the fullness of Passover/Pascha. Speak with Fr. Lawrence, Josef Candelario or Timothy Danford if you need a ride.

- SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS:

On the Third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, the Orthodox Church commemorates the *Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*. Services include a special veneration of the Cross, which prepares the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week. ...[This feast] also reminds us that the whole of Lent is a period when we are “[crucified with Christ](#)” (Galatians 2:20). As we have “crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Galatians 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the precious and life-giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, or depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. ...As they who walk on a long and hard way and are bowed down by fatigue find great relief and strengthening under the cool shade of a leafy tree, so do we find comfort, refreshment, and rejuvenation under the Life-giving Cross, which our Fathers “planted” on this Sunday. Thus, we are fortified and enabled to continue our Lenten journey with a light step, rested and encouraged. ...as the Holy Cross is called the Tree of Life, it is placed in the middle of the Fast, as the ancient tree of life was placed in the middle of the garden of Eden. By this, our Holy Fathers wished to remind us of Adam's gluttony as well as the fact that through this Tree has condemnation been abolished. Therefore, if we bind ourselves to the Holy Cross, we shall never encounter death but shall inherit life eternal. ...At the Vigil of that day, after the Great Doxology, the Cross is brought in a solemn procession to the center of the church and remains

there for the entire week—with a special rite of veneration following each service. —*borrowed*

- THE FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT:

The observant Orthodox worshipper will have noticed, looking at the liturgical calendar for the upcoming fifth week of Lent, that there are additional Church Services. The usual Services will be more lengthy, and will challenge our attention. For example, the Wednesday evening Presanctified has more hymns to be sung (you may recall the refrain *Before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord*); and on Thursday, April 7, we sing the [Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete](#) in its entirety, and in the midst of the service read the *Life of St. Mary of Egypt*. The week will culminate on Friday evening at 6 PM, with the magnificent and joyful *Matins and Akathist* lauding the Theotokos, the Living Ark of God. This Matins/Akathist is important for many reasons, not least of which is because our focus begins to shift from repentance to the events of the Lord's Passion.

- REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-IN PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our parish shut-ins: Alla Keyes, James Ballard, John Hartman, Daniel Durrant, David Wright, Carol Nikolitsa Gerber, Carol Christina Stewart, George Kielczynski, Nilus Veenis, Rosalyn Andronico, Seraphim Hunter. A phone call or a visit would be much appreciated. Please speak with me if you can do either. —*Fr Lawrence*

AXIOS:

Our Archbishop Benjamin sent news this week that the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America blessed Fr. Nicholas to wear the Gold Cross (one receives a three-bar Silver Cross at ordination; the Gold is given some time later) and elevated Deacon Jeremiah to be Proto-Deacon. We congratulate them and joyfully offer thanks for the long-time, distinguished and inspiring ministry of these two servants of the Lord. We say *Axios* which means “they are worthy.” —*Fr Lawrence*

PASCHA/EASTER EGGS COLORING & DECORATING

COLOR Eggs and decorate
candles with our Children

**Noon, Great Friday
April 22nd
in the Parish Hall**



All artistic temperaments and ages welcome: we'll have
eggs, dye, stickers, and instructions will be supplied.

A take-home basket with a bed of grass will be
supplied for the children's Easter eggs.

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 – Veneration of the Cross <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Baptism (Stameroff) • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • 11:45 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal 	28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 AM, Matins 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 AM, Matins • 5 PM, Confessions • 6:15 PM, Presanctified, Meal and Reading 	31 – ST. INNOCENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 AM, Matins • 7 PM Catechism, <i>On Holy Unction</i> 	APRIL 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In SF, Holy Trinity Cathedral, 10:30 AM Presanctified</i> • 6 PM, Akathist with Small Compline 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lenten Retreat in SF</i> • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
3 – St. John Climacus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Liturgy • 11:45 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal 	4	5 – St. Tikhon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 AM, Matins • <i>1 PM, Presanctified in Calistoga at the Monastery</i> 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 AM, Matins • 5 PM, Confessions • 6:15 PM, Presanctified, Meal and Reading 	7 – Great Canon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM–Noon, Matins with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete • 5 PM, <i>Angels Unawares</i> guests arrive for dinner 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No morning service</i> • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions • 6 PM, Matins with Akathist to the Theotokos 	9 – Akathist Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 AM, Baptism of Sigrid Cecilia • 3:30 Catechism, <i>On death and the Funeral</i> • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
10 – St. Mary of Egypt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Liturgy • 11:45 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal 	11	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 AM, Lenten Matins 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 AM, Matins • 5 PM, Food Bank • 6:15 PM, Presanctified, Meal and Spiritual reading 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 AM, Matins • 7 PM, Parish Council 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 AM, Final Matins of Great Lent • 6 PM, Matins of Lazarus Saturday • 6:45 PM, Baptismal class 	16 – Lazarus Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy • 2 PM, Decorate and clean church • 5 PM, Vigil for Palm Sunday, blessing of palms
17 – Palm Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Liturgy with Procession • Noon, Agape Meal • 6 PM, Bridegroom Matins 	18 – Holy Monday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 AM, Presanctified • 5 PM, Confessions • 6 PM, Bridegroom Matins 	19 – Holy Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 AM, Presanctified • 5 PM, Confessions • 6 PM, Bridegroom Matins 	20 – Holy Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Final Day for Confessions before Pascha</i> • 5 PM, Confessions • 6 PM, Presanctified 	21 – Holy Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30 AM, Vesperal Liturgy (Mystical Supper) • 6 PM, Matins of Holy Friday (12 Gospels) 	22 – Holy Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Royal Hours • Noon, Egg Decoration • 3 PM, Great Vespers, Bringing out of Shroud • 6 PM, Matins of Holy Saturday 	23 – Holy Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 PM, Vesperal Liturgy • 11:30 PM, Nocturn, Matins and Paschal Liturgy
24 – Great and Holy Pascha <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 AM, Paschal Liturgy • 1 PM, Paschal Vespers and BBQ 	25 – Bright Monday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Paschal Hours and Divine Liturgy 	26 – Bright Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Paschal Vespers 	27 – Bright Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank 	28 – Bright Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Paschal Vespers 	29 – Bright Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Paschal Vespers 	30 – Bright Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Paschal Divine Liturgy • 5 PM, Vespers for Thomas Sunday