

# SAINT JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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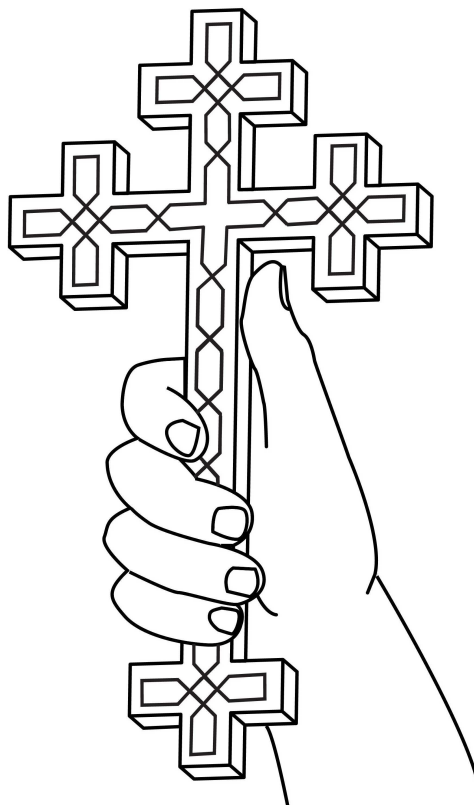
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## **Bulletin for Mar. 19-Apr. 1, 2017**

*Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

*(Mark 8:34 – Gospel  
Reading on the 3rd  
Sunday of the Great Fast)*



# CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

|             |                  |   |
|-------------|------------------|---|
| <b>SUN</b>  | <b>3/19/2017</b> | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; HOLY CROSS</b>   |
|             | 9:00 AM          | Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +John Belous; ++Paolick Family</i>   |
|             | 4:00 PM          | Lenten Mission Vespers in Warren  |
| <b>MON</b>  | <b>3/20/2017</b> |   |
|             | 6:30 PM          | Parish Outreach Brainstorming Meeting   |
| <b>TUES</b> | <b>3/21/2017</b> |   |
|             | 8:30 AM          | Parastas (Chapel)    ++Karas Fam.; Hercha Fam. (Per.)<br><i>Rescheduled: ++Trescilla Fam.; ++Palahunik Fam.; ++Spondike Fam. (Per.)</i> |
| <b>WED</b>  | <b>3/22/2017</b> |   |
|             |                  | <i>(No Confessions Tonight)</i>   |
|             | 5:40 PM          | Moleben to the Holy Cross   |
|             | 6:00 PM          | Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <i>with Lenten Potluck Meal</i>   |
| <b>FRI</b>  | <b>3/24/2017</b> |   |
|             | 6:00 PM          | Vespers for the Annunciation  |
| <b>SAT</b>  | <b>3/25/2017</b> | <b>ANNUNCIATION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLYDAY)</b>  |
|             | 9:00 AM          | Divine Liturgy <i>(9 Months Until Christmas!)</i>   |
|             | 4:00 PM          | Lenten Mission at Christ the Savior Church, North Royalton, OH  |
| <b>SUN</b>  | <b>3/26/2017</b> | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; ST. JOHN CLIMACUS</b>   |
|             | 9:00 AM          | Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +JoAnn &amp; +Eric Burprich</i>  |
| <b>WED</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |   |
|             | 6:00 PM          | Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <i>with Lenten Potluck Meal</i>   |
| <b>FRI</b>  | <b>3/31/2017</b> |   |
|             | 6:00 PM          | Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God  |
| <b>SAT</b>  | <b>4/1/2017</b>  | <b>OUR LENTEN MISSION</b>   |
|             | 2:00 PM          | Confessions   |
|             | 4:00 PM          | Vespers with Homily by Fr. Nicholas Mihaly<br><i>Lenten Fish Dinner to Follow</i>   |

## **(Rescheduled!) Outreach "Brainstorming" Session**

- Monday, March 20th at 6:30 PM.
- Prayer first, then time for ideas and conversation.
- Coffee and snacks will be provided.

We want to explore new ways in which Saint John's can expand its ministries within the wider community. If you are interested in "hands-on" charitable activities to help others, and in ways of getting the word out about our parish, come to this meeting! Bring your ideas and be ready to have a conversation.

To clarify, this meeting is *not* about ideas for fundraisers or activities for our parishioners. (*Those can be discussed at other times!*) This meeting is to suggest and discuss creative ideas of how we as a parish can live out and witness to our Christian faith through charity, philanthropy, etc.

### **Stewardship**

*by Dan Hromyak*

**"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." - 1 Samuel 16:7**

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

# Announcements

*You are Invited to*  
**Our Parish**  
**Lenten Mission**  
*on Saturday, April 1st*

**Confessions at 2:00 PM**

**Vespers at 4:00 PM**

**Homily by Fr. Nicholas Mihaly**

*– Fish Dinner to Follow –*

¶ **Call for Desserts for Our Mission:** If you plan on giving a cake or other dessert for our Lenten Mission dinner on April 1st, please add your name to the sign-up sheet.

¶ **Lenten Pancake “Communion Breakfast”** will take place on Sunday, April 2nd, following services. Any men interested in helping with this event can see Steve Lukac.

¶ **Confessions** are heard beginning at 5:30 PM before evening services (unless otherwise noted); by appointment; and on a limited basis before Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings. Several priests hear Confessions at our Lenten Mission on April 1. *All Orthodox Christians are expected to approach this sacrament during Lent!*

¶ **Envelopes for “Patriarchal Pence”** are included in this bulletin. This is our annual contribution for the work and ministry of His All-Holiness, our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Please return your gift as soon as possible!

¶ **Upcoming Lenten Missions:** Mission services will be held in Warren on **March 19** and in North Royalton on **March 25**, each at 4:00 PM. We are all invited to participate and join our brothers and sisters in prayer and fellowship. Each includes a service, a homily and a meal.

¶ **Lenten Pot-Luck Meals.** Following the Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies on March 22 and 29, we will have a pot-luck/covered dish meal. Bring a Lenten dish, baked good, or a beverage to share with those assembled. *This is a great opportunity to gather mid-week and cheer one another on as we go through our Lent together.*

¶ **Reminder About Eucharistic Fast:** Those receiving Communion at an evening Presanctified Liturgy are to fast for a minimum of 3 hours prior to the service. *(Ideally, we should not*

*eat after lunch.*) Fasting from midnight is still observed before receiving Communion at any morning Liturgy.

¶ **PTO Easter Raffle** will take place this year on April 2nd, in conjunction with our Communion Breakfast. Donations of items can be brought to the church hall and placed in the designated location. Monetary donations are also accepted. Deadline for donations is March 26th. Please see Pani Vikkie or Shannon Baker if you have questions.

¶ **“Willow Watch” has begun!** Please keep an eye out for pussy willows. Please cut them as soon as they are ready and bring them to the church. (If you put them in a plastic bag, DO NOT leave the bag sealed.)

¶ We are accepting donations of candy for the **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 16th. They must be *individually wrapped* and *small* enough to fit inside the plastic eggs. Donations may be brought to the church hall.

¶ **Don't Forget: Camp Nazareth Registration is Open!** Parents, Fr. David e-mailed and distributed our registration code, but if you did not get it, please see him directly.

¶ **Schwans Fundraiser:** Through Schwans-Cares.com, you can order from Schwan's Home Delivery and help our church! When you order, **5% of sales** go to Saint John's! Order online at [schwans-cares.com/c/30390](http://schwans-cares.com/c/30390) and click "Shop to Give." Or order by phone by calling 1-855-870-7208 and provide our ID 30390.

¶ **Reminder about Hospital Stays.** If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, please remember to inform Fr. David as soon as possible. The hospitals do not call clergy as a matter of course, and they may or may not have updated lists available for clergy. Please let your family members or other caregivers know this as well, so that if you are unable to call, they know to call Fr. David.

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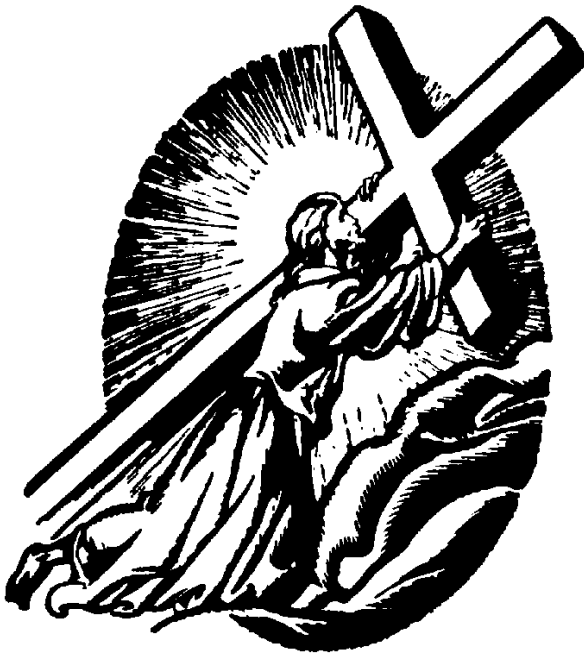
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# HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA 2017

*Some Notes from Fr. David*

At this midpoint of the Great Fast (Lent), we can see Holy Week and Pascha on the horizon. Our Lenten spiritual preparation helps us enter Holy Week and Pascha with full, conscious, and active participation. The greatest harvest of the fruits of Holy Week and Pascha is received through attending services.

**Remember that that there will be divine services on Holy Monday at 6 PM; Holy Tuesday at 6 PM; Holy Wednesday at 6 PM; Holy Thursday at 9 AM and 6 PM\*; Good Friday at 9 AM and 6 PM; Holy Saturday at 9 AM and 7 PM; and on Pascha Sunday at 10:00 AM.**



Over the next few weeks, look at your schedule. Don't ask yourself "What is the *least* amount of services I need to attend during Holy Week?" but ask "What is the *most* I can do to accompany Our Lord to His Passion, Cross, and Tomb?"

Life presents many demands upon us: work, school, family. Even our physical condition makes demands. Some things are unavoidable: your employment may be less than accommodating; your doctor may only have one appointment available on the morning of Good Friday; you don't see well at night. But for every valid reason, there are plenty of excuses that are given for lack of participation in Holy Week services.

This year, the Orthodox and Western dates of Easter coincide. Our children will be out of school on Thursday and Friday, and sporting events and practices will not be held. (*And even if they are held – which is more important?*) Many places of employment will also be closed, especially on Friday. Yes, we have to clean the house, cook the foods, and welcome our guests. But all of these are secondary to the mystery that unfolds within the services.

For those who can't drive at night, don't be shy: if you need a ride—just ask! Fr. David and our Church Board members will find a way to get you to church and back home.

As Orthodox Christians, we must make every effort to be in church throughout Holy Week, and most especially (*but not exclusively*) on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. **Our doors will be open, Our Lord will be waiting—come and worship!**

*\*This year on Holy Thursday, we will use our pre-1992 schedule: Liturgy will be offered at 9:00 AM, and Matins with the Passion Gospels will be offered at 6:00 PM.*

**APRIL  
PIROHI SCHEDULE**

*Please add your name  
to the sign-up sheet  
in the Hall!*

Wed., April 5  
at 4:30 PM  
(Hall setup; Potato prep)

Thurs., April 6  
at 6:00 PM  
(Filling prep)

Friday, April 7  
at 8:00 AM  
(Pirohi Making and Sale)

**Remember:  
Get your  
orders in  
by April 2nd!**

**April 2017 Pirohi Order Form**

*Order Deadline: April 2, 2017*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Potato @ 7.00/dozen \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Butter Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Butter and Onions

**Total Amount Due:**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-Up on Friday, April 7, 2017  
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM  
(Doors Open at Noon)

**Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, March 19th**

In Honor of Aunt Marge Holmes Birthday By Debbie and Greg Cross

**Flowers for Veneration of the Holy Cross ~ Sunday, March 19th**

From Michael and Nancy Ristvey, In Loving Memory of their Parents

**Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, March 26th**

In Memory of Dad, Joseph Pavlick, Godfather, Paul Pavlick and Uncle, Andrew Pavlick by  
Debbie Cross

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Mar. 21 Karen Hynes  
Mar. 23 Karen Bair  
Jessica Nameth  
Mar. 24 Michael Saluga  
Mar. 25 Mary "Katie" Hynes  
Mar. 26 Grace Cataloni  
Mar. 28 Stephanie Shumkaroff  
Mar. 29 Megan Holmes  
Mar. 31 Irene Miklos  
Brandon Moon  
Apr. 1 Mark Burns



**MEN TO HOLD  
CANDLES**

**Sunday, March 26th**

Steve Saluga  
Milan Shumkaroff  
Ed Slovesko  
Gino Tofani  
Dr. Henry VanZanten

**Sunday, April 2nd**

Michael Waryanka  
Donald Yasnowsky  
Kevin Yasnowsky  
Gary Yonchak  
Bob Amos