

*The Raising of Lazarus
by Mikhail Nesterov.
Lazarus Saturday is April 23rd.*

**BULLETIN
FOR
APRIL 10-23,
2016**

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SERVICES & EVENTS FOR MARCH 27-APRIL 9, 2016

***SUN 4/10/2016** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Panachida: +Michael Penick; ++Benic Family (Per.)

MON 4/11/2016

6:00 PM April Board Meeting

TUES 4/12/2016

8:30 AM Parastas (Chapel)
+Anna Gladysz, by Jean Sabol

WED 3/13/2016

5:30 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
(Lenten Pot-Luck Meal to Follow)

FRI 4/15/2016

6:00 PM Akathist Service to the Mother of God

SAT 4/16/2016 **OUR PARISH LENTEN MISSION**

2:30 PM Confessions with Deanery Priests
4:00 PM Great Vespers and Homily
(Lenten Fish Dinner to Follow)

***SUN 4/17/2016** **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; ST. MARY OF EGYPT**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
(Lenten "Communion Breakfast" to Follow)

MON 4/18/2016

5:30 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Prayer Service (Moleben) to the Holy Cross

TUES 4/19/2016

8:30 AM Parastas (Chapel)
++Karas Fam.; +Steve Yarabinec (Per.)

WED 4/20/2016

5:30 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
(Lenten Pot-Luck Meal to Follow)

FRI 4/22/2016

6:00 PM Lenten Mission Presanctified Liturgy at St. Nicholas, Erie
(No Evening Services at Our Church)

SAT 4/23/2016

LAZARUS SATURDAY; ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(Refreshments and Palm/Willow Preparation to Follow)

***SUN 4/24/2016**

PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY; ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Willows

(PTO Easter Raffle to Follow)

(Junior ACRY Meeting to Follow)

Prayers from the Lenten Triodion

4th Sunday of Lent

HAVING PASSED HALF THE DISTANCE OF THIS HOLY FAST, LET US STRIVE, REJOICING WITH STEADFASTNESS, TO ITS END. LET US ANOINT OURSELVES WITH THE OIL OF CHARITY, THAT WE MAY BE WORTHY TO ADORE THE NOBLE PASSION OF CHRIST OUR GOD, AND ATTAIN HIS MOST HONORED AND HOLY RESURRECTION!

5th Sunday of Lent

BELIEVERS, LET US DILIGENTLY BEGIN THE SIXTH WEEK OF THE SOLEMN FAST. LET US SING SONGS TO THE LORD COMING IN GLORY TO JERUSALEM TO CAUSE DEATH TO DIE BY HIS DIVINE POWER: THE OFFERING OF THE SUNDAY OF PALMS. THEREFORE, LET US PREPARE THE BANNERS OF VICTORY, IN TRUE WORSHIP, AND WITH BRANCHES OF VIRTUE CRY OUT HOSANNA TO THE CREATOR OF ALL.

Announcements

¶ **April Board Meeting** will be on Monday, April 11 at 6:00 PM.

¶ **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!

¶ **Pirohi “Thank You”:** Our gratitude is extended to all our parishioners and friends who helped with our March and April pirohi sales! *Great job, everyone!* A more detailed report will follow in the coming weeks.

¶ **Lenten Pot-Luck Meals.** Following the Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday, April 13th and April 20th, we will have a pot-luck/covered dish meal in the Hall. Bring a Lenten dish to share with those gathered. At a minimum, it must be meatless, but you are encouraged to bring a “strict fast” (*without meat or dairy*) dish if you are able.

¶ **Palm/Willow Preparation** will take place after Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday, April 23rd. Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday begins at 9:00 AM. Following this, we will have a short amount of time for some refreshment (*coffee will be made; feel free to bring something to share*) and then get to work. We should will be finished no later than noon. All are invited to come and help, and a special invita-

Our Lenten Mission *Saturday, April 16th*

The deanery priests will be present to hear confessions beginning at 2:30 PM. If you have not made your Lenten Confession yet, please avail yourself of their presence and receive this sacrament!

Vespers will begin at 4:00 PM, with Fr. Don Valasek from Erie will give the homily. A Lenten fish dinner will follow in the hall.

Plan on attending, especially to welcome our brothers and sisters from throughout the Deanery!

tion is extended to our youth to participate!

¶ **PTO Easter Raffle** will take place on Palm Sunday, April 24th. Donations of items for this raffle can be brought to the church hall and placed in the designated location.

¶ **The last Deanery Lenten Mission for 2016** will be on Friday, April 22 at St. Nicholas Church in Erie. Pre-sanctified Liturgy begins at 6:00 PM. We are all invited to participate and join our brothers and sisters in prayer and fellowship. Due to this Mission, we will *not* have services at our parish on April 22. However, we will have the Moleben to the Cross on Monday, April 18th at 6:00 PM, in order to maintain the practice of having two evening services per week during Lent.

¶ **Camp Nazareth Registration is Open!** Parents, please speak with Fr. David or Sue Preston to get our parish registration code. **Online Registration must be completed AND payment must be submitted by May 15 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount.**

¶ **Camp Nazareth Cabin Expansion Blessing and Luncheon** will take place on May 11, 2016. Copies of the

invitation were distributed on Sunday, April 3 and are still available in the vestibule. If you plan on attending, please remit this information and payment to Camp as soon as possible. Deadline is May 3!

¶ **You may begin to bring in your Lenten Self-Denial Offering boxes** on Palm Sunday, April 24th. This year, our offerings will be shared between the Community Food Warehouse and the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC).

¶ **Sign up to be part of the “Honor Guard” for the Holy Tomb on Holy Saturday.** Several spots are still available on the sign-up sheet in the hall. We need your help in order to keep this wonderful tradition alive!

¶ **Junior ACRY Meeting** will be held on Palm Sunday, April 24th following Coffee Hour and the Easter Raffle. *All Junior ACRY Members are invited to participate!*

¶ **Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets** are available in the church office for a donation of \$20. Family Day is Sunday, June 5th. Please consider this a donation for our Diocesan Camp!

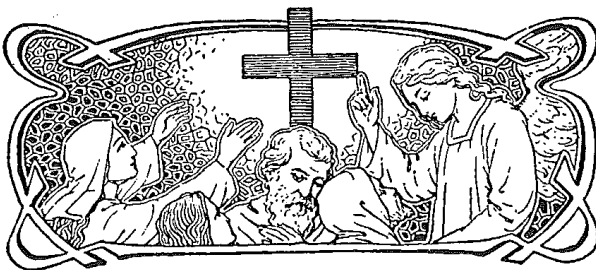
A Note of Thanks

Father David,
Church Board and
Parishioners:

I extend my thanks
and appreciation for
your kindness during
my recuperation following
hospitalization. Your
prayers and best wishes
are greatly appreciated.
May God continue to
shower His blessings
on all of you.

With love and
respect.

Professor Jaeger



Thoughts on Stewardship

By Dan Hromyak

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." - Revelations 22:13

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Liturgy and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously lifestyle, it's how I make all my decisions.

"The advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have told you." - John 14:26

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to put the right words in our mouths when challenged about our faith.

From the Diocese...

March 25, 2016

Protocol No. 11/2016

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Diocesan Clergy, Parents and Young Women,

Our Diocese is thrilled to be hosting the Young Women's Encounter once again this summer. The YWE is designed specifically for our young women to provide them an opportunity to spend time with each other, have fun, and pray together. We learn about our faith and to hear how God is calling each of us to use our unique gifts, abilities and talents.

The 3rd Annual Young Women's Encounter will take place from Sunday June 26th to Wednesday June 29th, 2016.

The YWE will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Windber, Pennsylvania. Young women in our Diocese ages 12 - 18 are strongly encouraged to attend.

Please do not miss this wonderful opportunity for the young women of our Church and Diocese to gather with one another and grow in their faith. We ask for your prayers and support as we plan this event. With God's help and your participation, we hope this event will continue to bless our wonderful young women.

Registration details are forthcoming on our Diocesan website acrod.org. Please register as soon as possible – Space is limited! For more information or if you have any questions please contact Pani Eleni Stagon at acrodywe@gmail.com.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read '+ Bishop Gregory'.

+Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, April 17th
Helen Blasko, In Loving Memory of Father, Joseph Blasko

BIRTHDAYS

- Apr. 10 Anne Kudelko
- 12 Lisa Dias
Mary Ann Stigliano
- 13 Patton Gilliland
- 14 Michael Obermiyer
- 17 Steven Lukac
- 19 Ryan Chupak
Mathew Fabian
Judy Ference
Christine Frejik
- 21 Karsten Baker
Daniel Burns
John Kraynak, Jr.
- 23 Pauline Koval



**MEN TO
HOLD CANDLES**

Sunday, April 17th

John Bauer
Dennis Burprich
John Cataloni
Ed Chuba
Jerry Chupak

Sunday, April 24th

Chester Everett
Ed Fabian
Ron Figiel
Michael Holmes
Jim Hynes

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