

BULLETIN FOR MARCH 28-APRIL 10, 2021

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, Mar. 28	9:00 AM	2nd Sunday of the Great Fast: St. Gregory Palamas Divine Liturgy of St. Basil <i>Panachida – Perpetual: +JoAnn & +Eric Burprich</i>
Tuesday, Mar. 30	8:30 AM	Parastas – Perpetual: <i>+Rebecca Kapusta, by Sisters and Family</i>
Wednesday, Mar. 31	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Sunday, Apr. 4	9:00 AM	3rd Sunday of the Great Fast: Holy Cross Procession with the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy of St. Basil <i>Panachida – Perpetual: +Joseph & +Katherine Pavlick ++Balzic Family +Stephen Repasky</i>
Wednesday, Apr. 7	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Friday, Apr. 9	6:00 PM	Moleben to the Holy Cross
Saturday, Apr. 10	9:00 AM 10:30 AM-Noon	Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy & Panachida Confessions
Sunday, Apr. 11	9:00 AM	4th Sunday of the Great Fast: St. John of the Ladder Divine Liturgy of St. Basil <i>Panachida – Perpetual: +Michael Penick ++Benic Family ++Karas Family</i> Board Meeting After Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. David will be away April 1st through April 5th. In the case of a pastoral emergency in which you need the services of a priest, please call Fr. Ken Bachofsky (330-372-9778) or one of the local Orthodox priests.

No Confessions on Sunday, April 4th. Please avail yourself of the other Confession times...

Confessions will be heard **before evening services**, starting at 5:25 PM and before **Sunday Divine Liturgy**, starting at 8:25 AM (*except Sunday, April 4*). Confessions will also be heard on **Saturday, April 10th** from 10:30 to noon, and on **Friday, April 23rd** from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. There is no need to make an appointment for these “walk-in” confession times. If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession at *another* time than those listed above, please call/text/e-mail Fr. David (724-813-3172, father.david@stjohnnacroc.org). *All Orthodox Christians are expected to approach this sacrament during Lent!*

Easter Bake Sale

Pre-Orders Only!

Deadline: April 18, 2021

Pick-Up: April 24, 2021 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Available Items:

- Nut Roll—\$13 (14” long, with walnut filling)
- Paska Bread—\$10 (7” round loaf, with or without raisins. Please specify!)
- Holiday Braid—\$10 (12” long/2 lb. loaf, with raisins and a hint of almond.)

Please Note: Baked goods are frozen to maintain peak freshness.

To order, call/text Francine Fabian at 724-699-7614

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

By Dan Hromyak

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice" - John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

"Children, let us love not in word but in deed and truth." - 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Orthodox faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Liturgy? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully when your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

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Sacramental and Membership Information

Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please phone the rectory (724-346-4457) when a family member is admitted to the hospital, or to request a home visit. Hospitals do *not* call to alert the parish when someone is admitted.

Marriages are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. Circumstances may require a dispensation from the diocesan bishop. Consult the pastor at least six months in advance and before any plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the church, or on Fridays.

Baptisms are usually scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult the pastor. Two godparents (godfather and godmother) are required, at least one of whom must be a practicing Orthodox Christian in good standing at an Orthodox parish, and the other (at least) a practicing, baptized Christian.

Church Funerals are, under ordinary circumstances, provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and material obligations to the parish; otherwise, the funeral service is conducted at the funeral home. The Church does *not* permit cremation.

Parishioners in "good standing" are those Orthodox Christians who, as members of Saint John's Orthodox Church, strive to live according to the teachings of the Orthodox Church; participate in the life of the parish through regular church attendance, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic Holy Confession (and receive these sacraments no less than once a year); if married, having been married in the Orthodox Church; and financially support the parish (especially through an annual "pledge").

Prospective members and returning members are asked to fill out an application form, copies of which are available in the church office.