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FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

March 26, 2023

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Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)

Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship.

If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

TODAY St. John Climacus (of The Ladder); Hieromartyr Irenæus, Bishop of Sirmium (†304); Martyrs Bathusius and Bercus—Presbyters, Arpilus—Monk, Abibus, Agnus, Reasus, Igathrax, Iskous, Silas, Signicus, Sonirilus, Suimbalus, Thermus, Phillus—laymen, and the women: Anna, Alla, Larissa, Manca, Virko, Animais, Gaatha & Duklida, in the Crimea (†375); St. Malchus of Chalcis, Syria (†4TH c.); Ven. Basil the New, Anchorite, near Constantinople (†10TH c.); Martyr Montanus, Presbyter, of Singidunum, and his wife, Maxima (†235).

READERS: Hours: Sevasti BERGSTROM

Epistle: George KLEINERT

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** - [LIVE STREAM ON ST. NICHOLAS FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

11:40 am **Fellowship**

6:00 pm **Lenten Vespers**

St. George Cathedral, 917 N Wood St., Chicago, IL

Wednesday, March 29

6:00 pm **Presanctified Liturgy**

Friday, March 31

6:30 pm **Akathist to the Most-Holy Theotokos**

Saturday, April 1

5:00 pm **Great Vespers**

Sunday, April 2 5TH Sunday of Lent; St. St Mary of Egypt; Virgin Martyr Theodora of Tyre; Ven. Titus the Wonderworker (†9TH c.); Martyrs Amphianus ; and Edesius ; of Lycia (†306); Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria (†4TH c.).

READERS: Hours: Anna VILCHIS

Epistle: Maria LLAMAS

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** - [LIVE STREAM ON ST. NICHOLAS FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

11:20 am **Sunday School**

11:30 am **Parish Council Confirmation**

11:40 am **Fellowship**

12:15 pm **First Confession Lesson**

6:00 pm **Lenten Vespers**

St. Elizabeth Church, 545 W Indiana Ave., Chesterton, IN

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sunday, March 19TH, 2023 — Collection

\$1,786.00

PASCHA FUNDRAISER We are excited to announce our upcoming Easter Cabbage Roll & Pierogi sale on Saturday, April 8TH! This year, we are looking for sponsors to help offset the cost of ingredients for this beloved event. We are also in need of volunteers to help us prepare and serve the food. Whether you're a seasoned cook or simply want to lend a hand, we would appreciate your help!

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MANY THANKS to Haley BAKES & Gus ROUSONELOS for hosting today's fellowship hour.
to Anna VILCHIS and Maria HERRERA CERON for cleaning church grounds.

PASCHA FLOWER DONATION As we walk towards Pascha, we invite you to prayerfully consider offering a donation to offset the cost of the Easter Flowers that we will buy to beautify our church.

PYSANKA WORKSHOPS Come and celebrate the beautiful tradition of Pysanka egg decorating starting Sunday, March 26TH during Fellowship Hour and reoccurring every Sunday until Pascha! This fun-filled event is open to both children and adults, and it's the perfect opportunity to learn the art of Pysanka egg decorating while spending time with your family and friends. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of creativity and community as we create vibrant and intricate designs on our eggs using wax and dyes.

MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday to Sophia CONNOLLY on March 29TH

May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Dn. David HANNEMAN	Tom KOMPARE	Joseph ORLOVICH	Elena PAVLOV	Soldier Sergij MARTYNUK
Kathy HANNEMAN	Susan NICKLAS	Josephine ORLOVICH	Tetiana MAZUR	Stefan KARADJOV
Sevasti BERGSTROM	Sue UNDERWOOD	Duane BRADLEY	Jose FELIX	Toma ANDREEV
Zachary MISSEN	Stevan LUNICH	Emily ROUSONELOS	Alice PISTILLI	Fr. Joseph KOPKA

Today Epistle (Hebrews 6:13-20)

Brethren... For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Today Gospel (Mark 9:17-31)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

Апостол Дня (Евреям 6:13-20)

Братия... Бог, давая обетование Аврааму, как не мог никем высшим клясться, клялся Самим Собою, говоря: истинно благословляя благословлю тебя и размножая размножу тебя. И так Авраам, долготерпев, получил обещанное. Люди клянутся высшим, и клятва во удостоверение оканчивает всякий спор их. Посему и Бог, желая преимущественнее показать наследникам обетования непреложность Своей воли, употребил в посредство клятву, дабы в двух непреложных вещах, в которых невозможно Богу солгать, твердое утешение имели мы, прибегшие взяться за предлежащую надежду, которая для души есть как бы якорь безопасный и крепкий, и входит во внутреннейшее за завесу, куда предтечею за нас вошел Иисус, сделавшись Первосвященником навек по чину Мелхиседека.

Евангелие Дня (Марк 9:17-31)

Один из народа сказал в ответ: "Учитель! я привел к Тебе сына моего, одержимого духом немым: где ни схватывает его, повергает его на землю, и он испускает пену, и скрежещет зубами своими, и цепенеет. Говорил я ученикам Твоим, чтобы изгнали его, и они не могли." Отвечая ему, Иисус сказал: "о, род неверный! доколе буду с вами? доколе буду терпеть вас? Приведите его ко Мне." И привели его к Нему. Как скоро бесноватый увидел Его, дух сотряс его; он упал на землю и валялся, испуская пену. И спросил Иисус отца его: "как давно это сделалось с ним?" Он сказал: "с детства; и многократно дух бросал его и в огонь и в воду, чтобы погубить его; но, если что можешь, сжался над нами и помоги нам." Иисус сказал ему: "если сколько-нибудь можешь веровать, все возможно верующему." И тотчас отец отрока воскликнул со слезами: "верую, Господи! помоги моему неверию." Иисус, видя, что сбегается народ, запретил духу нечистому, сказав ему: "дух немой и глухой! Я повелеваю тебе, выйди из него и впредь не входи в него." И, вскрикнув и сильно сотрясши его, вышел; и он сделался, как мертвый, так что многие говорили, "он умер." Но Иисус, взяв его за руку, поднял его; и он встал. И как вошел Иисус в дом, ученики Его спрашивали Его наедине: "почему мы не могли изгнать его?" И сказал им: "сей род не может выйти иначе, как от молитвы и поста." Выйдя оттуда, проходили через Галилею; и Он не хотел, чтобы кто узнал. Ибо учил Своих учеников и говорил им, "Сын Человеческий предан будет в руки человеческие и убьют Его, и, по убиении, в третий день воскреснет."