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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2026

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Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (Epistle)

Mark 8:34-9:1 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship.

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

TODAY **Veneration of the Cross;** Martyrs Agapius, Publius, Timolaus, Romulus, two named Dionysius, and two named Alexander, at Caesarea in Palestine (†303); Hieromartyr Alexander of Sidē, in Pamphylia (†270-275); Martyr Nicander of Egypt (ca. †302).

READERS: Hours: Aaron WEINERT

Epistle: Carlos MEDRANO

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 **Catechumen Lesson**

11:40 am **Fellowship**

6:00 pm **Deanery Vespers**

St. Nicholas Church 1000 Barber Ln., Joliet, IL

Friday, March 20

5:30 pm Confession

6:00 pm **Presanctified Liturgy**

Saturday, March 21

MEMORIAL SATURDAY

9:00 am **Memorial Liturgy**

5:00 pm **Vespers**

Sunday, March 22 **4TH Sunday of Lent; St. John Climacus (of The Ladder);** Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra (†362-363); Martyr Drosis, daughter of Emperor Trajan (†1ST-2ND c.); Ven. Isaac, the Confessor Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (†4TH c.); Monastic Martyr Euthymius of Prodromou (Mt. Athos—†1814)

READERS: Hours: Marlo PERRY

Epistle: Brendan SCHAUS

9:20 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

9:30 am **Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Chrismation** of Brian, Jacob, Josh, Joscelyn SMITH

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** - LIVE STREAM ON ST. NICHOLAS FACEBOOK PAGE

11:40 am **Fellowship**

6:00 pm **Deanery Vespers**

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

Monday, March 23

7:00 pm **Orthodox Study Bible**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sunday, March 8TH, 2026

— Collection

\$2,569.25

ALTAR CANDLES Today, on Sunday, March 15TH the altar candles are sponsored by Tatiana TERENTIEVA for the health of Maria ROMASHCHENKO.

MANY THANKS TO ♦ Sunday School Children and Teachers for hosting today's fellowship hour.

CHICAGO DEANERY LENTEN VESPERS You are invited to join the faithful of our Chicago Deanery parishes in Lenten prayer and fellowship as we journey together through Great Lent. All services begin at 6:00 pm.

- Sunday, March 29TH — St. Elizabeth Church, 545 W Indiana Ave., Chesterton, IN
- Palm Sunday, Apr. 5TH — Bridegroom Matins Holy Trinity Cathedral, 1121 N Leavitt St., Chicago, IL

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR If wondering when to sign up, there is no wrong time. Great reasons to host include birthdays, wedding anniversaries or memorial anniversaries. Hosting fellowship hour can be a great way to multiply your happiness or divide your sorrow. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/2026-Fellowship-Hour>

MANY YEARS... *Happy Birthday* to Josadec CERRATO on March 19TH

Newly Baptized David LUNGU on March 14TH.

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	Tatiana MAZUR	Lily NELSON	Roman FILIPOV
Kathy HANNEMAN	Nadia BILANYK	Vladimir SHILTSEV	Mike BAKER	Elena PAVLOV
Sevasti BERGSTROM	Joyce GALLICK	Alla LAVRYNENKO	Jose Felix	Nicholas JERMIHOV
Matushka Lilia LYMAR	Stevan LUNICH	Fr. Borys ZABRODSKIJ	Alice PISTILLI	Gianni ZANELLI

Today Epistle (Hebrews 4:14-5:6)

Brethren... Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek".

Апостол Дня (Евреям 4:14-5:6)

Братия... Итак, имея Первосвященника великого, прошедшего небеса, Иисуса Сына Божия, будем твердо держаться исповедания нашего. Ибо мы имеем не такого первосвященника, который не может сострадать нам в немощах наших, но Который, подобно нам, искушен во всем, кроме греха. Посему да приступаем с дерзновением к престолу благодати, чтобы получить милость и обрести благодать для благовременной помощи. Ибо всякий первосвященник, из человеков избираемый, для человеков поставляется на служение Богу, чтобы приносить дары и жертвы за грехи, могущий снисходить невежествующим и заблуждающим, потому что и сам обложен немощью, и посему он должен как за народ, так и за себя приносить жертвы о грехах. И никто сам собою не приемлет этой чести, но призывается Богом, как и Аарон. Так и Христос не Сам Себе присвоил славу быть первосвященником, но Тот, Кто сказал Ему: Ты Сын Мой, Я ныне родил Тебя; как и в другом месте говорит: Ты священник вовек по чину Мелхиседека.

Today Gospel (Mark 8:34-9:1)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy Angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

Евангелие Дня (Марк 8:34-9:1)

И, подзвав народ с учениками Своими, сказал им: "Кто хочет идти за Мною, отвергнись себя, и возьми крест свой, и следуй за Мною. Ибо кто хочет душу свою сберечь, тот потеряет ее, а кто потеряет душу свою ради Меня и Евангелия, тот сбережет ее. Ибо какая польза человеку, если он приобретет весь мир, а душе своей повредит? Или какой выкуп даст человек за душу свою? Ибо кто постыдится Меня и Моих слов в роде сем прелюбодейном и грешном, того постыдится и Сын Человеческий, когда придет в славе Отца Своего со святыми Ангелами." И сказал им: "Истинно говорю вам: есть некоторые из стоящих здесь, которые не вкусят смерти, как уже увидят Царствие Божие, пришедшее в силе."

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