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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

MARCH 19, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Veneration of the Cross

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Saint Chrysanthus came from a pagan family who had moved to Rome from Alexandria. Seeking someone to instruct him in the Holy Scriptures, he found the presbyter Carpophoros hiding from persecution, and received holy Baptism from him. After this, he began to preach the Gospel. Chrysanthus' father tried to turn his son from Christianity, and finally married him to Daria, a priestess of Minerva. Saint Chrysanthus managed to convert his wife to Christ, and the young couple mutually agreed to lead celibate lives. Saint Chrysanthus converted several young men to Christ, and many pious women gathered around Saint Daria. The people of Rome complained to the eparch Celerinus that Saints Chrysanthus and Daria were preaching celibacy and attracting too many young men and women to monasticism. Saint Chrysanthus was sent to the tribune Claudius for torture. The torments, however, did not shake the bravery of the young martyr, since the power of God clearly aided him. Struck by this, the tribune Claudius himself came to believe in Christ and accepted holy Baptism together with his wife Hilaria, their sons Jason and Maurus, and all his household and soldiers. When news of this reached the emperor Numerian (283-284), he commanded them all to be executed. The Martyr Claudius was drowned in the sea, and his sons and soldiers were beheaded. Christians buried the bodies of the holy martyrs in a nearby cave, and Saint Hilaria constantly went there to pray. Once, they followed her and led her off for torture. The saint asked that they give her a few moments to pray, and as soon as she finished, she gave up her soul to God. A servant buried the saint in the cave beside her sons. The torturers sent Saint Daria to a brothel, where she was protected by a

lion sent by God. A certain man who tried to defile the saint was knocked to the ground and pinned down by the lion, but the lion did not kill him. The martyr preached to them about Christ and set them to the path of salvation. They threw Saint Chrysanthus into a foul-smelling pit, into which all the filth of the city flowed. But a heavenly light shone on him, and the pit was filled with a sweet fragrance. Then the emperor Numerian ordered Saints Chrysanthus and Daria to be turned over to the executioners. After many cruel tortures, the martyrs were buried alive in the ground. In a cave near the place of execution, Christians began to gather to honor the anniversary of the saints' martyrdom. They celebrated Church services and partook of the Holy Mysteries.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Igumen Leonty, Archpriest Daniel, Daniel, Brian, Don, Bobbi, Yuri, David

BIRTHDAYS: Juliana Woodill, Robert Easton, Steve Edwards, Benjamin Garber

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

METROPOLITAN TIKHON AT ALL SAINTS: We are happy to welcome our beloved Metropolitan on Sunday, March 19, the third Sunday of Lent. His Beatitude will preside at the Divine Liturgy and offer the homily.

POST-PRESANCTIFIED POTLUCKS: Join us for a lenten meal following the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Please, feel free to bring (but not mandatory) a lenten dish or side to share.

CONFESSION: It is important that every Orthodox Christian receives the Mystery of Confession during the Lenten season. In the coming weeks, Fr. Alessandro will be available for Confession after the Liturgy of the Presanctified, after Great Vespers (Sat), or by appointment. If you wish to come before these services, please let him know ahead of time. Please, note that Friday, April 7 (the day before Lazarus Saturday) is the last day when Fr. Alessandro will hear Confessions before Pascha. When we enter Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, our focus must be exclusively on walking with our Lord through His passion.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Mar 22, Wed	
6:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
7:15 PM	Potluck Meal
Mar 25, Sat	
9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
4:00 PM	Bible Study (Galatians 1)
5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Mar 26, Sun	
8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Coffee Hour - Margheritino
Reader - Class
Assisting the Treasurer - Garber & Class

Fr. Alessandro is available to hear confessions after Vespers or by appointment during the week