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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 24, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Sunday of Orthodoxy

Forefeast of the Annunciation

Ven. Zachariah the Recluse

St. Artemius Bishop of Seleucia

SYNODIKON OF ORTHODOXY

As the Prophets saw, as the Apostles taught,
as the Church has received,
as the Teachers express in dogma,
as the inhabited world understands together with
them,
as grace illumines, as the truth makes clear,
as error has been banished,
as wisdom makes bold to declare,
as Christ has assured,
so we think, so we speak, so we preach,
honoring Christ our true God, and his Saints,
in words, in writings, in thoughts,
in sacrifices, in churches, in icons,
worshiping and revering the One as God and Lord,
and honoring them because of their common Lord
as those who are close to him and serve him,
and making to them relative veneration.

This is the Faith of the Apostles!

This is the Faith of the Fathers!

This is the Faith of the Orthodox!

This is the Faith which has established the universe!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Edward, Jackson, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Davide, Kelsey and her unborn

NEWBORN: Adam Pagovski

CATECHUMEN: Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

DEPARTED: Yuri, Constance, Janet

BIRTHDAY: Juliana Woodill, Calvin Harned, Benjamin Garber, Robert Easton, David Shoffner

NAMEDAYS: Gabriel Woodill

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY: We invite everyone to participate in the procession with the holy icons at the end of the Divine Liturgy. As it is customary in most parishes, we will read the special office celebrating the Triumph of Orthodoxy at the end of the procession. As you are able, please bring one icon from home.

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 26 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.

PRESENTATION ON PROJECT MEXICO: This coming Sunday, during coffee hour, our parishioner Nicholas Barr will offer a presentation on his experience with Project Mexico last year, where he plans to work again next summer.

FASTING BEFORE PRESANCTIFIED: Since we serve the Liturgy of the Presanctified in the evening, Fr. Alessandro blesses to begin fasting immediately after lunch. To the best of our abilities, we should try to have an early lunch in preparation of receiving the Holy Eucharist later. If you have particular medical condition for which this seems impossible, please reach out to Fr. A.

POST-PRESANCTIFIED POTLUCKS: As it is customary in many Orthodox communities, we will share 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.

MEALS SIGN-UP: A sign-up genius has been shared via email to invite parishioners to sign up for dishes to share after the Presanctified Liturgies during Great Lent.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choir members, please note that our next rehearsals are scheduled for the following dates: April 6 after Vespers (6-7), and May 18 after Vespers (6-7).

ARCHDIOCESAN VIGIL FOR ANNUNCIATION: Tonight, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will preside at the Archdiocesan Vigil at 6:00p at St. Mark Orthodox Church in Bethesda, MD. All faithful of the Archdiocese are encouraged to attend this beautiful celebration.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

March 25, Mon 9:00 AM	Vesperal Liturgy
March 27, Wed 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	Presanctified Liturgy Potluck Meal
March 30, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
March 31, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM	Church School Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	Mar 24	Mar 31
Coffee Hour:	Garber	Class
Reader:	Barr	Hughes

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