

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (4:14–5:6)

Brethren: seeing 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.”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34–9:1)

The Lord said: “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.”

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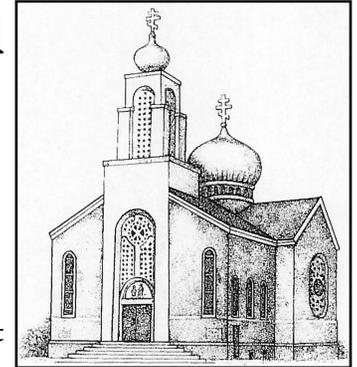
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Third Sunday of Lent—Tone 7
Veneration of the Cross
March 27, 2022

Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica
(3rd–4th c.). Martyrs Manuel and
Theodosius (304). Ven. John the
Clairvoyant, an Anchorite of Egypt
(394–395).

Welcome!

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (this “antidoron” is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament). Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

For the Sundays of Great Lent, we use the older, more extensive form of the Liturgy—the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. The rest of the year, we use the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The Liturgy Books available at the doors of the church have both (as well as the Presanctified Liturgy we use on Wednesdays). You can find the Liturgy of St. Basil starting on page 101.

Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to participate in our services online. Visit our website (sspeterpaul.org) for details.

Saturday, March 19	Great Vespers, followed by Confession	5 PM
Sunday, March 27	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
<i>Veneration of the Cross</i>	FORCC Vespers Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 4070 Park Ave, Bridgeport	4 PM
	The Fellowship of Orthodox Churches in Connecticut is a pan-Orthodox organization dedicated to promoting awareness of Orthodoxy and facilitating joint efforts. Come and worship with fellow Orthodox Christians of different backgrounds and learn more about the work of FORCC.	
Wed., March 30	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, followed by a Lenten Supper	6 PM
	Thanks to members of the Parish Council for again hosting this Wednesday supper. For the following two suppers, April 6 & 13, we will need groups of volunteers from the parish. Please speak with Donna Leonowich to coordinate our plans.	
Friday, April 1	Vespers with the Commemoration of the Departed	6 PM
	Please bring a list of those departed you wish to be remembered at this service.	
Saturday, April 2	Great Vespers, followed by Confession	5 PM
Sunday, April 3	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
<i>St. John Climacus</i>	Deanery Mission Vespers Holy Transfiguration, 285 Alden Ave, New Haven	4 PM
Friday, April 8	Akathist to the Theotokos	6 PM
Saturday, April 9	Parish Clean-Up Day Join us us to ready our church for Pascha, inside and out!	9 AM– Noon

Thanks to the choir and everyone who worked hard to host **last Sunday's Mission Vespers**. Many from the deanery have expressed deep gratitude!

Please remember that every member of this parish has a responsibility to participate in Holy Confession regularly, and at least once during Great Lent. Please make an appointment soon. Don't let the days slip away.

We are planning to assemble Easter baskets filled with fun and necessary items and distribute them to ten families in need on Saturday, April 9. All of this is made possible by your support of the Charity Fund.

The the Cross is decorated for the memory of the departed members of the Husenita and Levchuk families and for the health of the living members of these families. The flowers were offered by Helen Husenita.

The flowers for the feast of the Annunciation were offered by Irene & David Zavednak in memory of the Zavednak Family and by Sarah Massaro in memory of the Nichols & Massaro Families. Memory eternal!

We Ask Your Prayers

For newly departed Helen Anop, a parishioner of Holy Trinity, New Britain.

For those celebrating birthdays: Beverly Veronick (April 6).

For the Sick & Suffering:

His Eminence, Archbishop Paul—Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest, who has been diagnosed with an incurable brain cancer
 William (Derrig)—cousin of Sarah Massaro
 Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident
 Alexander (Mankevich)—Alzheimer's Disease
 William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis
 Judy (Zeuwalick)—Jen Sullivan's mother, suffering from a complicated operation
 Gregory (Mankevich) Jill (Zadar) Paul (Leonowich)
 Robert (Hodges) Patricia (McFarland) Steven (Cardillo)
 Margaret Irene
 Maria Veronica
 Cyprian and Dana Nicole and Naaman Helen and Helene

For Our Shut-Ins:
 Yvonne (Rutcho) Jennie (Padick)
 Margaret (Savchik) Ann (Kreshik)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: priest@sspeterpaul.org or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-284-0856.

Hymns of the Day

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.

You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin,
granting life.

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //
glory to You.

Tone 1 Troparion *(Veneration of the Cross)*

O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance!

Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross, //
preserve Your habitation!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Veneration of the Cross)*

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden;
it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross.
The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished;
for You, O my Savior, have come and cried to those in hell: //
“Enter again into Paradise!”

In the place of the Trisagion we sing:

Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master,
and Your holy Resurrection, we glorify.

Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone *(Veneration of the Cross)*

O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance! *(Ps 27/28:9)*

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!
(Ps 27/28:1)

Alleluia

v: Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old!
(Ps 73/74:2)

v: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the
midst of the earth! *(Ps 73/74:12)*

(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace:
the assembly of Angels and the race of men.

O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,
the glory of virgins,

from whom God was incarnate and became a Child —
our God before the ages.

He made your body into a throne,

and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens.

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. //

Glory to you!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

(Ps. 148:1)

The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord. *(Ps. 4:7a)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!