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March 7th, 2010 --- 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast—Veneration of the Cross

Today's Divine Liturgy: Propers: Tone 7 Readings: Heb 4:14-5:6
Mk 8:34-9:1

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS:

Sunday	Mar 7	10:00am	3 rd Sunday of the Great Fast—Veneration of the Cross—Divine Liturgy---+Veronica Derco by Kowalik family
Wednesday	Mar 10	7:00pm	Mid Lent St. Codratus and Other Martyrs--Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Friday	Mar 12	7:00pm	St. Theophane-Venerable Confessor-Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Saturday	Mar 13	10:00am	4 th All Souls Saturday-Divine Liturgy and Panachida for deceased parishioners, family and friends
Sunday	Mar 14	10:00am	4 th Sunday of the Great Fast-St. John Climacus-Venerable-Divine Liturgy-+Lisa Bishop by Mary Wells
Wednesday	Mar 17	7:00pm	St. Alexis, Man of God-Venerable- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Friday	Mar 19	7:00pm	Sts. Chrysanthus & Daria-Martyrs- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad

Sunday	Mar 21	10:00am	5 th Sunday of the Great Fast-St. Mary of Egypt-Venerable-Divine Liturgy-+Ralph Kowalik (40 th anniversary of passing) by Kowalik family
Wednesday	Mar 24	7:00pm	St. Zachary-Venerable-Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Thursday	Mar 25	7:00pm	Annunciation of the Theotokos-Divine Liturgy +Teresa Prikazsky by family
Friday	Mar 26	7:00pm	Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel-Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Saturday	Mar 27	9:00am	Saturday of St. Lazarus-Divine Liturgy-+Otilie and +Luduik Rafaj by family
Sunday	Mar 28	10:00am	Palm Sunday-Blessing of Palms & Pussywillows-Divine Liturgy-+Anton Hoffart by family
Wednesday	Mar 31	7:00pm	Holy Wednesday---Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts—Holy Anointing of the Sick
Thursday	Apr 1	7:00pm	Holy Thursday-Vespers and Liturgy of Saint Basil—Health and blessings for Kathryn Kowalik (26 th birthday) by parents
Friday	Apr 2	12 noon	Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels
		7:00pm	Vespers and Burial
Saturday	Apr 3	5:00pm	Vespers and Liturgy of Saint Basil
Sunday	Apr 4	9:00am	Resurrection Matins
		10:00am	Resurrection of Our Lord-Pascha-Divine Liturgy and Pascha Basket Blessing for Our Parish Family

SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<u>March 2010</u>			
7	Monks, S. Hoffart	Al Dancsak	Kee/Dowgun
14	Monks, M. Hoffart	Mary Black	Hoffart/Dowgun
21	Monks, B. Monks	Robert Mihalo	Dancsak/Dowgun
28	Monks, Black	John Kowpak	Mihalco/Dowgun

Please remember in your prayers the sick and homebound in our parish:
Metropolitan Basil, Anna Skuchko, Victoria Christine, Damien Yalch, Jan Garver's mother and Mike Hvasta's mother

COLLECTIONS

Sunday February 28, 2010 \$1,755.00 *God bless you for your generosity!*

WELCOME...to all our visitors worshipping with us!
Please be sure to fill out a Visitor's Card and drop it in the collection basket (or give it to the usher). And we would like you to be our guest in the Social Hall for coffee and refreshments after the Liturgy is over this morning. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Saint John Chrysostom's.
We are glad you're here!

Coffee Social is held in the church Hall following Divine Liturgy on Sundays

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our Parish baking season is in full swing as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This Wednesday will be a "Baking Day"...if you can help out, please speak with Helen Kee to get more information. The sign-up sheet for ordering Pascha (Easter Bread) is in the Narthex. The cost is \$8.00 per loaf (plain or with raisins).

Seeking donations of items for our "Easter Raffle"...we would like to have 7-10 items for a raffle by ticket sales. The proceeds will benefit St. John's activities fund, specifically our Youth Group and ECF programs. If you have any questions or you have something to donate, please speak with Fr. Elias.

From Helen Kee regarding the Yoga Class:

"I will be taking short health histories and providing an opportunity (not mandatory) for physical measurements to be taken for all the people taking the Yoga Class. Regular exercise attire is fine, be comfortable. We will have yoga mats available for anyone who needs them- courtesy of the church. I look forward to a fruitful, positive, and fun time while we work to improve our wellness selves. See you in the Social Hall after Liturgy"

Please remember in your prayers Monsignor Edward V. Rosack (a retired priest of the Archeparchy) who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

<u>2010 Calendar</u>		
Sunday	Mar 7	After Divine Liturgy, "Coffee Talk" Preserving the Foundations of Christian Identity-Led by Thomas Colyandro
Sunday	Mar 14	Divine Liturgy in Austin at 5 p.m.
Thursday	Mar 18	10am-4pm Open Studio: Icon Painting
Saturday	Mar 20	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Joint Session in Irving) at 12:00p.m. 1pm-6pm Open Studio: Icon Painting
Sunday	Mar 21	5 p.m-Light from the East Conference: The iconography of the Virgin of Guadalupe Speaker: Sergio Castillo, Director of the Office of Hispanic Ministry of Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Saturday	Mar 27	10am-4pm Adult Faith Education: The History & Identity of the Eastern Churches
Sunday	Mar 28	Divine Liturgy in Austin at 5 p.m.
Sunday	Apr 4	After Liturgy, Blessing of baskets and sharing of Pascha foods and drinks
Saturday	Apr 10	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Houston) at 3:00p.m.
Sunday	Apr 11	Easter Egg hunt for parish children
	Apr 16-18	Archeparchy Deacons and Wives' Retreat
	Apr 18-22	Fr. Elias at National Conference of Catechetical Leaders Convention
Saturday	Apr 24	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Irving) at 3:00p.m.
Saturday	May 15	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Houston & Irving) at 3:00pm
	May 17-22	Fr. Elias at Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education Board meeting
Wednesday	May 26	Moleben & Meditation at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 7pm
	June 6-12	Fr. Elias at Liturgical Commission meeting in Pittsburgh
	Aug 6-8	Texas Byzantine Retreat, led by His Grace, Bishop Nicholas (Samra) at Holy Retreat Center, Houston
Saturday	Sept 18	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Houston & Irving)
Saturday	Oct 16	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Houston & Irving)
	Nov 1-4	Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED) meet in Houston.
Saturday	Nov 13	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Houston & Irving)
Saturday	Dec 11	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Joint Session in Irving)

Leslie Bohannon's brother and his wife are in urgent need of help. They both lost their jobs in Cleveland, Ohio due to the recession and their home is now in foreclosure. They relocated to Houston in August but are having difficulty finding jobs. Brent is looking for light warehouse work; receiving, stocking shelves, or filling orders. Patty has office skills in data entry and customer service. They are considered "mature" job seekers-both over 50. They would like to find work close to home since they have only one car-this would enable them to coordinate driving schedules until they save enough money to buy a second car. They live near Hwy 290/Jersey Village. If you know of anyone who could use their skills please speak with Leslie.

Sunday, March 21 at 5pm — Light from the East Conference: An Icon for the New World-The Virgin of Guadalupe

The apparitions of the Virgin take place near the capital of New Spain, a few years after the conquest of the Aztec empire, and many locals still remember vividly the defeat. A new caste system had placed the indigenous at the lowest end of the social status. In the midst of all the chaos that comes after a war, the missionary priests and monks were trying to evangelize with varying degrees of success. In many instances their efforts resulted in violent attacks and the martyrdom of not only the missionaries but also of indigenous people who had accepted the faith. What happened here had a tremendous impact in the lives of not only the locals, but in the universal Church throughout the world. The image of the Virgin on Juan Diego's tilma has become the icon of the evangelization of the Americas and one of the most enigmatic images of the Virgin in Christendom.

Speaker: Sergio A. Castillo, MTS

Born in Mexico City, obtained a Bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Houston, and a Masters in Theological Studies from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC. He has worked within the Catholic Church in the United States at the parish, diocesan, and national levels. His work experience includes at the Office for the Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees at the USCCB, and the diocese of Arlington. He currently serves as the director for the Office of Hispanic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, and teaches an online Spanish seminar with the Catholic Distance University.

Please continue to remember those afflicted by the devastating earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. Father Elias' family and friends are all well and accounted for with no injuries or casualties. Thank you for your prayers!

Daily Readings for the 4th Week of the Great Fast

Monday-March 8th

Gen 8:21-9:7
Prov 11:19-12:6

Tuesday-March 9th

Gen 9:8-17
Prov 12:8-22
Heb 12:1-10
Mt 20:1-16

Wednesday-March 10th

Gen 9:18-10:1
Prov 12:23-13:9

Thursday-March 11th

Gen 10:32-11:9
Prov 13:9-14:6

Friday-March 5th

Gen 12:1-7
Prov 14:14-26

Saturday-March 6th

Heb 6:9-12
Mk 7:31-37