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VENERATION OF THE CROSS

MARCH 8, 2026

Epistle Heb 4:14-5:6; Gospel Mk 8:34-9:1; TONE 6

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast, March 8, 2026

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM - Lit. + Hutnick and Kataryniak Families - Leg.

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (English)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

8:45 AM - Lit. + Jerry Flynn r/by Doll Family

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

Friday, March 13, 2026

6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 14, 2026

9:00 AM - Lenten Commemoration of the Dead

5:00 PM - Lit. + Myron Kushnir r/by Burbella Family

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast, March 15, 2026

Epistle Heb 6:13-20; Gospel Mk 9:17-31

9:00 AM - Lit. + Zofia Lajkosz r/by Bobbie Karanevskii

11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

TODAY: Veneration of the Holy Cross.

The Third Sunday of Lent is of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt. 10:38). We cannot be saved unless we take it up. It's not enough to decorate the cross, carry the cross in procession, lift it up high, bless ourselves and each other with it, incense it with sweet-smelling incense, bow down in front of it, kiss it. Those are all wonderful things, but they exist only for one purpose: that we know that we are saved by it, by God, and that we would take it up.

Lenten Mission.

The mission will begin on Friday, March 20, with the 6:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and will continue until Sunday, March 22. It will be conducted by Fr. Yuriy Kozlovsky, Director of the St. Gabriel Institute in Washington. Father will hear confessions one hour before, and if necessary during, all Lenten services.

Fr. Yuriy will arrive with four students from the St. Gabriel Institute, who will give a presentation about the Institute at the Coffee Hour following the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy.

This Lenten mission event offers a wonderful opportunity for each of us to restore our connection with God through Confession, find peace amid our daily worries, and immerse ourselves in an atmosphere of grace and spiritual depth.

Saturday, March 21 - at 6:15 pm. "Family Day". All married couples with their children are welcomed.

Thanks: Fr. Ivan would like to express his sincere thanks to everyone who offered their good wishes on the occasion of his 49th birthday last week. He is very grateful for the kindness, prayers, and warm greetings he received from parishioners and friends.

Gift Auction Success.

The ladies of the St. Ann Society are grateful to all parishioners and friends who attended the Jungle Adventure Gift Auction. The hall was beautifully decorated with a jungle theme and stuffed animals, creating the feeling of being deep in the jungle. The ladies worked hard for many months beforehand, sharing ideas, purchasing gifts, and carefully planning the event, which turned out to be successful and well organized. Members of the Holy Name Society served a delicious meal in the kitchen, and the young adult group from our parish, under the supervision of our parish Sisters, delivered the prizes and verified the winning tickets. To all who attended, donated prizes, or helped in any way, thank you for making this event such a wonderful success!

Parish catechesis for March:

- **March 8** - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday 11:15 am - 12:30
- **March 11** - women (Ukrainian), Wednesday, after the Stations of the Cross
- **March 15** - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday 11:15 am - 12:30
- **March 21** - Family day, 6:15 pm
- **March 22** - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday 11:15 am - 12:30
- **March 29** - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday 11:15 am - 12:30

Donations to Church:

\$2,000.00 - Marie Alvarez

\$1,000.00 - Olga Khadykalo

\$300.00 - Lubomira Kalna, in memory of son, + OREST

Flowers for the Great Tomb of Christ and Easter

Each year, hundreds of people come to our parish from near and far to visit and pray at our "Tomb of the Lord" on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, for the Blessing of Food, and during the Easter Sunday Liturgies. This year, our Sisters would like to decorate the Tomb using only white roses.

For this reason, we kindly ask our parishioners to do the following:

- Donate either a bouquet of white roses or a single white rose during Holy Week, Tuesday, March 31 through Thursday morning, April 2. The church will be open on these days, and you may leave the flowers in the church vestibule.
- You may also make a monetary donation for flowers by placing it in the collection basket or leaving it on the table. Flower donation envelopes will be available on the table at the back of the church.

After the veneration of the Tomb, the same flowers will be rearranged and used for the Easter Services.

This is something new we would like to try—using only white roses as a beautiful and spiritual symbol of Easter and Christ's Resurrection.