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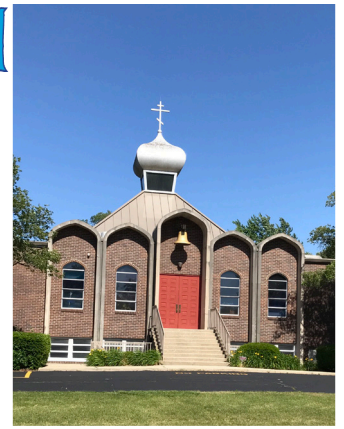
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

March 18, 2018

Hebrews 6:13-20 Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle)

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Mark 9:17-31 Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Gospel)

**A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship and fellowship.
If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.**

TODAY St. John Climacus (of The Ladder). St. Nikolai of Zhicha (†1956)

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

11:20 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

11:30 am Memorial for Mickey BALOY (40 days) requested by Deborah COOK

12:30 pm Choir rehearsal

6:00 pm *Deanery Lenten Vespers*, at St. Elizabeth Church, 545 W Indiana Ave., Chesterton IN

Wednesday, March 21

6:00 pm Confession

6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 23

6:30 pm Akathist to the Most-Holy Theotokos

Saturday, March 24

3:50 pm Russian Language Studies Class

4:50 pm Ninth Hour

5:00 pm Great Vespers with Litia

Sunday, March 25 **The Annunciation of our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary,**

5th Sunday of Lent. St. Mary of Egypt

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LENTEN DONATION COIN PAMPHLET At the candle desk we have pamphlets available for your special lenten offering. In these pamphlets are slots to insert quarters, after each completed day of lent one places a quarter in the slot. At the end of lent one would turn in the completed pamphlets to our parish.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Please check your schedule and see when you can take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board for next months coffee hour rotation.

SCRIP is available at every Sunday Fellowship Hour.

PASTORAL MINISTRY Call (815) 725-4742 or (630) 559-5785 to register as a parishioner, to initiate instruction in the Faith, to schedule sacraments, visitation, etc.

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VOLUNTEERS TO DRIVE OUR SENIOR CITIZENS Our parish has a number of senior members that could use some help getting to and from church. Let us know if you can occasionally volunteer to drive them.

MANY THANKS Cook family for hosting this mornings Fellowship.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

MaryAnn MAGERKO Tom KOMPARE Juliana MATUSIAK Lillian BRADLEY Janet HESSION
Richard JOVANOVIH Georgia PATTEN Gloria WATSON June BRADLEY Radovan JOVANOVIH

If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, please let me know.

MANY YEARS... *Happy Birthday* to Millie RADA KOVICH on March 19TH, Andrew HAUG on March 23RD, Charissa HOLWEY on March 24TH and Lori SNODE on March 25TH.

May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!

Today Epistle (Hebrews 6:13-20)

Brethren... For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Today Gospel (Mark 9:17-31)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

Апостол Дня (Евреям 6:13-20)

Братия... Бог, давая обетование Аврааму, как не мог никем высшим клясться, клялся Самим Собою, говоря: истинно благословляя благословлю тебя и размножая размножу тебя. И так Авраам, долготерпев, получил обещанное. Люди клянутся высшим, и клятва во удостоверение оканчивает всякий спор их. Посему и Бог, желая преимущественнее показать наследникам обетования непреложность Своей воли, употребил в посредство клятву, дабы в двух непреложных вещах, в которых невозможно Богу солгать, твердое утешение имели мы, прибегшие взяться за предлежащую надежду, которая для души есть как бы якорь безопасный и крепкий, и входит во внутреннейшее за завесу, куда предтечею за нас вошел Иисус, сделавшись Первосвященником навек по чину Мелхиседека.

Евангелие Дня (Марк 9:17-31)

Один из народа сказал в ответ: Учитель! я привел к Тебе сына моего, одержимого духом немой: где ни схватывает его, повергает его на землю, и он испускает пену, и скрежещет зубами своими, и цепенеет. Говорил я ученикам Твоим, чтобы изгнали его, и они не могли. Отвечая ему, Иисус сказал: о, род неверный! доколе буду с вами? доколе буду терпеть вас? Приведите его ко Мне. И привели его к Нему. Как скоро бесноватый увидел Его, дух сотряс его; он упал на землю и валялся, испуская пену. И спросил Иисус отца его: как давно это сделалось с ним? Он сказал: с детства; и многократно дух бросал его и в огонь и в воду, чтобы погубить его; но, если что можешь, сжался над нами и помоги нам. Иисус сказал ему: если сколько-нибудь можешь веровать, все возможно верующему. И тотчас отец отрока воскликнул со слезами: верую, Господи! помоги моему неверию. Иисус, видя, что сбегается народ, запретил духу нечистому, сказав ему: дух немой и глухой! Я повелеваю тебе, выйди из него и впредь не входи в него. И, вскрикнув и сильно сотрясши его, вышел; и он сделался, как мертвый, так что многие говорили, что он умер. Но Иисус, взяв его за руку, поднял его; и он встал. И как вошел Иисус в дом, ученики Его спрашивали Его наедине: почему мы не могли изгнать его? И сказал им: сей род не может выйти иначе, как от молитвы и поста. Выйдя оттуда, проходили через Галилею; и Он не хотел, чтобы кто узнал. Ибо учил Своих учеников и говорил им, что Сын Человеческий предан будет в руки человеческие и убьют Его, и, по убиении, в третий день воскреснет.