

WITH THE CURRENT COVID 19 PANDEMIC ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
PLEASE CONTACT FATHER MYRON WITH ANY QUESTIONS

CALENDAR 2020

- April 4th – Easter Confession starts 3:30 pm by Msgr. John Esseff
- April 12th - Easter
- April 26th - Easter Dinner
- May 3rd -May Crowning
- May 17th – First Solemn Communion

CCD SCHEDULE

ALL CCD CLASSES AND EVENTS CANCELLED FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK AND
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- March 29 Sunday School & Confession for children
- April 5 No Sunday School No Children's Sunday
 - Stations of the Cross with Fr. Myron and children AFTER Sunday Social; Palm Sunday
- April 12 No Sunday School; Easter Sunday
- May 3 Children's Sunday; May Crowning
- May 10 No Sunday School; Mother's Day
- May 17 Sunday School; 1st Holy Communion
- May 24 No Sunday School; Memorial Day Weekend
- June 7 Sunday School; Last Day of Sunday School; Children's Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. COVID-19 MEMORANDUM

For the time being All daily and Sunday worship will temporarily serve in our churches without the physical presence of the community of the faithful. The priests will continue to pray for you and zaočno with you. They will serve the Divine Liturgy and other worship in the intention of the faithful, especially for the health of the sick, the nurse workers, for the wise decisions of power and for the eternal said of the deceased. Full letter inserted into this weeks bulletin

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2. BUS TRIP CANCELLED

Due to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) crisis, the LUC North Anthracite Council's May 16 bus trip to New York City must be cancelled. Those who already have made payment will be reimbursed shortly

3. LENTEN RETREAT CANCELLED

For the safety of all, the Officers of the LUC have made the decision to CANCEL the March 27-29th Lenten Retreat. We are following the direction of our Church and Government. Your safety is our top priority, so this decision was necessary.

4. FEBRUARY PYROHY SALE RAISES OVER \$3,200!

Last month's Pyrohy project was another Huge success for our Church. Thanks to the hard work of Parish Volunteers, 540 dozen were made and sold. Total sales were \$3,781. Costs were \$485.21, for a Profit of \$3,295.79. Thank You to everyone involved.

5. SOLEMN HOLY DAY ON WEDNESDAY

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day is this Wednesday, March 25th. A Holy Day Divine Liturgy will be held PRIVATELY BY FATHER MYRON NO PUBLIC SERVICE

6. DIVINE LITURGY TO BE LIVESTREAMED

Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, Pa. The Divine Liturgy (bi-lingual) will be livestreamed Sunday, March 22 10:30 AM with Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak presiding. Click on Archieparchial Facebook page to watch: <https://www.facebook.com/archeparchyphilly/>

Click on Cathedral Facebook page to watch:

<https://www.facebook.com/Philadelphia-Ukrainian-Catholic-Cathedral-of-the-Immaculate-Conception-139284692765626/>

7. EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A reminder that donations for Easter Flowers can be made next weekend, March 28th & 29th. Please use the specially marked envelope in your collection packet. Your Donations will help us Beautify our Church for the most joyous Resurrection.

LITURGY PETITIONS FOR THE HEALING FROM CORONAVIRUS

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, give your command that we may be spared from this illness and experience your healing love, let us pray to the Lord.

Supreme Physician of our souls and bodies, heal those who are ill from coronavirus, have mercy on those who have died and comfort their families, grant the wisdom to those searching for a cure, and help us, through your peace, to overcome our anxiety and fear, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF SAINT EPHRAIM

OH LORD AND MASTER OF MY LIFE! TAKE AWAY FROM ME THE SPIRIT OF LAZINESS, INATTENTION, LUST OF POWER, AND POINTLESS GOSSIP

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INSTEAD, GRANT TO ME, YOUR SERVANT, THE SPIRIT OF WHOLESOME VIRTUE, HUMILITY, PATIENCE, AND LOVE

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**YES, OH LORD AND KING! GRANT ME TO NOTICE MY OWN SINS AND NOT TO JUDGE OTHERS, FOR YOU ARE BLESSED FOREVER AND EVER.
AMEN.**

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PROPER S Pg630 NOTE Liturgy of Basil the Great Sunday ONLY

Troparion: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy." O John, our God bearing father, you were shown to be a citizen of the desert an angel in bodily form, and a worker of miracles. Through fasting, prayers and vigils you received heavenly gifts to heal the sick and the souls of those who with faith run to you. Glory to Him who gives you strength. Glory to Him who crowns you. Glory to Him who works healing for all through you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit Now and forever and ever.
Amen**

Kontakion: On the heights of true abstinence, the Lord established you as a reliable star, giving light for guidance to the ends of the earth O father John, our teacher.

Prokeimenon: How great are Your works, O Lord You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

The ven'erable ones will exalt in glory and they shall be joyful in their beds.

Alleluia: Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness and justice.

Verse: You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

They were planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God

Instead of "It is truly..." (O Tebi Raduyetsia) SUNDAY ONLY:

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before the ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you!

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord for the heavens praise Him in the highest.

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.

Epistle March Hebrews 6:13-20

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews Brethren, No one is greater than God. So he made a promise in his own name when he said to Abraham, "I, the Lord, will bless you with many descendants!" Then after Abraham had been very patient, he was given what God had promised. When anyone wants to settle an argument, they make a vow by using the name of someone or something greater than themselves. So when God wanted to prove for certain that his promise to his people could not be broken, he made a vow. God cannot tell lies! And so his promises and vows are two things that can never be changed.

We have run to God for safety. Now his promises should greatly encourage us to take hold of the hope that is right in front of us. This hope is like a firm and steady anchor for our souls. In fact, hope reaches behind the curtain and into the most holy place. Jesus has gone there ahead of us, and he is our high priest forever, just like Melchizedek.

Gospel March Mark 9:17-31

Someone from the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought my son to you. A demon keeps him from talking. Whenever the demon attacks my son, it throws him to the ground and makes him foam at the mouth and grit his teeth in pain. Then he becomes stiff. I asked your disciples to force out the demon, but they couldn't do it." Jesus said, "You people don't have any faith! How much longer must I be with you? Why do I have to put up with you? Bring the boy to me." They brought the boy, and as soon as the demon saw Jesus, it made the boy shake all over. He fell down and began rolling on the ground and foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" The man answered, "Ever since he was a child. The demon has often tried to kill him by throwing him into a fire or into water. Please have pity and help us if you can!" Jesus replied, "Why do you say 'if you can'? Anything is possible for someone who has faith!" Right away the boy's father shouted, "I do have faith! Please help me to have even more." When Jesus saw that a crowd was gathering fast, he spoke sternly to the evil spirit that had kept the boy from speaking or hearing. He said, "I order you to come out of the boy! Don't ever bother him again." The spirit screamed and made the boy shake all over. Then it went out of him. The boy looked dead, and almost everyone said he was. But Jesus took hold of his hand and helped him stand up. After Jesus and the disciples had gone back home and were alone, they asked him, "Why couldn't we force out that demon?" Jesus answered, "Only prayer can force out that kind of demon." Jesus left with his disciples and started through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know about it, because he was teaching the disciples that the Son of Man would be handed over to people who would kill him. But three days later he would rise to life.

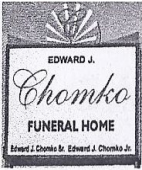
St. John Climacus, St. John of the Ladder

Born in the sixth century, John spent the first sixteen years of his life in Palestine, the ancient Holy Land of his birth whose traditions he respected and whose Christian heritage is cherished. His early ambitions were realized when he went to the monastery of St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai, the oldest Christian monastery in the world. There he became one of the most scholarly monks in Christendom. The site of St. Catherine's was conducive to prayer and meditation, for there the scene of the burning bush took place and there Moses received the word of God himself. Moreover, to this place the grieving St. Helen, mother of St. Constantine the Great, came on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land some three hundred years before.

John is remembered not only as the author of the masterful "Ladder of Perfection," but also as the originator of hesychasm, the divine quietness that leads one to God through constant prayer, the prayer which has come to be known as the pure or intellectual "Jesus Prayer." Regarding this John wrote: "Let the remembrance of Jesus be present with each breath, and then you will know the value of hesychia." He continued to champion this doctrine which found eager support among Christian thinkers, chief among them was St. Gregory Palamas, whose sponsorship brought about official Church recognition of hesychasm in the fourteenth century.

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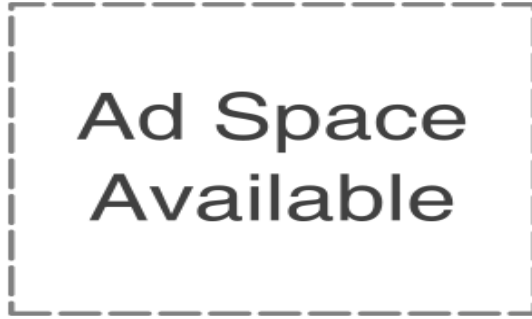


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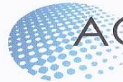
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