



WEEKLY BULLETIN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH
March 3, 2019

Sunday of the Last Judgment - Meatfare Sunday

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2**

Gospel: **Matthew 25:31-46**

Weekly Schedule of Services/Events

Sunday, March 3

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

10:30AM Church School

Coffee: Feduik

Epistle: Jennifer Morrison

Monday, March 4

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 5

12:00PM St. John's Seniors

Wednesday, March 6

6:00PM Moleben to the Mother of God

Thursday, March 7

7:00PM Board Meeting

Saturday, March 9

9:00AM Pre-Lenten Breakfast setup

Sunday, March 10

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Gregory Morrison

10:30AM Church School

Pre-Lenten Breakfast

Rescue Mission

Service Schedule

Divine Liturgy 9am

Weekday Eve Service 7pm

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Weekly Announcements

PRE-LENTEN BREAKFAST: We will hold our Pre-Lenten Breakfast following Divine Liturgy next Sunday. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.0 for children. Full details of the breakfast will be in next week's bulletin.

PARENTING WORKSHOP: The Diocese is sponsoring a Parenting Workshop that will be held at our Church in Rockaway. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information.

SLOVAKIA TRIP: Holy Trinity Church in Danbury is hosting a trip to Slovakia August 19-31. The trip will visit many historical, cultural and religious sights. If you are interested in possibly going on the trip, please contact Fr. Luke Mihaly at padreluke@aol.com to receive a complete brochure of the trip.

CARPATHO-RUSYN EVENT: The New England Carpatho-Rusyn Society will offer a presentation on Carpathian Villages today at 11:00am in the Church Auditorium.

SUNDAY LENTEN VESPERS: The Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood will once again be offering Lenten Vesper Services starting with the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Bridgeport on March 17th at 4pm. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for all of the upcoming services and plan to attend.

ADULT EDUCATION: Our adult education class will be looking at our faith in comparison with other faiths in the world. We will be using the book "Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy" by Fr. Stephen Damick. If you are interested in having the book, it may be ordered from Ancient Faith Ministries or from Amazon.

Scripture Readings for Sunday

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Wisdom of the Fathers

He indicates the dispositions of each, calling the one kids, the other sheep, that He might indicate the unfruitfulness of the one, for no fruit will come from kids; and the great profit from the other, for indeed from sheep great is the profit, as well from the milk, as from the wool, and from the young, of all which things the kid is destitute.

St. John Chrysostom

Homily on Matt. XXV, 4th Century

Sunday of the Last Judgment

The icon of the Sunday of the Last Judgment incorporates all of the elements of the parable from Matthew 25:31-46. Christ sits on the throne and before him the Last Judgment takes place. He is extending his hands in blessing upon the Theotokos on his right, and John the Baptist on his left. Seated on smaller thrones are the Apostles, represented by Peter and Paul, a depiction of the words of Christ in Matthew 19:28.

Proceeding from the throne are the scrolls pronouncing the judgment upon the sheep and the goats. The faithful are received with the scroll on the right to Judge, "Come, you and inherit the scroll on the left full with the words, cursed, into the Before the throne, human race, Adam Christ. In the cen-Archangel Michael. of judgment and books that con-person (Revelation are the angels with the return of Christ rection of the dead of the Last Judg-4:16-17).

To the left of the the living and the dead who are approaching the throne and Christ the judge. Whereas Adam and Eve are representative of all of humanity, this part of the icon shows that both the living and the dead will stand before Christ. At the bottom right of the icon is the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and the demons, and also for those who are not found worthy to inherit the Kingdom of God.

The icon offers a clear image of the theme of judgment with Christ on His throne, the Archangel with the scales and books, and the anticipation of the sentence of everlasting punishment for the unrighteous and the reward of eternal life for the righteous



goats. The faithful are words that are written the right of Christ the blessed of My Father, kingdom" (v. 34). The condemns the unfaith- "Depart from me you everlasting fire" (v. 41). the progenitors of the and Eve, bow before ter of the icon is the He is holding the scales is surrounded by the tain the works of each 20:11-13). Also shown trumpets announcing and signaling the resur- and the commencement (I Thessalonians

Archangel are both

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2019

The time for Summer Camp is Rapidly Approaching!!! The clock is ticking!!
REGISTER ONLINE STARTING MAR. 1, 2019!!!

Dates for the Summer Camping Program

Week 1: July 14-20, 2019

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

Week 2: July 21-27, 2019

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Week 3: July 28-August 3, 2019

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

Register Online Starting March 1, 2019 - Register at campnazareth.org

From the Home Page, From the 2019 Summer Camp Icon, or From the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for Camper Registration.

If you are Clergy or a Volunteer go to the 2019 Summer Camp Icon on the Home Page or the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for the paper forms under Clergy/Volunteers.

\$20 Early Bird Discount Per Child!!!! (one-time only, not per week)

Register & pay by May 15, 2019!!!!

Online Registration **MUST** be complete **AND** payment must be submitted by May 15 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount. Registrations after June 15 will incur an additional \$20 late fee.

When you register online please note that you will still need to submit a paper copy of the Medical Examination Form (i.e. Camper Physical) which must be filled out and signed by a licensed medical professional (licensed physician or physician's assistant). This form will be emailed to you after you complete the online registration process.

Payment by check, money order, or credit card is accepted. Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to Camp Nazareth and sent to Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137.

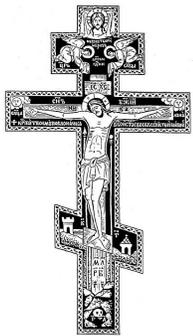
OCAGB lenten vespers 2019



Sunday March 17 Sunday of Orthodoxy
Holy Trinity Church, Bridgeport 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday March 24—2nd Sunday of Lent -
St. Gregory Palamas**

St. John's, Church Broadbridge, Stratford – 4:00 p.m.



**Sunday March 31—3rd Sunday of Lent -
Veneration of the Holy Cross (FORCC)**

OCAGB—Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday April 7—4th Sunday of Lent -
St. John Climacus**

OCAGB: St. Nicholas, Bridgeport—4:00 p.m.



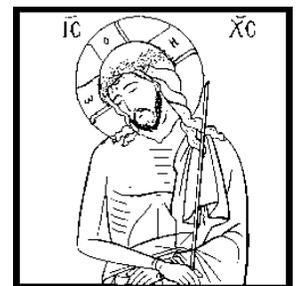
**Sunday April 14—5th Sunday of Lent -
St. Mary of Egypt - Holy Unction Service**

Three Saints Church – Ansonia 4:00 p.m.



**Sunday April 21—Palm Sunday -
Bridegroom Matins**

OCAGB St. John Church, Mill Hill Ave, Bridgeport



St. Leo the Great of Rome



According to some, this Saint was born in Rome, but according to others in Tyrrenia (Tuscany), and was consecrated to the archiepiscopal throne of Rome in 440. In 448, when Saint Flavian, Archbishop of Constantinople, summoned Eutyches, an archimandrite in Constantinople, to give account for his teaching that there was only one nature in Christ after the Incarnation, Eutyches appealed to Saint Leo in Rome. After Saint Leo had carefully examined Eutyches's teachings, he wrote an epistle to Saint Flavian, setting forth the Orthodox teaching of the person of Christ, and His two natures, and also counseling Flavian that, should Eutyches sincerely repent of his error, he should be received back with all good will. At the Council held in Ephesus in 449, which was presided over by Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria (and which Saint Leo, in a letter to the holy Empress Pulcheria in 451, was the first to call "The Robber Council"), Dioscorus, having military might behind him, did not allow Saint Leo's epistle to Flavian to be read, although repeatedly asked to do so; even before the Robber Council was held, Dioscorus had uncanonically received the unrepentant Eutyches back into communion. Because Saint Leo had many cares in Rome owing to the wars of Attila the Hun and other barbarians, in 451 he sent four delegates to the Fourth Ecumenical Council, where 630 Fathers gathered in Chalcedon during the reign of Marcian, to condemn the teachings of Eutyches and those who supported him. Saint Leo's epistle to Flavian was read at the Fourth Council, and was confirmed by the Holy Fathers as the Orthodox teaching on the incarnate person of our Lord; it is also called the "Tome of Leo." The Saint wrote many works in Latin; he reposed in 461. See also Saint Anatolius, July 3.

New England Carpatho-Rusyn Socitey Presentation

CARPATHIAN VILLAGES

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE 1,000 + VILLAGES
IN THE CARPATHIAN HOMELAND?

Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 11:00 am in the auditorium of:
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
364 MILL HILL AVENUE (next to Bridgeport Hospital)

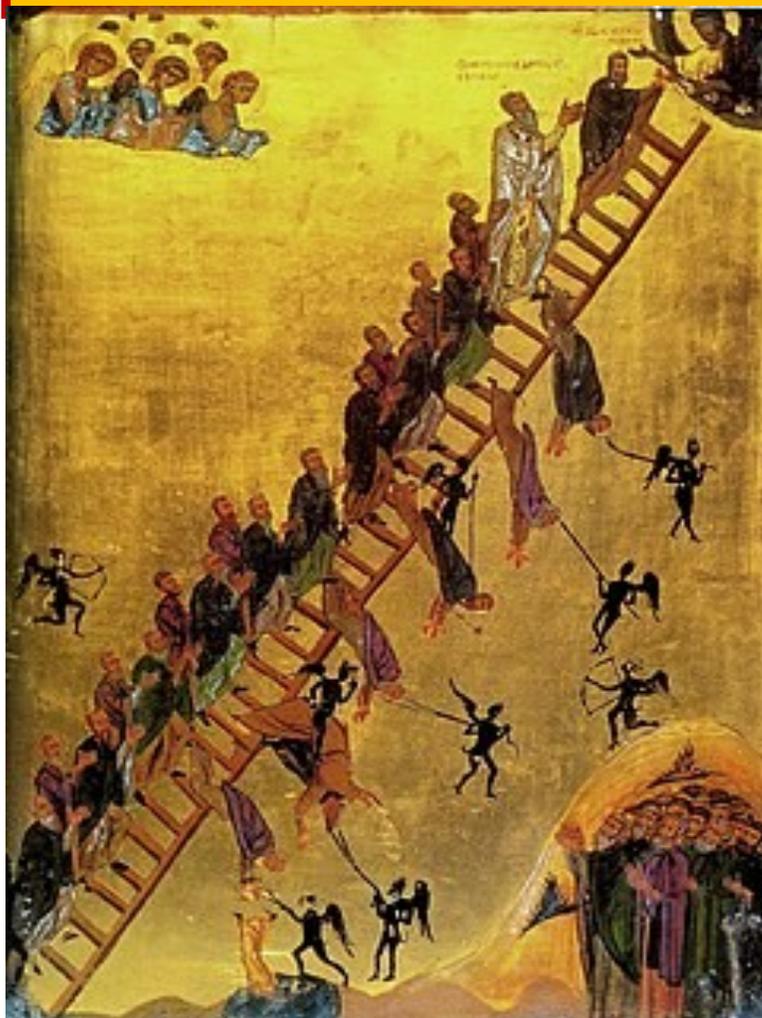
light refreshments will be available

donations to defray the cost of the venue gratefully accepted

Lenten Retreat

*Focusing on the Ladder of Divine Ascent and our
spiritual journey one step at a time*

April 13, 2019



Speakers:

His Eminence

Metropolitan Gregory

Fr. Anthony Perkins

Retreat registration:

Adults \$40 (late fee \$15)

Adolescents \$20 (late fee \$10)

Children (under 12) \$7

*Registration includes all meals, breakfast,
lunch and dinner.*

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