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APRIL 4, 2021 / 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (TONE 2)

TODAY'S SAINTS

Sunday of the Holy Cross. St. Joseph the Hymnographer; St. Isidore, Bishop of Seville; St. George of Mount Maleon; St. Zosimas of Palestine; Monk-martyr Hildebert of Ghent; St. Thomas, Archbishop of Thessalonica; Martyr Pherbutha of Persia and Companions; St. Joseph the Much-Ailing, of Kiev-Caves; St. Zosimas, Abbot of Vorbozomsk; New Martyr Nicetas of Serres; St. Tigernach of Clones

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

TROPARION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

- *Choir sings the troparion of Apostles Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE SEVEN

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; / it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. / The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; / for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell: // “Enter again into Paradise!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, let us, then, hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we have a great High Priest who has gone into the very presence of God—Jesus, the Son of God. Our High Priest is not one who cannot feel sympathy for our weaknesses. On the contrary, we have a High Priest who was tempted in every way that we are, but did not sin. Let us have confidence, then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it. Every high priest is chosen from his fellow-men and appointed to serve God on their behalf, to offer sacrifices and offerings for sins. Since he himself is weak in many ways, he is

able to be gentle with those who are ignorant and make mistakes. And because he is himself weak, he must offer sacrifices not only for the sins of the people but also for his own sins. No one chooses for himself the honor of being a high priest. It is only by God's call that a man is made a high priest—just as Aaron was. In the same way, Christ did not take upon himself the honor of being a high priest. Instead, God said to him, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.” He also said in another place, “You will be a priest forever, in the priestly order of Melchizedek.”

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old!

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-9:1)

Then Jesus called the crowd and his disciples to him. “If any of you want to come with me,” he told them, “you must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me. For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for me and for the gospel, you will save it. Do you gain anything if you win the whole world but lose your life? Of course not! There is nothing you can give to regain your life. If you are ashamed of me and of my teaching in this godless and wicked day, then the Son of Man will be ashamed of you when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” And he went on to say, “I tell you, there are some here who will not die until they have seen the Kingdom of God come with power.”

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

[Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing the following]

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: / the assembly of angels and the race of men. / O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, / the glory of virgins, / from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: / our God before the ages. / He made thy body into a throne, / and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. / All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. // Glory to thee!

COMMUNION HYMN

The light of Thy countenance has shone on us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

NEXT WEEKEND’S SERVICES

6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos & General Panichida

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

<p><i>“Everything is a reminder of the Cross. We ourselves are made in the shape of a cross”</i> – St. John Vianney (1786-1859)</p>

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Elizabeth Zuber & Family in memory of Michael Zuber (10th anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Olga DeMay in memory of Anna Pirniak (anniversary of birth). **St. John’s Cross** offered by Mary Mullally in memory of V. Rev. Archpriest John Udics. **St. Nicholas’ Cross** offered by Mary Mullally in memory of Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak.

ST. BASIL’S HOUSE

The Diocesan Appeal of Almsgiving in Great Lent 2021 is for the benefit of the recently established St. Basil’s House in Trenton, New Jersey. We ask that you donate clothing (clean and in good condition) and canned food — Reader Stephen Wasilewski will oversee the collection of the donated items brought to church.

VIRTUAL TEEN RETREATS

The Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry will be hosting its virtual Annual Lenten Teen Retreat for Teens in Grades 7-12 on Saturday, April 17th. The retreat will be split into two sessions: 12:00-3:00 PM & 7:00-8:30 PM. FOCA is hosting a virtual Youth Lenten Retreat for all youth (K-12) on Sunday, April 11, 2021, 4:00-7:00 PM. Please see the April 2021 issue of our parish newsletter, *Quo Vadis*, for the online registration website addresses.