

*Leavetaking  
Annunciation  
Synaxis of Gabriel  
Tone 8*

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*Hebrews 6:13-20  
Mark 9:17-31*

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*Homily by  
Fr. Marc Dunaway*

*Epistle Reader:  
Ben Dunaway*

*Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Clodfelter / Snider*

# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, March 26, 2023  
And the Days Following*



*O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.*

### *Feast Days and Services*

#### *The Annunciation of the Mother of God Saturday, March 25*



Great Vespers for the Feast – Friday, March 24 at 7:15pm

Divine Liturgy – Saturday, March 25 at 9:15am

*Fish, Wine, and Oil (There will be no Compline with Akathist for the Mother of God on Friday Evening March 24<sup>th</sup>)*

#### **Pancake Feed After Annunciation Liturgy Canceled**

We are sorry to announce the Annunciation pancake breakfast is being canceled. While it was a wonderful idea, it just did not come to fruition. Perhaps it is something we can do in the future. Liturgy will still be held at the same time. – Sisters of Mary and Martha

#### **Services for the Fifth Week of Lent**

##### **This week's schedule.**

- Wednesday – Presanctified Liturgy 6:15pm, Soup Supper
- Thursday – Little Compline and Reading of Life of Mary of Egypt 7:15pm
- Friday – Compline with Akathist Hymn 7:15pm
- Saturday – Great Vespers at 7:15pm

#### **Pascha Folk Dance Practice**

Calling folks of all ages, please join us for folk dance practice Sunday April 2nd at 6:00pm in the church basement. Feel free to bring an appetizer style food to share and invite a friend! If you have questions please see Jessica Kies. We hope to see you!

## Kid's Choir Practice On Sundays



We will continue to have practices on Sundays. All kids ages 4 through high school are welcome. Please contact Jessica Kies or Cara Fletes if you have any questions. We look forward to singing with you!



## Men's Lenten Retreat Has Been Canceled



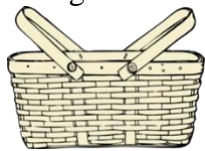
## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sundays 12:30pm – 2:00pm

## A Big Thank You to All Those Who Came and Cleaned Our Cathedral

Mary Curry and Kh. Colleen help the young people sign up for cleaning jobs on Saturday morning. Each one earned a ticket for completing a job, which earned them a chance to win one of the prizes Fr. Robert and Kh. Colleen provided. The cleaning day was a lot of fun thanks to this good preparation. And the Cathedral had the clean smell of Murphy's Oil Soap by midday. Thank you to everyone who came out to help!



## Good Works Basket – Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services



Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS) is a program that provides a bridge for refugees from their former home and life experiences to new locations and opportunity where they are able to acquire knowledge and skills needed for success in the United States. Focusing on economic self-sufficiency, community integration, a respect for unique cultures and historic traditions RAIS creates an environment of compassion and encouragement for refugees to flourish. Anchorage has become a home for refugees of various family compositions from Africa, Afghanistan, and other parts of Asia, and now most recently from Ukraine. Catholic Social Services through the Community Engagement Manager, Kelly, expressed sincere gratitude in advance for any help St. John's can offer.

**Comforters for warmth and sheets - twin and queen size.**

**Right now, they have no sheets and very few Comforters.**

**Other items needed:**

Soap, Shampoo, Paper Towels and Toilet Paper.



## Coffee Hour This Sunday - March 26, 2023 Group D - Fourth Sunday of the Month

**Hosts Families: Clodfelter / Snider**

Snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clodfelter, Dougherty, Fr. M & Kh. B Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Hightower, Idhe, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Potts, Dn. J & D Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, Terrell, Webster

Lenten Fast - bring snacks to serve at least 4 families.

Note: Please reserve some trays of snacks for the choir and leave them in the kitchen.

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**Next Sunday - Group A - April 2, 2023 Hosts: O'Fallon / Templeton**

Snacks: Abel, Baker, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Eckert, Gillquist, Haley, Hoxie, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey, O'Fallon, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Wells, Zink

## Dates to Remember



### Thursday Reading Group

The Thursday readers will meet at JoAnn Webster's home at 10am. Everyone's welcome, bring a snack! JoAnn

## Birthdays This Week

March 26 - Brittany Sturdevant  
March 28 - Keith Haley

March 30 - Sam Stogsdill  
April 1 - Doreen Dougherty

**M A N Y Y E A R S !**



## Remembering in Prayer...



Janet Hawi  
Gwyn Jones  
Preston Collier  
Jan Northey  
Kh. Rita Molloy  
Tisha Dunham

Al Zink  
Eloise Lamb  
Margaret Grasse  
Kh. Sally Howell  
Fr. Michael Molloy

## Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



\* Helen Primis - March 14, 1999  
\* Clyde Clarence Jones - March 29, 2002

**M E M O R Y E T E R N A L !**



## Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each MONTH

For the Month of **April** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, April 28.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



### THE SYNAXARION

Synaxis Archangel Gabriel – March 26



On March 26, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Leavetaking of the feast of the Annunciation to the Most-holy Theotokos, and we celebrate the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. This commemoration has been handed down to us from the most ancient times, since he ministered to the divine, and ineffable Trinity.

#### *Verses*

*O Word of God, with fitting honor*

*All flesh honors the bodiless host who announced Your Incarnation.*

*On the twenty-sixth, Gabriel lifts up creation to hymns and chants.*

The Archangel Gabriel is the announcer of the Incarnation of the Son of God and the salvation of mankind. He appeared to Zacharias about the birth of the Forerunner. Gabriel said of himself, “I am Gabriel, who stands before God.” The name Gabriel means “Man-God.” The Holy Fathers, in speaking about the Annunciation, interpret that an archangel with such a name was sent to signify who and what Jesus Christ would be like, fully man and fully God, Who must be born of the All-pure Theotokos. Some of the Fathers understood that this same messenger, Gabriel appeared to Joachim and Anna concerning the birth of the Virgin Mary, and that Gabriel instructed Moses in the wilderness to write the Book of Genesis. The Holy Fathers of the Church rank the Archangel Gabriel as part of the Seraphic Order which stands closest to God.

On this day, we also commemorate Stephen the Confessor, abbot of Triglia. By the intercessions of Your saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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