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Sunday, February 26, 2023 – First Sunday of Great Lent; Sunday of Orthodoxy Commemoration of our Father among the Saints Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza

Troparion after the Great Doxology: Today Salvation has come to the world: Let us sing to Him, Who is risen from the tomb, the Author of Life, for He has crushed death by His Death and bestowed upon us victory and abundant mercy.

Antiphon Prayer of the Triodion: O Christ God, you condescended to be incarnate, taking the form of a slave. You became like one of us by the body to make us participants in Your glorious Likeness. Wherefore we paint Your image on icons and we honor it by mouth and heart asking for the grace to be healed by its power. For it belongs to You to have mercy on us and to heal us, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving, and worship, and to Your Eternal Father, and Your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Antiphon of the Feast

Cantor: The Lord is King, in splendor robed; robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.

All: *O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia*

Cantor: Who can tell the mighty deeds of the Lord, or proclaim all His praises?

All: *Khallisna Ya-Bnallah, Ya Man qama min baynil-amwaat, nahnu muranneemeena Laka. Haleloueya.*

Cantor: Thus let the redeemed of the Lord say, those whom He has redeemed from the hand of the foe.

All: *O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia*

Cantor: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

****The traditional procession with Icons begins at this point****

All: O Only-begotten Son... (p.18)

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5): Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word... (p.25)

Troparion of the Holy Icons (Tone 2): Before your most pure image, we bow in worship, O Good One, begging forgiveness of our stumbling, Christ God: because you chose of your own free will to ascend upon the cross in the flesh in order to deliver from the enemy's yoke those you had created. For this reason we cry out to you in thanksgiving: "You our Savior have filled all things with joy when you came to save the world."

Troparion of Saint Ann: *O divinely wise Ann... (p. 30)*

Kontakion of the Annunciation (Tone 8): Triumphant Leader to you belongs our prize of victory...(p. 168)

Prokimenon: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

Stichon: For you are just in all you have done to us, and all your works are true, and your ways right.

Epistle: Heb. 11:24-26; 32-40; 12:1-2 (Reader: Mary Hajj)

Alleluia: Moses and Aaron were among his priests and Samuel among those who called upon his name.

Stichon: They called upon the Lord, and he answered them; from the pillar of cloud he spoke to them.

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Hirmos of St. Basil: In you, o Full of Grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and the human race as well: O Sanctified Temple, Spiritual Paradise, and Glory of Virgins, from whom our God, who exists before all eternity, took flesh and became a little child! He has taken your womb as his throne, making it more spacious than the heavens. Therefore, full of grace, in you all creation rejoices: glory to you!

Kinonikon: *Praise the Lord (p. 65); Communion: Make me this day... (p.68); After Communion: We have seen the True Light... (p. 69)*

THE DIVINE LITURGY IS OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ✠ JULIETTE HADDAD (SAMIRA KARAM & FAMILY)

Sunday, March 5, 2023 – Second Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of the Holy Relics

Epistle: Heb. 1:10-14; 2:1-3 (Reader: Arabic, Randa Antous – English, Nabil Takla) **Gospel: Mark 2:1-12**

THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: ✠ JULIETTE HADDAD (GEORGETTE AYOUB)

Lenten Parish Mission – March 15-16. Fr. Albert Forlano, a wise and experienced priest, confessor, and guide of souls, who has graced us with his presence in the past, will preach our annual Lenten parish mission. A prayer service will be followed by Fr. Al's spiritual meditation. During a period of silent reflection Fr. Al will hear confessions. Each evening will conclude with a communal prayer.

Donations for flowers for the Akathist Hymns on Fridays in Lent in the amount of \$50 are being accepted.

Friday, Feb. 24: In memory of Souad Karam (Nuhad Haddad)
Friday, March 3: In memory of Josephine & Chafic Hanna and Fouad Fadel & for the health and salvation of John Hanna & Family (John & Maha Hanna)
Friday, March 10: Available
Friday, March 17: Available
Friday, March 24: Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation. No Akathist Hymn on this date.
Friday, March 31: Available

Syria Earthquake Relief: The earthquake in northern Syria has devastated the region. Please consider a donation to the Diocese's Syria Relief Fund, which assures that all funds are used to provide for those in true and immediate need.

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BIBLE STUDY continues Saturday mornings, February 26, March 4 & throughout Lent: An introduction to the Old Testament texts as foundation for further study of the Sunday Epistle texts of Lent from the Book of Hebrews. Participatory facilitation of those epistles by participants will be encouraged but not required.

LENTEN LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: The schedule throughout Lent is Great Compline on Monday, Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, and Akathist hymn on Friday (except 4/24 = Vespers for Annunciation). All services begin at 5:30 pm.

Sunday Collections: The second collection next week, March 5th, will be for heating oil & electricity, the costs of which have risen dramatically. Thank you for your continued generosity.

1/29/2023 Reg: \$922.52 Fundraising: \$50	2/5/2023 Reg: \$1,952 Clergy Ret: \$233	2/12/2023 Reg: \$2,371; Spec Proj: \$20 Clergy Ret: \$60 Fundraising: \$8,500	2/19/2023 Reg: \$1,131; Spec. Proj. \$307 Clergy Ret: \$30; First Env: \$20 Akathist Flowers: \$100
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UPCOMING EVENTS: **Sat.** Feb. 25 - Bible Study @ 10:00 am
Mon. Feb. 27 - Great Compline @ 5:30 pm
Wed. March 1 - Presanctified Liturgy @ 5:30 pm
Fri. March 3 - Akathist Hymn @ 5:30 pm
Sat. March 4 - Bible Study @ 10:00 am

Announcement from the Eparchy: A Victim Assistance private toll-free line for reporting of sexual abuse in the Eparchy of Newton has been established. This phone rings to and is answered only by the Eparchial Victim Assistance Coordinator. To report sexual abuse by clergy, parish personnel, or volunteers of the Eparchy of Newton, please call the coordinator of the Victim Assistance Office (1-800-479-5910).

Sacramental Guidelines

HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION: Before or after any service, or by appointment.

HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Contact Fr. Tom to arrange the required baptismal instruction.

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING (Marriage): Contact Fr. Tom at least six months in advance to arrange required canonical investigation, interview and pre-Cana instruction.

HOLY MYSTERY OF ANOINTING (and Communion) OF THE SICK: Contact Fr. Tom to arrange a home or hospital visit.