

MARTYR CHRYSANTHUS AND THOSE WITH HIM AT ROME

St. Chrysanthus came from a pagan family who had moved to Rome from Alexandria. He received a fine education but wanted to learn about Christianity. He found the presbyter Carpophoros, hiding from persecution, and received Baptism from him. He began to preach the Gospel. His father tried to sway him and married him to Daria, a priestess of Minerva.

St. Chrysanthus managed to convert his wife to Christ, and the young couple mutually agreed to lead celibate lives, eventually in separate houses. St. Chrysanthus converted several young men to Christ, and many pious women gathered around St. Daria.

The people of Rome complained to the eparch that the saints were preaching celibacy and attracting too many young people to monasticism. St. Chrysanthus was sent to the tribune Claudius for torture. He remained firm in his faith, and Claudius himself came to believe in Christ and was baptized, along with his wife Hilaria, their sons Jason and Maurus, and all his household and soldiers. The emperor Numerian learned of this and commanded them all to be executed. Claudius was drowned in the sea, and his sons and soldiers were beheaded. St. Hilaria went to the cave where Christians had buried the bodies of the martyrs, and she was captured and led off to torture. She asked for a few moments to pray, and as soon as she finished, she gave up her soul to God.

St. Daria was sent to a brothel, where she was protected by a lion sent by God. St. Chrysanthus was thrown into a sewage pit, but a heavenly light shone on him, and the pit was filled with a sweet fragrance.

The emperor ordered Sts. Chrysanthus and Daria to be turned over to the executioners. They were cruelly tortured and buried alive in the ground. In a cave near the place of their execution, Christians began to gather to honor their martyrdom, celebrating Church services and partaking in the Holy Mysteries. Learning of this the pagan authorities sealed the entrance to the cave, and those within received the crown of martyrdom. Two of these martyrs are known by name — Presbyter Diodorus and the Deacon Marianus.



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TONE 6

MARCH 19, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, and those with them at Rome:

Claudius, Hilaria, Jason, Maurus, Diodorus the Presbyter, and Marianus the Deacon;

St. Innocent of Komel', disciple of St. Nilus of Sora;

Martyr Pancharius at Nicomedia

“Today, the precious Cross of Christ is placed before us. In worship let us fall before it and rejoice in faith. With love let us greet Him who freely gave His life thereon, that He may find us worthy of adoring His passion and reaching the Resurrection, free of condemnation.”

Exapostilarion, Tone II

“In striving for the perfect good, you pursued whatever good you saw, O holy Chrysanthus, so that by your truly golden words, you won the lovely Daria for Christ, our God. For love of Him you suffered terrible torments, but not without shaming the tormentor himself. Remember us who honor your memory.”

Kondakion, Tone III

TODAY'S EPISTLE: HEBREWS 4:14-5:6

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MARK 8:34-9:1

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

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| Today, March 19 | 5:00 p.m. Lenten Mission Vespers at St. John the Baptist Church; Warren |
| Wednesday, March 22 | 6:00 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy |
| Friday, March 24 | 6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Annunciation |
| Saturday, March 25 | 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy— Annunciation of the Theotokos |
| | 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers |

Daily Scripture Readings

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| Monday, March 20 | Isaiah 14:24-32 | Genesis 8:21-9:7 | Proverbs 11:19-12:6 |
| Tuesday, March 21 | Isaiah 25:1-9 | Genesis 9:8-17 | Proverbs 12:8-22 |
| Wednesday, March 22 | Isaiah 26:21-27:9 | Genesis 9:18-10:1 | Proverbs 12:23-13:9 |
| Thursday, March 23 | Isaiah 28:14-22 | Genesis 10:32-11:9 | Proverbs 13:19-14:6 |
| Friday, March 24 | Isaiah 29:13-23 | Genesis 12:1-7 | Proverbs 14:15-26 |
| (Theotokos) | Genesis 28:10-17 | Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 | Proverbs 9:1-11 |
| (Theotokos) | Exodus 3:1-8 | | Proverbs 8:22-30 |
| Saturday, March 25 | Hebrews 2:11-18 | | Luke 1:24-38 |

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH:

- 20, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 22, Wednesday Soup Supper following the Presanctified Liturgy
- 23, Thursday 10:00 a.m. Deanery meeting at St. Michael's
- 27, Monday 9:00 a.m. Cooking for St. Herman's House of Hospitality
- 28, Tuesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House
- 29, Wednesday Soup Supper following the Presanctified Liturgy

LENTEN CONFESSIONS:

Father Alexander will offer time for private confessions this coming week on Wednesday, March 22, 4:30-6:00 p.m.; Friday, March 24, 4:30-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, March 25, 8:30-9:00 a.m., 4:00-5:00 p.m. and after Vespers. Confessions can also be scheduled by appointment with Father Alexander.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Council meeting for March has been rescheduled for Monday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m.

LIBRARY:

Now is the perfect time to find a book to read on your journey through Great Lent.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our HTOC parish family will celebrate the Paschal season with a Bright Friday Dinner Dance, 6:00 on April 21. Details are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

PARISH ROSTER:

If you are aware of needed corrections or changes, please continue to communicate the information to the Church Office (216-524-4859) or email Church Secretary Janene Hatch (jmhatch8@gmail.com). We will issue an updated edition in April.

FLOWERS:

The wreath of flowers adorning the cross is offered by Carol Bohurjak.

MISSION VESPERS:

There is a Lenten service tonight at St. John the Baptist Church in Warren, 5:00 p.m. There will be a presentation by Bishop Neofitos Kongai of Kenya, who is visiting the U.S. to share stories of the accomplishments and challenges of Orthodox Christians in Kenya.

OUTREACH PASCHA BASKETS:

The Outreach Group will prepare Pascha baskets for shut-ins during Holy Week. We would appreciate assistance with preparing baskets as well as delivering them on Holy Friday. Please see Marie Wallace or Laura Gluntz after church on Sundays; or call Laura (440-331-5233) to offer your help.

LA COUPOLE:

Come in and see the wonderful children's books available for purchase—perfect to tuck into Easter baskets! And also for your gift-giving pleasure or personal enjoyment—unique look-like Faberge eggs with egg pendants inside.

LENTEN RETREAT:

The annual Orthodox Christian Women retreat is Saturday, April 1, 9:30 a.m. at St. George Antiochian Church; 3204 Ridgewood Rd., Fairlawn 44333.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Tom and Sandie Adamczek.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

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| REGULAR COLLECTION, MARCH 12 | \$ 4332.00 |
| CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT | 245.00 |
| BUILDING FUND | 446.00 |
| MORTGAGE FUND | 311.00 |
| CANDLES | 86.00 |
| ORTHODOX MISSIONS | 20.00 |
| DEANERY COLLECTION | 65.00 |
| IN MEMORY OF CHRIS KRISINSKI | 25.00 |

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TREASURES FROM THE TRIODION - III

FROM THE VIGIL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
(on which we venerate the Holy and Precious Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ)

Come, Adam and Eve, our first father and mother, who fell from the choir on high through envy of the murderer of man, when of old with bitter pleasure they tasted from the tree in Paradise. See, the Tree of the Cross, revered by all, draws near! Run with haste and embrace it joyfully, and cry to it with faith: O precious Cross, you are our rescue; partaking of your fruit, we have gained incorruption; we are restored once more to Eden, and we have received great mercy.

O Lord who helped gentle Dave in the combat and enabled him to overcome the Philistine, come to the aid of Your Orthodox Christians, and by the weapon of the Cross cast down our enemies. In Your compassion show us Your mercy as of old, and make us know in truth that You are God, and that we who put our trust in You shall conquer. At the constant intercessions of Your most pure Mother, grant us Your great mercy.

This is the day of the veneration of the Precious Cross. Now it is placed before us and shines with the brightness of Christ's Resurrection. Let us all draw near and kiss it with great rejoicing in our souls: O mighty Cross of the Lord, show yourself, reveal to us the divine vision of your beauty, and grant us worthily to venerate you. For we speak to you and embrace you as if you were alive!

There is joy in heaven and on earth, for the sign of the Cross is made manifest to the world today. The thrice-blessed Cross is set before us, and to all who show it veneration, it is a fount of everlasting grace. As we celebrate the joyful veneration of Your life-giving Cross, O Christ our Savior, we prepare ourselves for Your most holy Passion; for You in Your almighty power have brought salvation to the world.

Today the ranks of angels dance with gladness at the veneration of Your Cross. For through the Cross, O Christ, You have shattered the hosts of demons and saved mankind. Now the Church is revealed as a second Paradise, having within it, like the first Paradise of old, a tree of life, Your Cross, O Lord. By venerating it we share in immortality!

Let all of the trees of the forest dance and sing, as they behold their fellow-tree, the Cross, receiving veneration today: For Christ, as holy David prophesied, has exalted it on high. Rejoice and be glad, O Church of God, as you venerate the thrice-blessed wood of the most holy Cross of Christ, which is attended by ranks of angels who, with fear and awe, stand before it.