

*“When I found truth,
I found my God who is the truth.
There ever since the time I learned of You,
You remained in my memory,
and there I find You each time I call You to remembrance
and find my joy in You.*

St. Augustine, 4th century



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TONE 7

MARCH 11, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Veneration of the Cross

St. Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem; St. Evfimii, Bishop of Novgorod;
Hieromartyr Pionius of Smyrna and those with him: Asclepiades, Macedonia, Linus and Sabina;
Translation of the Relics of Martyr Epimachus of Pelusium;
St. Sophronii, Bishop of Vracha; Ven Sophronii the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves

“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

“O guide of Orthodoxy and teacher of piety and holiness, brilliant light of the universe and glory of all who lead the priestly and monastic life. As a divinely inspired lyre of the Holy Spirit, you enlightened everyone with your teaching. O wise and holy father, Sophronius, entreat Christ, our God, to save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone VIII

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

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

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, March 11	5:00 p.m. Akathist at St. Michael's Church; Broadview Hts.
Wednesday, March 14	6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 16	6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 17	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, March 12	Isaiah 14:24-32	Genesis 8:21-9:7	Proverbs 11:19-12:6
Tuesday, March 13	Isaiah 25:1-9	Genesis 9:8-17	Proverbs 12:8-22
Wednesday, March 14	Isaiah 26:21-27:9	Genesis 9:18-10:1	Proverbs 12:23-13:9
Thursday, March 15	Isaiah 28:14-22	Genesis 10:32-11:9	Proverbs 13:19-14:6
Friday, March 16	Isaiah 29:13-23	Genesis 12:1-7	Proverbs 14:15-26
Saturday, March 17 (Departed)	Hebrews 6:9-12 I Corinthians 15:47-57	Mark 7:31-37 John 5:24-30	

COMING EVENTS

MARCH:

- 12, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 14, Wednesday Soup Supper following the Presanctified Liturgy
- 17, Saturday 3:00 p.m. First Holy Confessions
- 21, Wednesday Soup Supper following the Presanctified Liturgy
- 28, Wednesday Soup Supper following the Presanctified Liturgy
- 31, Friday 6:00 p.m. Preparation of Palms

MEMORY ETERNAL:

Anna Stoyka fell asleep in the Lord and was buried this past Friday.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS:

Father Alexander will offer time for private confessions next week on Wednesday, 3/14, 4:30-6:00 p.m.; Friday, 3/16, 4:30-6:00; and Saturday, 3/17, 5:00-6:00, and following Vespers. Please see Father with any questions.

PASCHA BASKET OUTREACH:

The Outreach Group will prepare Pascha baskets for shut-ins during Holy Week. We would appreciate assistance with food items, preparing baskets and delivering the baskets on Holy Friday. Please see Barb or Gene Filipow or Laura Gluntz after church on Sundays; or call Laura at 440-331-5233 to offer your help.

LA COUPOLE:

Please come and see the beautiful selection of pysanky donated by Jerry Petrykowski from his wife Daria's collection. Also, there is a new selection of books, icons, egg wraps and cards for Pascha.

FLOWERS:

The wreath of flowers adorning the cross today is offered by Tara Reidy.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

We are conducting a collection for the St. Mary of Egypt Mission. Please consider helping this Cleveland-based ministry, which supplies food to the needy.

PASCHA FLOWERS:

Donations for Paschal flowers are appreciated. Please use the envelope designate for this in your box of donation envelopes.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, March 12, at 12:30. We will complete reading The Liturgy of Death - Talks III and IV. Father Alexander will be with us. All are welcome.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:

We are continuing our weekly Soup Suppers following the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays. All are invited to stay after the Liturgy for a meal.

MISSION TEAMS:

Consider joining a Mission Team to aid people throughout the world this summer. Teams travel to places such as Alaska, Indonesia, Ghana, Jamaica. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Diane Hastings.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, MARCH 4	\$ 3738.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	1.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	768.00
BUILDING FUND	95.00
MORTGAGE FUND	70.00
CANDLES	73.00
ORTHODOX MISSIONS	23.00
DEANERY COLLECTION	96.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	30.00

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SELECTIONS FROM ST. MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR - III

1. The one who truly loves God also prays completely undistracted, and the one who prays completely undistracted also truly loves God. But the one who has his mind fixed on any earthly thing does not pray undistracted: therefore the one who has his mind tied to earthly things does not love God.

3. When the passions hold sway over a mind they bind it together with material things, and separating it from God make it to be all-engrossed in them. But when love of God is in control, it releases the mind from the bonds and persuades it to think beyond not only things of sense but beyond this transient life of ours.

4. The purpose of the commandments is to make simple thoughts of things; the purpose of reading and contemplation is to render the mind clear of any matter of form; from this ensues undistracted prayer.

16. Passion is a movement of the soul contrary to nature either toward irrational love or senseless hate of someone or of something. This can be, for example, toward irrational love of food, or a person, or wealth, or passing glory or any other material thing or on their account. Or else it can be toward a senseless hate on any of the preceding things we spoke of, or on account of any one.

18. When the demons have banished chastity from your mind and surround you with thoughts of lustful behavior, then say to the Master with tears: “O Lord and Master, my Joy and Savior, they have surrounded me, but deliver me in Your love for us.” And you will be safe.

21. The one who anoints his mind for the sacred contests and drives away passionate thoughts from it possesses the character of a deacon. The one who illumines it with knowledge of beings and obliterates counterfeit knowledge possesses that of a priest.. Finally, the one who perfects it with the holy perfume of the knowledge of a worshipper of the Holy Trinity possesses that of a bishop.

25. The reward of self-mastery is detachment and that of faith, knowledge. And detachment gives rise to discernment while knowledge gives rise to love of God.

26. The mind that has succeeded in the active life advances in prudence; the one in the contemplative life, in knowledge. The active life pertains to bringing one who struggles to discernment of virtue and vice, while to the contemplative life leads the sharer to the principles of incorporeal and corporeal things. At length through contemplation one is deemed worthy of the grace of theology when on the wings of love the mind passes beyond all the preceding realities, and being in God begins to consider the essence of being through the Spirit, insofar as it is possible for the human mind.

From The Second Century on Love by St. Maximus the Confessor