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Sunday Bulletin, March 31, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT. TONE 3. VENERATION OF THE CROSS. REPOSE OF ST. INNOCENT, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW, ENLIGHTENER OF THE ALEUTS AND APOSTLE TO THE AMERICAS. ST. HYPATIUS THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF GANGRA. VEN. APOLLONIUS, ASCETIC OF EGYPT. HIEROMARTYR ABDAS, BISHOP OF PERSIA, AND MARTYR BENJAMIN THE DEACON.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Mar 31: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10).
Wednesday, Apr 3: 6 PM Presanctified Liturgy. Confession from 5 PM to 5:30 PM.
Friday, Apr 5: 6 PM Akathist to Mary. Confession following
Saturday, Apr 6: 9 AM Divine Liturgy (3rd Hour at 8:50).
5 PM Great Vespers. Confession following.
Sunday, Apr 7: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)

Remember in Your Prayers...

Health / General: Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Helen Chesniak, Marie Buranich, Mary Slenska, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchuk, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchuk, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Steve Pregrim, Lillian Mathews, Nadia Macheska, Dr. David Lezinsky, Tom Krenitsky, Lillian Kite & Paulette Ezbiansky.

Memory Eternal: Helena Wozniak.

Offerings:

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Charles Sigman, Jr. by Nadia Macheska.

Special Project: Flowers for the Cross: In Memory of: Michael Buday by Ann Buday.

Parastas: In Memory of: Michael, Mary & John Marko by Helen Wytovich (4/16).

Announcements:(Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open Thursday, (4/4) and Saturday, (4/20) from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **St. George's Orthodox Church.**

Confession: All parishioners should make every effort go to confession during Lent prior to Palm Sunday (April 21). See the handout on "The brief confession from St. Demetrius of Rostov".

St. Tikhon's Memorial Day weekend: Will be held from Friday, May 24th – Monday, May 27th, 2019 at St. Tikhon's Monastery. Please see the bulletin board for the Pilgrimage schedule.

Lenten Mission Services will start at 4 PM:

March	31	Sunday of the Cross	Holy Annunciation	Berwick
April	7	St. John Climacus	St. Nicholas	Olyphant
April	14	St. Mary of Egypt	Saints Peter & Paul	Uniondale

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (Epistle)

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

2 He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.

3 Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.

4 And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You."

6 As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";

Mark 8:34-9:1 (Gospel)

34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

1 And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

Rest of St Innocent the Metropolitan of Moscow the Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas

Saint Innocent (Veniaminov), Metropolitan of Moscow and Kolomensk (August 26, 1797—March 31, 1879), was glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church on October 6, 1977. He was born in the village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese. The Apostle of America and Siberia proclaimed the Gospel "even to the ends of the earth": in the Aleutian islands (from 1823), in the six dialects of the local tribes on the island of Sitka (from 1834), among the Kolosh (Tlingit); in the remotest settlements of the extensive Kamchatka diocese (from 1853); among the Koryak, Chukchei, Tungus in the Yakutsk region (from 1853) and North America (in 1857); in the Amur and the Usuriisk region (from 1860).

Having spent a large part of his life in journeys, Saint Innocent translated a Catechism and the Gospel into the Aleut language. In 1833, he wrote in this language one of the finest works of Orthodox missionary activity INDICATION OF THE WAY TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

In 1859, the Yakut first heard the Word of God and divine services in their native language. Twice (in 1860 and 1861) Saint Innocent met with Saint Nicholas the Apostle to Japan (February 3), sharing with him his spiritual experience.

A remarkable preacher, Saint Innocent said, "Whoever abounds in faith and love, can have mouth and wisdom, and the heart cannot resist their serving it."

Having begun his apostolic work as a parish priest, Saint Innocent completed it as Metropolitan of Moscow (January 5, 1868—March 31, 1879). He obeyed the will of God all his life, and he left behind a theme for the sermon to be preached at his funeral: "The steps of a man are rightly ordered by the Lord" (Ps 36/37:23).

Saint Innocent is also commemorated on October 5 (Synaxis of the Moscow Hierarchs) and on October 6 (his glorification).