



# St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

Third Sunday of Great Lent. Veneration of the Precious Cross.

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6; 7:26-8:2

Gospel: St. Mark 8:34-9:1; John 10:9-16

Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All

Russia, Enlightener of North America

Lenten Fast

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This week's bulletin is sponsored by the Pazin family. Celebrating our Fab Four of April birthdays: Kyra (4/4), George and Elizabeth (4/14), and Michael (4/30)! Many years and much love to all!

## Sunday, April 7, 2024

### Today's Announcements

- We welcome all visitors and those who are entering an Orthodox Church for the first time. Please join us downstairs after the service for coffee, food and fellowship. We have a dedicated table for those who have questions about Orthodoxy or who just want to learn more by listening to and meeting others who are new to the church. Fr. John and the other clergy look forward to meeting you.
- Please continue to pray for the health of Sophia Radinsky, Marilyn Weis, Daniel Casciato, Fr. Paul and Mat. Mary Suda, Vasily, Lindsey, Phyllis, and Fr. Joseph.
- Olga Gaykova fell asleep in the Lord Thursday, April 4. The funeral was served yesterday at the Cathedral. May Olga's memory be eternal!
- Catechumen class – following coffee hour
- Diocesan Lenten Vespers – 6:00 pm

### Monday – April 8

- Parish Council meeting – 7:00 pm

### Wednesday – April 10

- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts – 6:00 pm. This week's service will be at St. John the Baptist Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church, 2201 Duncan Avenue in Allison Park.

### Friday – April 12

- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts – 9:00 am
- Adult Choir rehearsal – 5:45 pm
- Confessions – 6:00 pm
- Akathist – 7:00 pm
- Book Study – following Akathist. We will continue our discussion of *Bright Faith: Father Artemy Vladimirov Talks with Western Orthodox Christians*.

### Saturday – April 13

- Panikhida – 4:00 pm. Please submit the names of your loved ones who have reposed in April to Fr. John in advance of the service.
- Great Vespers – 5:00 pm, followed by Confessions

### Next Sunday – April 14 – St. John Climacus

- Church School – 9:00 am
- Hours – 9:40 am / Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am. Responses will be sung by the St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir.
- Catechumen class – following coffee hour

### Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar

- Diocesan Youth Day at PNC Park – ALL are invited – Friday, May 10. Please see the flyer in the church hall. Cost is \$33 per person, including a \$10 food and beverage credit, and deadline to order is April 10. Contact Fr. Alexander Cadman at 814.321.4473 or email at fralex@orthodoxclearfield.org.

### Previously Noted

- The Women's Choice Network New Mom/New Baby gift bag project is underway. Bags are available for pickup today and will be due April 21.

### Church School News

Come & See Ministries: Educational series for our youngest members ages 1-6 yrs. Meets in the Sanctuary at noon after coffee hour.

- April 14: Blessing ourselves & Receiving a Blessing

### Saint George the Confessor, Bishop of Mytilene

Saint George, Metropolitan of Mytilene, from his youth led a monastic life, and was especially accomplished in the virtue of humility. In the reign of Leo the Isaurian (716-741) the saint underwent persecution from the iconoclasts and became a Confessor.

During the reign of the emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitos (780-797) Saint George was elevated to the archbishopal cathedra of the city of Mytilene on the island of Lesbos. His life was radiant with prudence and purity and resembled the life of angels. He possessed a gift of wonderworking, cast out unclean spirits and healed incurable diseases. The saint distinguished himself by his compassion, and he helped all the needy. In 815, during the reign of the iconoclast Leo the Armenian (813-820), the holy archpastor was banished and sent to Cherson, where he died after the year 820.

At the hour of his death a bright star shone in the heavens over the city of Mytilene.

### Troparion (Tone 3)

Like a meadow planted by God you were fruitful with the grace of the Spirit, O holy Archpastor of the Mysteries. You cultivated the souls of the faithful refreshing them with living water. O righteous Father George, pray Christ our God to grant us great mercy!

### Kontakion (Tone 4)

You shone on the world like the sun, O holy and righteous George, inspired initiate of the holy Faith, enlightening your disciples!