Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sunday, Mar. 11, 2018 ***Third Sunday of Great Lent / Sunday of the Precious and Life-giving Holy Cross***

Today's readings are:

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 and Saint Mark 8:34-9:1

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today				church school and coffee hour
			4:00pm	**Sunday Lenten Vespers** at Saint John's Church, Mill Hill Ave., Bridgeport
Mar.	12	Mon	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Mar.	13	Tue	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
			6:30pm	parish council meeting
Mar.	14	Wed	**5:00pm**	**Confessions** (until 5:50pm)
			6:00pm	**Pre-sanctified Liturgy** — followed by a pot-luck lenten supper
Mar.	15	Thu	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Mar.	16	Fri	5:30pm	Daily Vespers- with the remembrance of all the departed
Mar.	17	Sat	4:30pm	choir rehearsal
			5:00pm	**Great Vespers and Confessions ***
Mar.	18	Sun	**9:00am**	**Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great– *Fourth Sunday of Great Lent / Sunday of Saint John Climacus*** *(of the Ladder)*
				[Hebrews 6:13-20 and Saint Mark 9:17-31]
				church school and coffee hour
			4:00pm	**Sunday Lenten Vespers** at Holy Trinity Church, New Britain

There will be a Lenten potluck supper after the Wednesday Pre-sanctified Liturgy. All are welcome! Please speak to Susan Papademetris as to what you will bring and/or how you can help.

Susan is also coordinating the Pascha and Bright Monday breakfasts. For the breakfasts, look over the list of needed items included in today's bulletin and speak to Susan about how you will help.

In preparation for Pascha, the annual parish spring cleaning continues this week thru Saturday. Come and give a hand.

Keep in mind that all Orthodox Christians are expected to participate in Confession and Holy Communion at least annually during Great Lent. Confession is a healing sacrament and a privilege. The time passes quickly.

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of paradise; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross! The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for you, O my Savior, came and cried to those in hell: Enter again into paradise! *[Kontakion of the 3rd Sunday of Great Lent]*

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Ask Forgiveness With Tears, But First Forgive Others Yourself —

(from the Spiritual Psalter of Saint Ephraim the Syrian +379*)*

Your lips, O Lord, have pronounced these promises: call Me and I will hearken to you; knock at My door and I will open it. Like the harlot do I call out to you: according to the superabundant compassion of Your loving-kindness, forgive us our debts and our sins. Like the Publican do we beseech You, and like the prodigal son who squandered his inheritance do we call out to You, repenting in our soul: we have sinned against heaven and before You, O Lord. Accept us, as You have promised, that the guardian angels and the archangels might rejoice over us. You who accepted Simon's repentance, accept also the repentance of Your servants and have mercy on us.

Come, O sinner who have sinned before the Lord, come to Him repenting in your soul, and He will forgive you your debts and your sins. Shed tears at the Physician's door, sigh and beseech Him, show Him the scabs on your soul. Preserve your tongue from all manner of evil, and may your lips that were created for praise not pronounce words of blasphemy. Forgive your brother if he has sinned against you, and Christ will forgive you as He has promised, according to His loving-kindness.

Have mercy on us, O our Lord, forgive us our debts and our sins and vouchsafe us Your radiant habitation.

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Ве ктому пламенное оружие хранит врат Эдемских: на тыя бо найде преславный соуз древо крестное, смертное жало, и адова победа прогнася, предстал бо еси Спасе мой, вопия сущым во аде: внидете паки в рай. *(Кондак 3-я Неделя Великаго Поста)*

Сегодня- Неделя 3-я В. Поста - *Крестопоклонная*
[Послание к Евреям 4:14-5:6 и от Марка 8:34-9:1]
4:00чд Вечерня в Брижпорте

Сред. 5:00чд Исповедь (до 5:50чд)
6:00чв Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров

Пятн. 5:30чд Вечерня и память всех покойники

Субб. 5:00чд Великая Вечерня и Исповедь

Воск. 9:00чу Литургия Василия Великого – Неделя 4-я В. Поста - *Преп. Иоанна Лествичника*
[Послание к Евреям 6:13-20 и от Марка 9:17-31]
4:00чд Вечерня в Нью Британе

Исповед и Святае Таинство не толко во время Великого Поста, но во время Великого Поста каждой Православне Христянин обязин исповедоватса и принесть Сватяе Таинство. Те которие не исповедуютса отказиваю голос голосование в Церковном распяложение, и не можим быть похоронон с церкви во время смерти.