

# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**BULLETIN OF APRIL 7, 2019**



## **SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

### **St. John of the Ladder**

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy; Coffee Hr.

## **MONDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**

7:00p.m. Vespers

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

7:00p.m. Canon of St. Andrew w/  
Life of St. Mary of Egypt

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**

6:00p.m. Presanctified Liturgy;  
Potluck

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Laudation of the Virgin**

5:00p.m. Akathist to the Theotokos  
6:00p.m. Great Vespers

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>**

### **St. Mary of Egypt**

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy; Coffee Hr.



### **On Food**

*Bread is food for the body; holiness is food for the soul; prayer is food for the intellect.*

Evagrius Ponticus (4<sup>th</sup> C)



### **A Warm Welcome!**

We warmly welcome all our visitors! It's good to have you with us!

### **LAST CHANCE: Canon of St. Andrew**

This beautiful service will be offered for the final time this Great Lent on Wednesday at 7:00pm. If you have not yet attended this service, don't miss your last chance. During the service we will read the Life of St. Mary of Egypt, one of the greatest examples of repentance and sanctity in the history of the Church. All are encouraged to attend. The service is not at 6:00pm but 7:00pm.



### **Don't Wait Until It Is Too Late**

Start arranging your schedule now for Holy Friday through Pascha. Put God first: take off work/school and stand by the Cross of Christ.

### **The Mysteries of Confession and Communion**

should be received by all Orthodox Christians on a regular basis and at the very least during the Great Fast and Pascha. If you have not availed yourself of these life-giving sacraments, please be sure to do so. Likewise, frequent communicants should make a confession during this and all lenten periods, as well as whenever the conscience is burdened.



### **Did You Know?**

Usually children make their first confession around age 7 or 8. If you have any questions about this, please just ask Fr. John.



### **Parking Lot Expansion – Goal Reached!**

Appreciation is extended to all who made donations to backfill and grade the areas next to the new parking spaces and exit road. May the Lord bless you for your generosity!

### **Only Two Left!**

Presanctified Liturgy: April 11 & 17. Taste and See that the Lord is Good!



### **Parish Center/Grounds Clean-up – Sat., April 13**

Your assistance is needed for the pre-Paschal clean-up. Please let Fr. John or Larry Perrone know if you can come. Work will begin at 9:00am. The more people, the sooner we finish!

### **Choir Practices for Pascha**

There will be short choir practices for Holy Week & Pascha on Sundays: April 7, and April 14. All choir members are asked to please reserve the days for these important practices.



### **Budget Facts: Weekly Collection Goal**

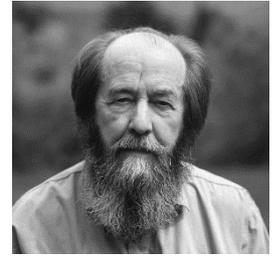
- According to the 2019 budget, our weekly collection goal is \$2,137.
- March collections were \$1,651, \$1,186, \$1,163, \$2,866, and \$2,975.
- If you are away, please consider making up your offering.
- If you are not supporting the church, please consider starting to.

+	OPERATING			EARMARKED			ACCOUNTS		READER SCHEDULE	
	THRU 2/28	LAST MONTH	THIS YEAR	THRU 2/28	LAST MONTH	THIS YEAR	OPERATING			
INCOME	16,696	9,841	26,537	6,035	900	6,935	OPERATING	4,155	4/7	Rdr. George Kaloroumakis
EXPENSE	18,522	9,261	27,783	800	0	800	EARMARKED	13,519	4/14	Gabriela Vlahovici-Jones
NET	-1,826	+580	-1,246	+5,235	+900	+6,135	SAVINGS	12,000	4/21	Rdr. Nicholas Borodulia
							BUILDING	5,000	3/31	Megan Wilkinson

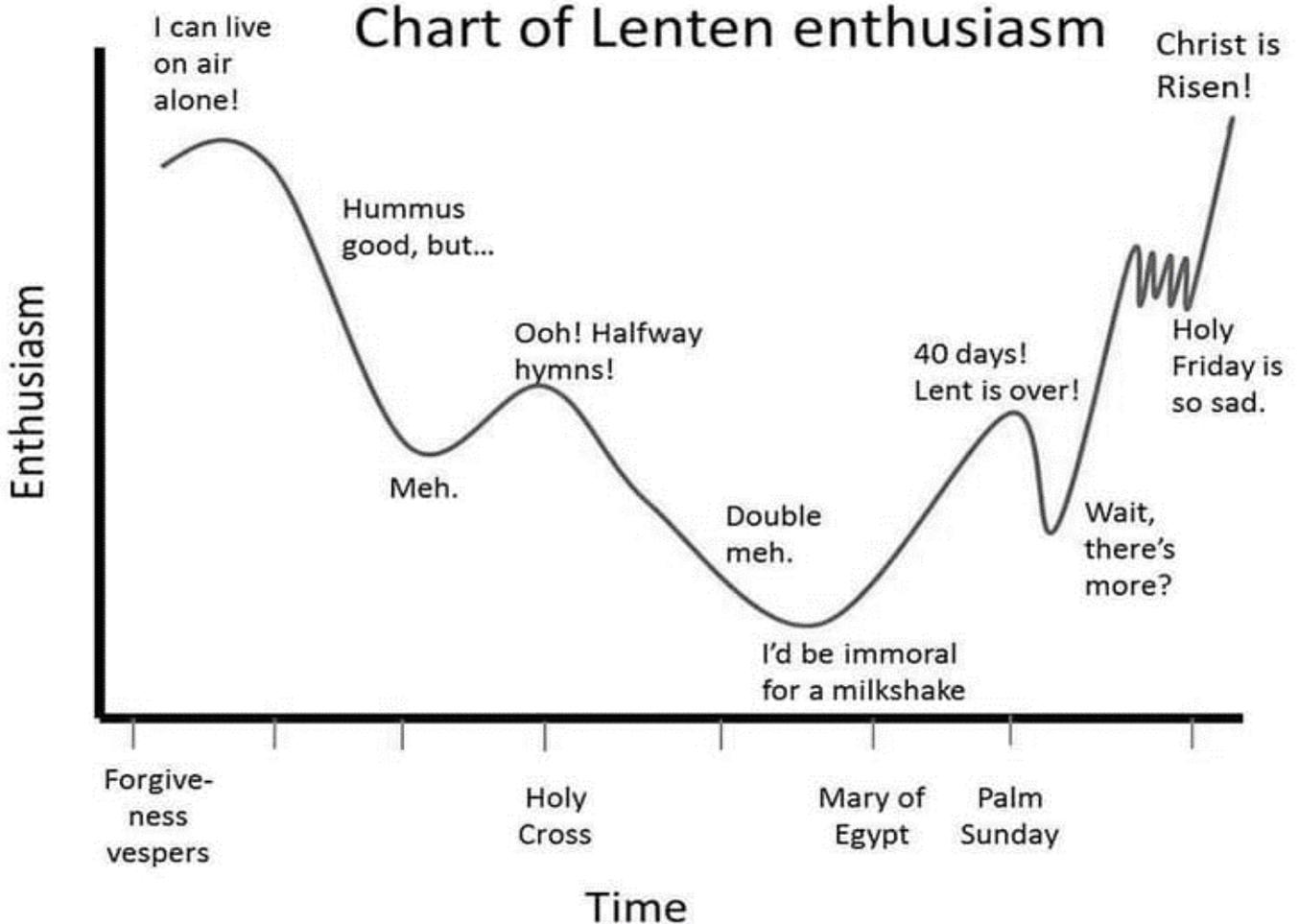
## LIVE WITH A STEADY SUPERIORITY OVER LIFE

*Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn*

Only those who decline to scramble up the career ladder are interesting as human beings. Nothing is more boring than a man with a career. What about the main thing in life, all its riddles? If you want, I'll spell it out for you right now. Do not pursue what is illusionary - property and position: all that is gained at the expense of your nerves decade after decade, and is confiscated in one fell night. Live with a steady superiority over life - don't be afraid of misfortune, and do not yearn for happiness; it is, after all, all the same: the bitter doesn't last forever, and the sweet never fills the cup to overflowing. It is enough if you don't freeze in the cold and if thirst and hunger don't claw at your insides. If your back isn't broken, if your feet can walk, if both arms can bend, if both eyes can see, if both ears hear, then whom should you envy? And why? Our envy of others devours us most of all. Rub your eyes and purify your heart - and prize above all else in the world those who love you and who wish you well. Do not hurt them or scold them, and never part from any of them in anger; after all, you simply do not know: it may be your last act before your arrest, and that will be how you are imprinted on their memory.



## Chart of Lenten enthusiasm



## WHICH IS STRICTER? THE OLD OR NEW TESTAMENT?

*St. Gregory the Great*

Some think that the Old Testament is stricter than the New, but they judge wrongly; they are fooling themselves. The Old Law did not punish the desire to hold on to wealth; it punished theft. But now the rich man is not condemned for taking the property of others; rather, he is condemned for not giving his property away.



## HOW CHRIST SAVES US

*St. Philaret of Moscow*

Every Christian should find for himself the imperative and incentive to become holy. If you live without struggle and without hope of becoming holy, then you are Christian only in name and not in essence. But without holiness, no one shall see the Lord, that is to say they will not attain eternal blessedness. It is a trustworthy saying that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). But we deceive ourselves if we think that we are saved while remaining sinners. Christ saves those sinners by giving them the means to become saints.

## ON THE PROPER USE OF THINGS

*St John Chrysostom*

The beauty of woman is the greatest snare. Or rather, not the beauty of woman, but unchastened gazing!

For we should not accuse the objects, but ourselves, and our own carelessness.

Nor should we say, Let there be no women, but Let there be no adulteries.

We should not say, Let there be no beauty, but Let there be no fornication.

We should not say, Let there be no belly, but let there be no gluttony; for the belly makes not the gluttony, but our negligence.

We should not say, that it is because of eating and drinking that all these evils exist; for it is not because of this, but because of our carelessness and insatiableness.

Thus the devil neither ate nor drank, and yet he fell! Paul ate and drank, and ascended up to heaven!

How many do I hear say, Let there be no poverty! Therefore let us stop the mouths of those who murmur at such things. For it is blasphemy to utter such complaints. To such then, let us say, Let there be no meanness of spirit. For poverty brings innumerable good things into our state of life, and without poverty riches would be unprofitable.

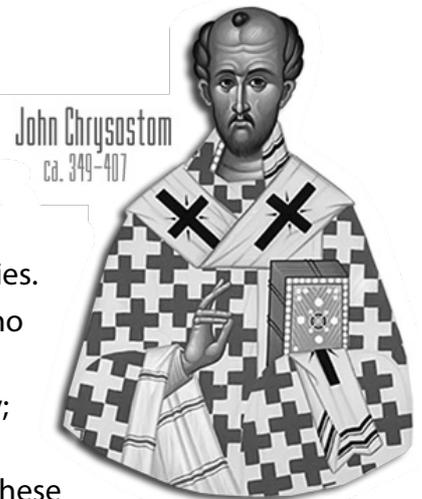
Hence we should accuse neither the one nor the other of these; for poverty and riches are both alike weapons which will tend to virtue, if WE are willing. As then the courageous soldier, whichever weapon he takes, displays his own virtue, so the unmanly and cowardly one is encumbered by either.

And that thou mayest learn that this is true, remember, I pray, the case of Job; who became both rich, and likewise poor, and handled both these weapons alike, and conquered in both.

When he was rich, he said, "My door was open to every comer." But when he had become poor, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away.

As it seemed good unto the Lord, so hath it come to pass." When he was rich, he shewed much hospitality; when he was poor, much patience.

And thou, then, art thou rich? Display much bountifulness! Hast thou become poor? Shew much endurance and patience! For neither is wealth an evil, nor poverty in itself; but these things, either of them, become so according to the free choice of those who make use of them. Let us school ourselves then to entertain no such opinions on these subjects; nor let us accuse the works of God, but the wicked choice of men. Riches are not able to profit the little-minded: nor is poverty able ever to injure the magnanimous.



## ON PASSING JUDGMENT ON THE WORD OF GOD

*St Gregory Palamas*

Publicly and without reproaching anyone, [Jesus] preached to all the word of repentance, the gospel of salvation and the words of eternal life. Everyone heard but not everyone obeyed. For although we all love listening and watching, not all of us love virtue. By nature we all long to know about salvation as well as everything else. So people in general are not only pleased to listen to sacred teaching, but also enjoy passing their opinions on the words, each one apparently scrutinizing what is said, according to how ignorant or wise he may be. Putting the words into action, however, or reaping from them the fruit of beneficial faith, requires gratitude and good intent, which are not easy to find, especially among people who consider themselves righteous and are wise in their own opinion...



## APRIL CONGRATULATIONS!

### Anniversaries:

- 4/17 Philip & Gabriela Jones
- 4/19 Howard & Alice Peters
- 4/24 John & Cheryl Kokkinos

### Birthdays:

- 4/9 Damiana Milite
- 4/10 Simona Mellinger
- 4/12 Bobbie Dobronz
- 4/20 Cecilia Wyant
- 4/27 Joseph Dunbar
- 4/28 Jason Kratzer

### Namesdays:

- 4/1 *St. Mary of Egypt*  
Danyella Mary Parsells
- 4/23 *St. George*  
Bobbie Dobronz  
Riley Mellinger  
Isabella Georgiana Milite  
Gary Ganim  
George Kaloroumakis, Sr.  
George Kaloroumakis, Jr.

## FROM "WOUNDED BY LOVE"

*By Elder Porphyrios*

Take delight in all things that surround us. All things teach us and lead us to God. All things around us are droplets of the love of God—both things animate and inanimate, the plants and the animals, the birds and the mountains, the sea and the sunset and the starry sky. They are little loves through which we attain to the great Love that is Christ. Flowers, for example, have their own grace: they teach us with their fragrance and with their magnificence. They speak to us of the love of God. They scatter their fragrance and their beauty on sinners and on the righteous. For a person to become a Christian he must have a poetic soul. He must become a poet. Christ does not wish insensitive souls in his company. A Christian, albeit only when he loves, is a poet and lives amid poetry. Poetic hearts embrace love and sense it deeply.

Make the most of beautiful moments. Beautiful moments predispose the soul to prayer; they make it refined, noble, and poetic. Wake up in the morning to see the sun rising from out of the sea as a king robed in regal purple. When a lovely landscape, a picturesque chapel, or something beautiful inspires you, don't leave things at that, but go beyond this to give glory for all beautiful things so that you experience Him who alone is comely in beauty. All things are holy—the sea, swimming, and eating. Take delight in them all. All things enrich us, all lead us to the great Love, all lead us to Christ."

