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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18

Gospel: Luke 1:24-38

Tone: One

St. Mary of Egypt

THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has regarded the humility of his servant.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

BRETHREN, he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life of the Black and Bogris Families.

The Bogris, Black and Jim Tweel families offer the Coffee Hour today. We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are both in that room and on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be "fancy;" just "Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family.

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1. This morning we will celebrate a Memorial Service for the late Servant of God, +**ANNE PRIESTON** (One Year), Mother of Nike Bach, grandmother of Dana and Peter, and great grandmother of Stella Lindbloom. MEMORY ETERNAL!

1. Teen SOYO Pascha orders due today, Sunday March 25. Please hand them in during coffer hour.
2. **GREAT LENT SERVICES 2018:**
 - A. Today, **March 25th**, is the Feast Day of the Annunciation to Our Lady, upon which we will also commemorate St. Mary of Egypt.
 - B. **Wednesday, Evening, March 28th**, the 6th Presanctified Liturgy, 6:45 PM, followed by Choir Rehearsal and Parish Council Meeting.
 - C. **Friday evening, March 30th, Small Compline, followed by TEEN ANNUAL LENTEN SUPPER.** We will welcome Father Isaac (Brandon) Danevicius as our guest speaker. He will speak about "20 Minutes a week to a better you: *iPrayer*." Bring your tablet, smartphone or laptop with you. Childcare will be provided during the talk. Menu includes: salad and bread; pasta with marinara, white clam or cheese and butter sauce; soft drinks, coffee, tea and dessert. Donation for Supper: Adults \$10.00, Children and teens \$6.00. You are welcomed to bring Lenten Meze. Reservations appreciated.
 - D. **SATURDAY, MARCH 31st**, Lazarus Saturday. Liturgy begins at 10 AM followed by breakfast, Easter Egg Decorating, Egg Hunt. Palm Crosses will also be made in preparation for Palm Sunday Service.
 - E. **Palm Sunday and Holy and Passion Week**, April 1-8, 2018.
 - F. **GOOD FRIDAY - Keeping Vigil at Christ's Tomb.** Those interested in reading, praying and keeping watch at our Lord's tomb, should sign up using the enclosed schedule. See Jim Bach or Enid and Isaiah Vallejo-Juste.
2. **The Women's Guild** will be distributing names of women in our parish during women's month in March and hope that you will pray for the person or people you randomly select during that month.
3. Reminder to church school students and teens that Church School will start today at regular time, **after** Communion.
4. **SPRING YARD SALE - MAY 17, 18, 19.** The Women's Guild is preparing for this major fundraiser. Please continue collecting items to donate and ensure that they are clean and in usable condition. Help will be needed the week of May 13 for set-up, sales, cashiers, security, and takedown. We are counting on many hands to lighten the work. See Valerie Joseph with any questions.
5. **Parents are reminded that children should NOT be downstairs in the Church School, Toddler Room or bathrooms without adult supervision.**
6. **HOW TO APPROACH THE CHALICE:** When you are approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, **please CROSS your arms over your chest, SAY your full baptized name, TILT your head slightly back, and OPEN your mouth wide. Please keep your arms folded until you are far from the Chalice and of course, this is not a time for conversation anywhere in the Church. The rule is absolute silence during the distribution of the Eucharist. Only the Choir should be heard.**
7. Don DiNovi Memorial Golf Outing on June 12th. Please see Ed Assile and Jim Watkins with any questions.
8. **YOUNG AT HEART** – The next meeting of the YAH will be on Thursday, April 12th at 1 PM. Our guest will be Mr. Bill Ervolino of *The Record*. Please attempt to arrive on time thus allowing our guests the time needed for their presentation.
9. The deadline for the May/June edition of Desert News is April 1. If you have any organization news, calendar listings, or if there is a new baby/wedding in the family, please let Claudia Bogris know at cbogris@aol.com.

Jesus is a friend who knows all your faults and still loves you anyway.