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A message from Fr. Roman:

Дорогі брати і сестри Церкви св. ап. Андрія Первозванного в м. Бостон. Вітаю Вас нашим християнським привітанням Слава Ісусу Христу! Духовно чую Вашу відповідь Слава Навіки! Дорогі мої, все людство на землі зіткнулося з великою бідю, котра нищить Дар Божий життя людини. Ми, як Православні християни повинні бути впевнені що за молитвами Церкви Господь захистить нас і ми будемо продовжувати славити Господа в нашому щоденному житті.

Як ВАШ настоятель продовжую служити відповідні служби , молюся за Ваше здоров'я і ВАС кличу до молитви. Якщо Вам потрібна духовна допомога , прошу звертатися 617 780 4968. Нехай буде з Вами благословення Господнє. о. Роман Ваш настоятель.

My Dear Parishioners,

I greet you during these most difficult times in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. I pray for you and your health everyday both at my home and in our beautiful church. It is empty of people, but I feel your love within its walls.

I want you to know that as your spiritual Father, I am very happy to speak with you on the phone or by email. If you need my pastoral services, I will even meet with you if necessary.

I encourage you to pray at home. I also encourage you to join our St. Sophia Seminarians and Archbishop Daniel for morning and evening prayers, the Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts and the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. You can view these on Facebook and YouTube.

May God bless you and your families.

Fr. Roman



Please check in with the website of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA www.uocofusa.org and our website www.ukrainianorthodox.org for updated information.

Welcome to St. Andrew's! If you are interested in more information about our church community, please contact Fr. Roman.

We pray you all remain vigilant and take every precaution during the coming days to protect yourselves as much as possible from the Coronavirus. Please follow all of the guidelines outlined by the CDC. We will keep you posted regarding any changes in our church schedule in the days ahead. Please stay in contact with each other. Please call Fr. Roman to touch base during these uncertain times.

Sunday Divine Liturgy:

29 March 2020

4th Sunday of Great Lent- St. John of the Ladder

After the Little Entrance:

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 8: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. John of the Ladder - Tone 8: The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe,

sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Kontakion for Sundays of Great Lent – Tone 8: To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

Prokeimenon: The Lord will give strength to his people Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory

EPISTLE: The reading is from St. Paul to the Hebrews (Chapter 6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of

the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK (Chapter 9:17-31)

And one of the crowd answered him "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out with tears and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately,

"Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Live stream with our Seminarians and Archbishop Daniel in So. Bound Brook NJ for morning prayers at 7:30 AM every morning and evening prayers at 9 PM every night. They will also stream the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning at 10 A.M.

Sunday, March 29, 2020 - St. John of the Ladder - 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Thank you to Len Kondratiuk for donating two new flag poles for the church hall.

Thank you to Fr. Roman for doing a Spring Clean-Up of the garden along the parking lot side of the church.

We are currently having the Church Office in the Hall painted. Next we will tackle the Pantry Room behind the kitchen. If you would like to make a donation to defray these expenses, please make a donation.

Now is the time to cut pussy willows for Palm Sunday if you have any to donate to the church.

Our Lenten Project 2020 – Fr. John Charest of Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie, PA, (who grew up in Woonsocket, RI) his wife and 5-year-old son are in the process of adopting three siblings from Ukraine. As you can imagine, this will impact them on many levels. For our Lenten Project this year, we would like to collect donations to support them in this life-changing event. We are asking for gift cards to Target, Costco and TJ Maxx. Cash donations will also be welcomed. Please see the bulletin board in the church hall for more details. To make a donation, please stop in the Church Office.

Can Drive! Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in Alston runs a food pantry. Non-perishable items such as peanut butter, tuna, beef stew, hearty soups, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the hall and leave them in the basket, so we can help out with this worthy ministry. (No expired dates on cans, please.)

If you are interested in becoming a member of our Parish Family, please speak with Fr. Roman. We encourage you to be a member of our church community and worship with us every Sunday. Your membership helps us to maintain the church and to pay our bills.

Please keep Ms. Denyce Raniuk, Mr. George Musial, Mr. Gene Moroz, Mrs. Tania Hrycenko, Mrs. Anna Turchan, Mrs. Cornelia Yavarow, Mrs. Paulina Gorbluk, Mr. Ralph Annese, and Ms. Sasha Kondratiuk in your prayers.