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THE ICON OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF ALL HOLY THEOTOKOS

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The Mother of God is shown either sitting, to emphasize her superiority over the Angel, or as standing erect *"as though listening to the King's command"*. As a rule She holds yarn in Her hands, more rarely a scroll. These details are borrowed from tradition; they are mentioned, for example, in the apocryphal Protevangelium Jacobi, chapter II. In contrast to the outer aspect, bright and festive, the inner significance of the event, the decisive moment in the history of the world, determining its subsequent fate, is rendered with great restraint and reserve by the posture and the barely noticeable gestures of the Mother of God. The icon usually emphasizes one of the three moments of the event.

The first: the apparition of the Archangel, his greeting, the perturbation and fear of the Holy Virgin. In this case She turns round and, in Her surprise, drops the purple yam She was spinning. The second moment - the perplexity and prudence of the Mother of God, which are especially emphasized in the service of the festival, juxtaposing, as it does, the Annunciation, the beginning of our salvation, with the beginning of the fall of man. Owing to the fall

of our ancestress Eve, the Virgin Mary is prudent and does not accept at once the extraordinary tidings from the world beyond, but recalls the law of nature: "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man" The icon renders it by the gesture of Her hand which She holds before Her breast, palm outwards a sign of perplexity, of non-acceptance. Finally, other icons reveal to us the culminating moment of the event - the consent of the Mother of God. Here, bowing Her head, She presses Her right palm to Her breast - the gesture of acceptance, of submission which has decided the fate of the world: "*Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto Me according to Thy word.*" Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow says of the significance of these words: "*In the days of the creation of the world, when God was uttering His living and mighty 'Let there be', the word of the Creator brought creatures into the world. But on that day, unexampled in the life of the world, when Divine Miriam uttered Her brief and obedient 'So be it', I hardly dare to say what happened then-the word of the creature brought the Creator down into the world.*"

PARISH LIFE:

Important dates:

PASCHA – May 1

Church cleaning – April 19

Holy Unction Service – April 21

From the Desk of Fr. Nazari. Dear Brothers and Sisters, I send you my cordial greetings on the occasion of the completion of the first week of Great Lent.

Having begun our Lenten journey, on the way to the bright day of the Holy Resurrection, the Holy Church calls us to prayer and repentance. Through prayer, we ask that the Lord show upon us His mercy, grant us the forgiveness of our sins, and heal our prodigal lives.

The Lord has said that our faith is empty without deeds. Therefore, dear Brothers and Sisters, in these days, we need to show our love to the Lord not only by our good deeds to His Holy Church but also to our fellow men, who bear within themselves His Holy Image.

The Lenten period, and especially the Week before the Holy Pascha (Holy Week) is filled with divine services. This is an opportunity for us through prayer and the reception of the Christ's Holy mysteries, to reunite ourselves with our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. So let us not waste this precious time but as Cherubim, let us set aside the daily cares, and fill our beautiful historic temple with our prayers.

In particular, I want to draw your attention to the fact that this year, on Thursday, of the sixth week of Lent (April 21st at 7pm) the Sacrament of Holy Unction will be served at our Church. The Holy Church has established this sacrament based on the Epistle of Holy Apostle James 5: 14-15: ¹⁴"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the

prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven". Though perhaps not all of us suffer from physical ailments, we are all spiritually ill; therefore according to Church tradition believers flow together for this sacrament, having prepared themselves for the reception of this sacrament by Holy Confession. The faithful accept the anointment with holy oil with the hopes of not only healing our physical ailments but also healing of forgotten and unconscious sins.

In our parish Confession can be heard by me not exclusively during days of service. You can contact me via mobile phone at +1 (818) 213-7176, and I'll be glad to meet with you at a mutually-agreeable time to hear your confessions.

From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank Irina Gennadievna Usova and team of Holy Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church Saturday Russian School for organizing fundraising dinner for Children's Summer Orthodox Camp which took place on February 28th.

God bless you!

Archpriest Nazari

From the Treasurer:

February 2016

Income: \$11,538.71

Expense: \$33,695.36

Net loss: \$22,156.65

YTD loss: \$33,121.77

What's in the Basket?

The numbers for February were: 2/07 - \$970.80; 2/14 - \$466.00; 2/21 - \$1,041.31; 2/28 - \$689.00.

Sisterhood News. Thank you is extended to all those who worked, prepared, and donated food for the Sisterhood Blini. It was a financial success as well as tasty fair enjoyed by everyone. Your support is appreciated. Two new black vestments which were ordered for the priests and eight robes for the altar servers have arrived in time to be used during Lent. We also ordered more blue robes for the altar servers which should be coming soon. Many of our older vestments have been sent to the cleaners.

Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 am, the Sisterhood is planning to make "verba" bouquets in the Parish Hall. These will be sold Palm Sunday Vigil and Liturgy. We welcome everyone who can come and help us.

Please save Tuesday, April 19th at 9:30 am for cleaning our Temple in preparation for Pascha. Help is needed to dust, remove wax, polish and vacuum the Church. Any amount of time you can spare will be appreciated. A little lunch will be served.

Following the Pascha Liturgy, the Sisterhood will provide pascha, kuluch, eggs, coffee and wine. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Irene Gregory

Fundraising Committee would like to inform you about the concert in memory of Sergey Vasilievich Rakhmaninoff which will take place on May 15th. Please read the details in the next bulletin.

Alla Bobrova

Saturday School. Last two Saturdays before Pascha, April 16th and 23rd - are the days of confession and communion for HVM Russian Saturday School. Dear Parents, we invite you to join us. A meager dinner will be provided at our Parish Hall right after Liturgy, during which our students and

teachers will take communion. For the concert dedicated to the celebration of Holy Pentecost, we need Russian folk costumes or some individual attributes of the same theme. We will be grateful to all of you who will be able to donate these items to school.

Irina Usova, Head of Studies

Sunday School. Dear parents and families, Sunday School classes will be held April 10 and 17 and May 15 and 22. We are still accepting new students age of 3 through fourth grade. Classes are conducted in English. Come and join the fun!

Marie McEntire, Coordinator

Summer Camp

Thank you to all who came and supported our summer camp fundraiser. We raised \$2148 towards scholarships. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Good food and great entertainment. Thank you again for your support and donations.

Marina Burgmeier, Coordinator

L.O.V.E.S. It is with a sad heart I must advise you that we will no longer be using our van due to lack of ridership, increased costs in repairs and increased costs in insurance. Our van is for sale and anyone interested should contact Donald Burgmeier at [626-289-3861](tel:626-289-3861). We will continue our work in trying to assist the elderly and sick in any way we can.

L.O.V.E.S. would like to thank all those who attended, cooked and assisted in serving in making our blini lunch a success. Thank you all and God bless you.

Marina Burgmeier, President

BAPTISMS: Zoia EvdokimovaMarch 5

Many years!

**The Parish Council Would Like to Thank the Following Persons
For their BUILDING Fund Contributions**

Shirley Garcia and Michael Beaulieu.....	25
Leonid and Irene Gregory for Health of Leonid Gregory	500
Alexander and Catherine Woronzoff-Dashkoff in memory of Anastasia Woronzoff and her parents Hilarion and Anastasis Woronzoff.....	500
Boris Shalygin for good health of the kind anonymous soul.....	100
Alexander Sawchuk.....	250
Galina Tokmakoff	150
Zoya Zarenko Dyer in memory of Paul and Vera Zarenko Dyer.....	100

For the Prayer list please refer to the back of the page

APRIL 2016

1	Fri	6:00pm	Hrs./Vesp./Lit. of Presanctified Gifts (En)	
2	Sat	10:00am 5:00pm	Memorial Divine Liturgy Vigil w/bringing out of the Precious Cross	
3	Sun	10:00am	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	3rd Sunday of Lent: VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
5	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist to Theotokos; <i>Meeting of FORUM</i>	
6	Wed	10:00am	Hrs./Vesp./Lit. of Presanctified Gifts (Sl)	
8	Fri	6:00pm	Hrs./Vesp./Lit. of Presanctified Gifts (En)	
9	Sat	10:00am 5:00pm	<i>Saturday School Confessions (no Liturgy)</i> Vigil	
10	Sun	10:00am	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	4th Sunday of Lent: ST. JOHN CLIMACUS
12	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist to Theotokos; <i>Meeting of FORUM</i>	
13	Wed	10:00am 7:00pm	Hrs./Vesp./Lit. of Presanctified Gifts (Sl) Matins & Canon of St. Andrew	
15	Fri	7:00pm	Matins with the Akathist	
16	Sat	10:00am 5:00pm	Divine Liturgy Vigil	Praises of the Theotokos
17	Sun	10:00am	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	5th Sunday of Lent: ST. MARY OF EGYPT
19	Tue	10:30am 7:00pm	<i>Church cleaning</i> Akathist to Theotokos; <i>Meeting of FORUM; Iconography Presentation by Father Nazari</i>	
20	Wed	10:00am	Hrs./Vesp./Lit. of Presanctified Gifts (Sl)	
21	Thu	7:00pm	Holy Unction Service	
22	Fri	6:00pm	Hrs./Vesp./Lit. of Presanctified Gifts (En)	
23	Sat	10:00am 5:00pm	Divine Liturgy Vigil & Blessing of Willows	Lazarus Saturday
24	Sun	10:00am	HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY	PALM SUNDAY: ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Great & Holy Week of Our Lord's Passions

24	(Sun)	5:00pm	Matins ("Bridegroom")
25	Gt. & Holy Monday	7:00pm	Matins ("Bridegroom")
26	Gt. & Holy Tuesday	7:00pm	Matins ("Bridegroom")
27	Gt. & Holy Wednesday	10:00am 7:00pm	Hrs./Vesp./Lit. of Presanctified Gifts (Sl) Matins of the Holy Thursday
28	Gt. & Holy Thursday	9:00am 7:00pm	Divine Liturgy – Commemoration of the Last Supper Matins – Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels
29	Gt. & Holy Friday	10:00am 2:00pm 7:00pm	Hours of Great & Holy Friday Vespers w/Bringing out of Plashchanitsa (Epitaphion) Matins and Procession with Plashchanitsa
30	Gt. & Holy Saturday	10:00am 2,4,6,8,11pm 8:00pm 11:30pm	Vesperal Divine Liturgy with reading of 15 Parables Blessing of baskets Reading of the Acts of the Holy Apostles Nocturnes/Midnight Office

MAY 2016

1	SUN	12:00am 1:00am 1:20am 11:00am	Cross Processtion and Matins Paschal Hours and Blessing of baskets Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Paschal Vespers	
2	Mon	10:00am	Paschal Liturgy and Procession	Bright Monday
3	Tue	10:00am 7:00pm	Paschal Liturgy and Children's Procession Akathist to Theotokos; <i>Meeting of FORUM</i>	Bright Tuesday
6	Fr	10:00am	Liturgy	Theotokos of Life-giving Font
7	Sat	10:00am 5:00pm	Liturgy and Children's Procession Vigil	Bright Saturday
8	<u>Sun</u>	9:00am 12:00pm 2:00pm	Liturgy Paschal Litiyas at Hollywood Cemetery Paschal Litiyas at Valhalla Cemetery	2 nd SUNDAY IN PASCHAL-TIDE Thomas Sunday
10	Tue	9:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Divine Liturgy and Litiya Paschal Litiyas at Serbian Cemetery Akathist to Theotokos; <i>Meeting of FORUM</i>	RADONITZA – Day of Rejoicing; SS Cyril and Methodius; St. Nicholas the Wonderworker (transition to Bari)
14	Sat	5:00pm	Vigil	
15	<u>Sun</u>	<u>10:00 ч.у.</u>	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	3 rd SUNDAY IN PASCHAL-TIDE Myrr-bearing Women
17	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist to Theotokos; <i>Meeting of FORUM</i>	
21	Sat	10:00am 5:00pm	Divine Liturgy Vigil	SS Constantine and Helen
22	<u>Sun</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	4 th SUNDAY IN PASCHAL-TIDE Healing of the Paralytic
24	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist to Theotokos; <i>Meeting of FORUM</i>	
25	Wed	10:00am	Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water	Mid-Pentecost
28	Sat	5:00pm	Vigil	
29	<u>Sun</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	5 th SUNDAY IN PASCHAL-TIDE The Samaritan Woman
31	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist to Theotokos; <i>Meeting of FORUM; Iconography Presentation by Father Nazari</i>	