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**Weekday Services**

Mon - Fri

Vespers Daily 6 PM

Matins Daily 8 AM

**Schedule for the Week of March 15 - 21, 2015**

<b>Sunday Mar 15</b>	<b>Sunday of the Cross / Крестопоклонная</b>
Saturday Mar 21	5:30 PM Vigil
<b>Sunday Mar 22</b>	<b>St. John of the Ladder / Преп. Иоанна Лествичника</b> 8:15 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия

*Христа, которым для меня мир распят, и я для  
мира (Гал.6,14).*

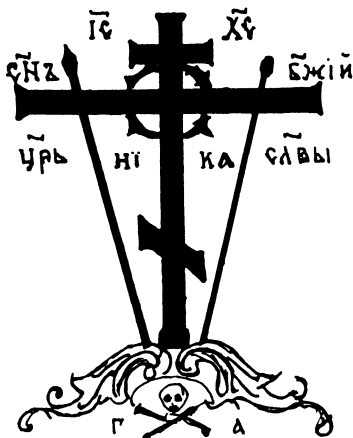
Для некоторых крест в юродство, а некоторым во спасение. Те, кто под музыку беснуются на сцене, надевают кресты в уши, на грудь, не знают цены кресту, для них он не спасительный. А мы носим крест не для красоты, а для спасения, для подтверждения своей верности Господу, своего желания сораспяться Его страданиям. Как храм, так и человек не могут быть без креста... Когда священник освящает крест, то он читает две особые молитвы, в которых просит Господа Бога, чтобы Он в крест влил небесную силу, и чтобы этот крест хранил не только душу, но и тело от всех врагов, колдунов, чародеев, от всяких злых сил. Крест имеет огромнейшую силу. Не только нельзя ходить в церковь без креста, крещеному человеку вообще крест снимать никогда нельзя. Даже когда моемся, идем в баню, в рентгенкабинет, к врачу, нельзя снимать крест.

Крест – это оружие. На ком крест есть к тому демоны трепещут подступить. Поэтому и говорится в пасхальных стихирах, что “... крест – хранитель вселенной, крест – красота Церкви, слава Ангелам и язва демонам”. Креста снимать с себя никогда не надо. Когда спать ложимся, в вечерних молитвах читаем “Да воскреснет Бог...”, тогда надо вынуть свой крестник и приложиться к нему. Очень полезно утром, осеняя себя крестом со словами “Во имя Отца и Сына и Святаго Духа. Аминь”, крестить все, что нас окружает. И выходя из дома, также перекрестить дорогу на весь день.

С крестом мы живем всю жизнь и умираем. Его нам ставят в ноги на могиле. Когда все воскреснут, мы восстанем ко кресту.

*(Архимандрит Амвросий Юрасов)*

**Крест и крестное знамение**



Самое великое оружие нам дал Господь – Крест, крестное знамение! Еще в Ветхом Завете мы встречаем прообраз креста. Когда израильский народ переходил через Иордан, шел по пустынному

месту, на него напали змеи. Стали всех жалить. Моисей сказал, что надо сделать знамение – взять крест и на него повесить змею. И Сам Христос говорил: *И как Моисей вознес змею в пустыне, так должно вознесу быть Сыну Человеческому на крест (Ин.3,14-15)*. Тогда все, кто обращался к знамени, спасались а кто не обращался – погибали. Крестная смерть была позорной, но Господь Своей смертью эту смерть сделал спасительной, потому Крест имеет великую силу.

В Священном Писании, в Послании к Галатам сказано: *А я не желаю хвалиться, разве только крестом Господа нашего Иисуса*

**Reminder**

**April 12 – Пасха / Pascha**

## На Украшение Плащаницы

We are now in the period of Great Lent and Pascha, let us consider what we may do to help in beautifying our church for the celebration of the feast day. Please consider a donation for Paschal flowers and adornment of the church:

From: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you!!*

corruptible, and have found lives worthy of immortality.

"How great is the power of the cross! How great is the change made by it in the human race! How from the deep darkness it has led us to the boundless light, from death it has restored us to eternal life, from corruption it has transferred us to incorruption. What good is not accomplished for us by means of the cross? Through the cross we learned piety and learned the properties of the Divine essence. Through the cross we learn the truth about God, through the cross we who were far from Him are united to Christ, and we become worthy of the grace of the Holy Spirit. Through the cross we learn the power of love and we are taught to die for others. Through the cross we are scorned and all what we do is not temporal, we search the blessings of the future and we accept the invisible as if seen. The cross is preached, and the faith in God is confessed, His truth is spread throughout the universe. The cross is preached, and the faith in the resurrection, the life and the kingdom of heaven is made without a doubt. What is more precious than the cross and what is more saving for the soul? The cross is the triumph over demons, the armor against sin and the sword with which the Lord has struck the snake. The cross is the will of the Father, the glory of the Only-begotten, the joy of the Holy Spirit, the ornament of angels, the protection of the Church, the praise of St. Paul, the protection of the Saints, the lamp of all the world.

"See, however desired and deservedly amiable the cross is made today, it was the most terrible and shameful sign of the cruelest execution in antiquity! And the cross makes the best ornament on the imperial crown, the most precious in all the world. The image of the cross is now found on you, both masters and servants, both wives and husbands, both maidens and married, both slaves and free. All place the sign of the cross on the noblest part of their body, daily carrying this sign on their forehead, as on a depicted pillar. It shines on a sacred meal, on the clothes of the priest and together with the Lord's body at the mystical supper. ... Already no one is ashamed and does not blush at the thought that the cross is a sign of a shameful death. To the contrary, all of us honor this as an adornment for ourselves, which has surpassed crowns and diadems and precious stones. Let us not run, let us not be frightened, but let us kiss and honor it as an invaluable treasure."

*(excerpted from S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2nd ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900) pp. 518-521 Translated by Archpriest Eugene D. Tarris © March 28, 2005. All rights reserved.)*

In the services for this Sunday the Holy Church glorifies the holy cross and the fruits of the death of the Savior on the cross. She will carry out the holy cross into the middle of the temple for veneration, and is why the Sunday is called the Veneration of the Cross. In the hymns for this day the holy Church, inviting us to honor the holy cross, tenderly appeals: "now the angelic hosts gather in reverence and bear aloft the honored Wood, and calling together all the faithful for the veneration. Come therefore and illumined by the fast, let us fall down before it with joy and fear".

According to the teaching of St. John Chrysostom: "the cross of the Lord is unpleasant and sorrowful to the ear, but it consists of joy and gladness. It is the originator not so much of suffering as much as of passionlessness. For Jews the cross is temptation, for pagans it is madness, but for us believers it reminds us of our salvation. When in church one reads about the cross and one is reminded of the sufferings on the cross, the faithful are indignant at the cross and let out a plaintive wail and murmur not at the cross but at the crucifiers and unbelievers. For the cross is the salvation of the Church, the cross is the praise of those who hope on it. The cross has released us from the evil that possessed us and is the beginning of the blessings received by us. The cross is the reconciliation of His enemies with God, the promise of sinners to Christ. For by the cross we were freed from enmity and through the cross we have become amiable to God. The cross delivered us from the authority of the devil, the cross saved us from death and destruction. The cross changed human nature to the angelic, having released it from all that is