

Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church

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March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Great Lent
Sunday of Orthodoxy
The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 2 Troparion (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Your creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to You: “You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, // by coming to save the world.”

Tone 1 Troparion (Holy 40 Martyrs)

Through the sufferings which Your holy Forty Martyrs endured for Your sake, O Lord, we beseech You, O Lover of mankind: // “Heal all of our infirmities!”

Tone 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Holy 40 Martyrs)

You have abandoned all earthly armies, cleaving to the heavenly Master, O Forty Martyrs of the Lord. Having passed through fire and water, O blessed ones, // you have fittingly received heavenly glory and many crowns.

Tone 8 Kontakion (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from you, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. // We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Fathers)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Your Name forever! (*Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3*)

V. For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)

Tone 5 Prokeimenon (Holy 40 Martyrs)

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.
(*Ps. 11:7*)

Epistle (329-ctr) Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2
(331) Hebrews 12:1-10 (Holy 40 Martyrs)

Gospel (5) John 1:43-51

(80) Matthew 20:1-16 (Holy 40 Martyrs)

(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men.

O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins,

from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages.

He made your body into a throne,

and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: John & Nancy Manetta-March 10



This Week's Schedule

Sunday March 9- *Sunday of Orthodoxy* Hours
9:10 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
-Mission Vespers Holy Trinity,
Wilkes-Barre 4 pm

Monday March 10- Free community meal 5pm

Wednesday March 12- Presanctified Liturgy
6pm followed by Lenten meal

Thursday March 13- Lenten hours followed by
Adult ed. Noon

-Lenten Vespers followed Adult
education 6pm

Friday March 14- Presanctified Liturgy 9:30am
-Akathist 6pm

Next Weekend

Saturday March 15 -Vespers 6pm

Sunday March 16- *Sunday of St. Gregory*
Palamas Hours 9:10 Divine Liturgy
9:30am

Remember in your Prayers:

Archbishop Nathaniel, Archbishop John,
Archbishop Paul, Archbishop Benjerman, Priest
Emilian, Priest John, Archpriest Innocent,
Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Vladimir,
Archpriest John, Archimandrite Silouan,
Archpriest Peter, Mat. Mary, Archpriest James,
Mat. Nasa, Archpriest James, Mat. Lisa, Mat.
Catherine, Deacon Geoffrey, Monk Gabriel,
Kathryn, Lorraine, Rose, Catherine, Christina,
Christine, Ivy Elizabeth, Yvette, John, Tyler,
David, Dianne, Thomas, Luke, Melanie, Ron,
Christina, Missy, Bob, Bill, James, Mariah,
David, Charlie, Hannah, John, Finley, Sarah, Iva,
Rory, Gloria, Jean, Thomas, Beverly, John, Roy,

Greg, Jennifer, David, Madison, Sheridan, Olga,
Kathleen, Barbara, Victoria, Robert, Venesa,
Florance, Kim, Randee, Elijah, Nikoli, Isabella



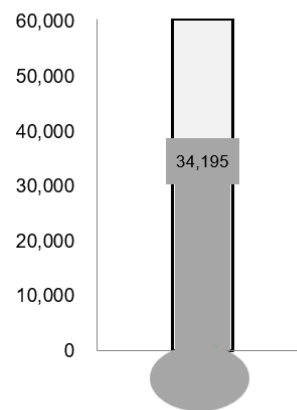
Treasury

Weekly cost to keep the church open: **\$3,320**
Collections last Sunday (3/2): **\$3,817**

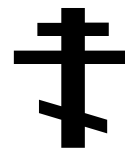
Thank you!

Thanks to those who have donated to our project
so far. Donations are still being accepted if you
choose to help with this worthy cause. Thank you!

HA Renovations Contributions



Overall Target	60,564.00
Total Collected	34,195.00
Amount Needed	26,369.00



Words of Wisdom

From the Saints & Teachers

With joy let us enter upon the beginning of the
Fast. Let us not be of sad countenance. . . .
Let us joyfully begin the all-hallowed season of
abstinence; And let us shine with the bright
radiance of the holy commandments. . .
All mortal life is but one day, so it is said,
To those who labor with love.
There are forty days in the Fast;
Let us keep them all with joy. (**Matins of the
First Monday of Lent**)