

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
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26 MARCH 2023 / 7531 FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Postfesive Day of the Annunciation. Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Mar. 25 17:00 Vigil: **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Suffrages for +Michael Bankovich – The Bankovich Family
- Sun. Mar. 26 10:30 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST** *Suffrages pro populo, esp. for the health and well-being of the Hurst Family – James & Patricia Krisner*
- Fri. Mar. 31 18:30 **LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**
Suffrages for +Edmund Davis – Dolores Barnhart
- Sat. Apr. 01 17:00 Vigil: **PALM SUNDAY** *Suffrages for +Mary Lezo – 40th Day Anniversary*
- Sun. Apr. 02 10:30 **PALM SUNDAY** *Suffrages pro populo*

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03 / 19 / 2023	Adults: \$1751	Candles: \$67	East. Churches: \$395		
COLLECTION	Fuel: \$10	Lenten Off.: \$20	East. Flowers: \$175		
TOTAL: \$2423	Initial Off: \$5				



The archangel Gabriel, the spirit who sees God face to face, gazes upon the brilliant, saving and gleaming Light. He sings heavenly and awesome hymns with the ranks on high. He implores God to grant peace and great mercy to our souls.

The great mystery, previously unknown to the angels and hidden from eternity, is made known to you alone, O Gabriel. When you came to Nazareth, you told it to the pure One. Together with her, implore God to grant peace and great mercy to our souls.

The archangel Gabriel was sent from heaven to bring the Virgin glad tidings of her conception. When he came to Nazareth, he marveled at the miracle and thought to himself: How is it that He Whom the heavens cannot comprehend is now being born of a virgin? The One Who has heaven for a throne and earth for a footstool is being enclosed within a virgin's womb. He upon Whom the six-winged Seraphim and the many-eyes Cherubim cannot gaze, wills to become incarnate of her by a single word. The Word of God is at hand. Then why do I stand by and not say to the Virgin: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you! Rejoice, O pure Virgin and maiden bride! Rejoice O Mother of Life! Blessed is the Fruit of your womb.

The mystery which is from all eternity is being revealed today, The Son of God becomes the Son of Man. He accepted the lowliest in order to give us the highest. In times of old, Adam was deceived; he desired to become like God and did not. Now God becomes a man that He may make Adam God. Let all creation be happy; let nature dance with joy because the archangel Gabriel stands in awe before the Virgin and greets her. He brings the greeting that changes our grief into joy. Through the mercy of your compassion, You became incarnate; O our God, glory be to You!

Today is the joy of the Annunciation and the feast of virginity. The creatures of the earth unite with those of heaven. Adam is renewed and Eve is freed from her ancient sorrow. She who is of our own substance becomes the temple of God by the divinity of Him Who was conceived. O what mystery, the incomprehensible quality of the condescension and the inexpressible wealth of goodness! Gabriel announces this miracle. The virginal womb receives the Son, and the Holy Spirit is sent down, and the Father on high is well pleased. Through the universal will, reconciliation is accomplished for all. Let us, who have been saved in it and through it, sing with Gabriel to the Virgin: Rejoice, O Full of Grace! For our salvation, Christ our God took nature from you and joined it to Himself. Therefore, implore Him to save our souls.



~ Announcements ~

- ❖ Kindly continue to remember in your prayers Patricia, Joanne, Jim. *May the Lord grant to these His servants and to all the sick and homebound of the parish: peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!*
- ❖ The parish is very appreciative to the following who have made donations *in memoriam* of Mary Lezo: Patty; Gary & Debbie; and Bill & Mary. *May the Lord grant to these His servants: peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!*