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March 7<sup>th</sup> -39<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Lent – Sunday Of The Cross

Remembering – the Holy Martyrs Maurice & the 70 soldiers, & Athanasius, Confessor of Constantinople)

Today's Epistle

Readings: Hebrews 4: 14-5:6

Today's Gospel

Readings Mk. 8: 34-9:1

**Resurrectional Troparion (Tn. 6):** "The angelic powers were at Thy Tomb, the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy Grave, seeking Thy Most-Pure Body; Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it! Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life! O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, Glory to Thee!"

**Troparion Of 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:** "O Lord, save Thy people, and Bless Thine Inheritance! Grant victories to all Orthodox Christians, over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!"

Today's Meditation:

## Outstretched Hands

Sixteen centuries ago St. Athanasius said, "It is only on a cross that a man dies with outstretched hands." What a magnificent symbolism hides behind those outstretched hands. On the Cross God Himself in the Person of Christ is stretching His hands out to us appealing to us to repent and return to Him, offering to bless us with the forgiveness of our sins, and calling us into the service of His Kingdom.

Meditating on the outstretched hands of Christ a monk of the Eastern Church wrote, "Your feet are nailed to the wood . . . You have no possibility of escape. You are waiting for me at the rendezvous which You have assigned to me. Fastened to the Cross, You come yourself to this waiting. It is possible for me not to come, but You are there and You remain there where You have allowed Yourself to be placed. Your arms are stretched out. They are opened as an appeal to all. They cannot be closed again. The nails keep them there in this gesture which is at one and the same time an invitation and an embrace. In silence they beckon to me: 'Come.'"

## Special Announcements Today – For You!

(1) **TODAY:** we will have the 40-day parastos service for +Richard ! family) immediately after Church – join us in prayer!

(1-A) **Special REMINDER:** our Pre-Sanctified Liturgy is given us for **PLEASE – do your soul some good –** come and worship at this mass and join us for the pot-luck dinner after! (THIS FRIDAY – 6:30 P.M.)

(2) **Please keep the following loved ones in our prayers:**

Patriarch IRINEJ	Arlene Crnkovich	Gladys Mrvos	Bert
JoAnn Korach	Mika Rocknage	Darinka Grba	Louis
Mara Gasparovic-H	Milan Vranesevic-NH	Dawn Hamm	
Dana Vranes	Nick & Dorothy Trbovic	Pr. Michael Lewis	

(3) **As well as those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:**

+Ljubica Trbovic +Richard Sinsel +Nicholas Vuick +Am  
+George Torbic +Patr. Pavle +Arch-Bishop JOB +Smilja Vu

(4) **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

**MONDAY:** our Education Class for Great Lent continues – 7

**THIS Friday:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:30 PM – Pot-luck meal

**Friday:** Fish-Fry – 11 AM to 6 PM!

(5) **Sign up NOW for a possible Bus to Johnstown – at the Tutors'**

(6) **UPCOMING EVENTS:** NUT-ROLL BAKING - THIS Wednesday

(7) **PLEASE:** do your part in coming to Church regularly AND getting Pledge Card in as soon as possible!

(8) **LENTEN VESPERS TODAY:** JOIN US! Lenten Vespers at the Midland, Pa. – at 5:30 PM!

(9) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**Saturday – March 20<sup>th</sup> – Parish Renewal Day – 10 AM – 4 PM –** Meditation and fellowship – GREAT for the soul! (Confessions and

**ALSO THAT DAY:** Last local Show of the Duquesne Tamburit Protinica JoAnn for specially-discounted tickets – last chance to see Vranesevic, Greg Yovetich, and Dushan Rocknage on stage this year

(10) **REMINDER:** IF you wish to rent the Church hall, you must abide by the Church's rules. Year, with the Fasting Seasons, etc. – NO EXCEPTIONS – if interested, call @ 1-724-225-0645.....