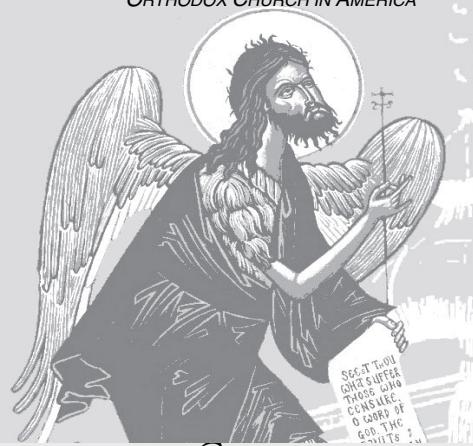


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## A Saint from Salzburg

Many people know Salzburg, Austria as the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who was born there in 1756. But on March 27 we commemorate Saint Rupert of Salzburg, who lived there ten centuries earlier and did great work in spreading the Gospel and building up the Church.

Before his years in Salzburg, Rupert was bishop of the area around Frankfurt, Germany and was confessor to the Frankish king Childebert. Though he had himself been born into the proud Frankish nobility, Rupert believed humility and simplicity were the most important qualities for a Christian to cultivate. He used up his inherited money in caring for the poor, fasted strictly, and spent hours in prayer.

In his administrative duties as a bishop, Rupert became known for his willingness to hear all sides of a disagreement. He would then make decisions that were carefully and prayerfully thought out, and as fair as possible to everyone.

Like most priests, he especially loved to preach and teach about Jesus Christ and the Gospel. His sermons attracted listeners from far beyond the region he oversaw, and as a confessor he strengthened the faith of people who came to him. His reputation for giving wise advice, always based on the teachings of Christ, motivated political leaders from the vicinity and even from other countries to consult him.

But Rupert's prominence inspired jealousy and resentment in some. The problem was compounded by the fact that powerful pagan influences were still at work among the people. Rupert's ability to advance Christianity was feared by the most superstitious among them. The growing feeling against Rupert finally led to his being beaten with rods and exiled.

March 23, 2014

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Veneration of the Cross

- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
Epistle: Heb. 4:14-5:6  
Gospel: Mk. 8:34-9:1
- Fellowship – everyone is invited for Coffee Hour following the Divine Liturgy

## Schedule of Services

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

6:30pm - Great Compline with Litya

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25 – ANNUNCIATION

9:00am - Divine Liturgy

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

6:30pm - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

6:30pm - Akathist to the Holy Cross with Trisagion Memorial Service

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## Intercessory Prayers

We pray for all our fellow parishioners, but we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Among them are:

Michael, Mary and Max Bakaletz, Genevieve Bobenko, Pauline Bodnar, Nancy Filak, Mary Hadginske, Helen Kurnewitz, Margaret Lawler, Kathleen Lazarczyk, Emil Mikulik, MaryAnn Rabkozi, Anatoly & Anna Rozanovich, Nadia Sojka, Eva Stashitsky, Ann Velebir.

## Schedule of Services

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### SATURDAY, MARCH 29 - MEMORIAL SATURDAY

5:30pm - Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER (CLIMACUS)

9:00am - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

## Birthday Greetings

Happy birthday to Chris Bzik, who celebrates his birthday this Friday. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many Years! Mnohaja Lita!

## Announcements

◆ **Confessions** can be heard after any Vespers or Akathist service and before the Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts (beginning at 6:00 p.m.). They can also be heard before Divine Liturgy from 8:30 to 8:50am; however, if you plan to come then, please let Father know the day before. Parish Confessions is scheduled for **Saturday, April 5** from 1:30 to 3:00p.m. Please arrive by 2:30 p.m.

◆ During Lent, Father will be visiting our **home-bound parishioners** who are on his list to receive the Sacraments. If you (or someone you know) have not been visited in the past and need to receive the Sacraments at home/residence, please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

◆ **Service books** for Great Lent are available for purchase. Please see Mary Ann Dolak at the coffee hour.

◆ **NJ Deanery Mission Vespers** tonight will be at Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus at 4:00pm.

◆ **Please note:** the joint **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Passaic on **Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>** is **CANCELLED** due to recent renovation issues.

◆ Next joint **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** will be at the Holy Assumption Church in Clifton on **Apr. 9** at 6:30pm. His Grace Bishop Michael will be main celebrant and homilist; St. Tikhon's Choir will sing the responses.