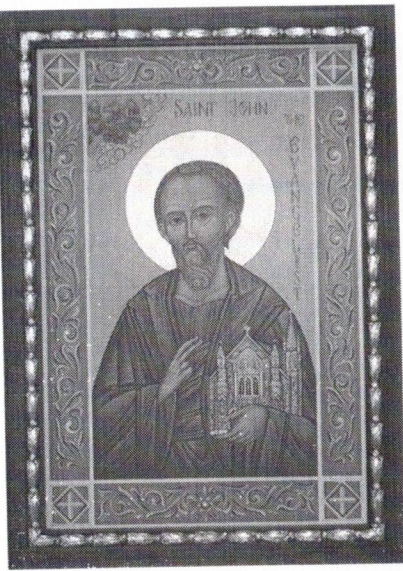




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PASTOR: REVEREND FATHER STEVEN SHAHEEN

REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests praying with us.

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,
please contact Fr. Steven***

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread. Please see Father Steven after Divine Liturgy.

Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 14, 2024

Tone 4 / Eothinon 1

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

**Commemoration of John Climacus, Author of "The Ladder"
Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy**

****Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great****

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN

Apostle John, speaker of deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people, powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him therefore to disperse the darkness of ignorance, and pray for peace and great mercy to be shown upon us

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT IN TONE EIGHT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without bridegroom.

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.

THE EPISTLE

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works.

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee." And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into "that which is within the veil," where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest "forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to
St. Mark. (9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

April

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Presanctified Liturgy 6PM	4	5 Akathist Canon 6 PM	6 Great Vespers 5PM
7 Veneration of the Cross Matins 9AM Divine Liturgy 10AM	8	9	10	11 Pantry 10AM -6 PM	12	13 Great Vespers 5PM
14 John of the Ladder Matins 9AM Divine Liturgy 10AM	15	16	17 Presanctified Liturgy 6 PM	18 Canon of St. Andrew of Crete & Life of Mary of Egypt 6 PM	19 Little Compline with Akathist Canon 6PM	20 Community Breakfast AM 8:30 to 10:30 Great Vespers 5PM
21 Mary of Egypt Matins 9AM Divine Liturgy 10 AM	22	23	24	25 Pantry 10AM -6PM	26 Compline w/Canon of Raising of Lazarus 6PM	27 Divine Liturgy of Lazarus 9AM / Great Vespers Of Palm Sunday 5PM
28 PALM SUNDAY Matins 9AM / DL 10AM Bridegroom Matins 6P	29 Bridegroom Matins @ 6PM	30 Bridegroom Matins @ 6PM	May 1 Holy Unction 6PM	May 2 VDL of St. Basil 9AM Matins w/ 12 Passion Gospels @ 6PM	May 3 Great Royal Hours 9AM Matins / Lamentations @ 6PM	May 4 VDL of St. Basil 9AM Rush Service/Paschal Matins & DL @ 10PM
						*Fellowship in Hall after Service- all invited!
May 5 Agape Vespers 12Noon						

APRIL Services

- April 13th Saturday—Great Vespers 5PM
April 14th Sunday—Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
(John of the Ladder)
April 17th Wed—Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts @ 6PM
April 18th Thurs. Canon of St. Anrew of Crete & Life
of Mary of Egypt @ 6PM
April 19th Friday -Little Compline with Akathist Canon
@ 6PM
April 20th Saturday—Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30AM
Great Vespers 5PM
April 21st Sunday—Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
(Mary of Egypt)
April 26th Friday— Compline w/Canon of Raising of
Lazarus @ 6PM
April 27th Saturday — Divine Liturgy of Lazarus 9AM
Great Vespers of Palm Sunday @ 5PM
April 28th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
(Palm Sunday)
Bridegroom Service 6PM
April 29th Monday — Bridegroom Service 6PM
April 30th Tuesday — Bridegroom Service 6PM
May 1st Wed. — Holy Unction 6PM
May 2nd Thurs. — Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil @ 9AM
Matins w/12 Passion Gospels @6PM
May 3rd Friday — Great Royal Hours & Typika 9AM
Matins w/Lamentations @ 6PM
May 4th Saturday — Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9AM
Resurrection (Rush) Service, Paschal
Orthos & Paschal Divine Liturgy @ 10PM
Fellowship in Hall after service-all invited!
May 5th Sunday — Agape Vespers @ 12 Noon

Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:

Fr. Steven, Evie, Kh. Paraskeva, Ann, Carol, Michael, Sam, Debbie John, Jim (Health), Jeffery, Aiden, Shannon, Justin, Perry, Adalena, Donald, William (Cancer), Harriett (Health), Jan (Health) , Fr. Andrew (Health), Yvonne, Leonard, Rhonda, Karen, Cindy, Immanuel, Gloria, Carlos, Jospheine, and Alfie.

For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:

Prayers are offered in memory of Patriarch Ignatius IV, Metropolitan Philip, Bishop Antoun, Archbishop Peter, Archbishop Michael, Igumen George, Archpriest Peter, Archpriest Theodore, Dn. Larry, Sh. Peggy, Priest Basil, Priest Solobadon, and Archpriest John, Mary, Infant Clyde Eddy, Child Mica, Mother Nektaria, Janis, AP Moses, Raymond, Eleanor, Dn Innocent, Patricia, Joseph and Tim.

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“THOUGHT FOR THE DAY”

**The temptations of the devil are like a cobweb.
You only need to blow at it, and it will be
destroyed.**

St. Seraphim of Sarov

“ASCEND THE LADDER OF THE VIRTUES”

On the 4th Sunday of Lent, we annually commemorate a 7th century monastic saint: ST. JOHN CLIMACUS. He is best remembered today for his spiritual writing entitled the “Ladder of Divine Ascent.” In this marvelous work, he compares the quest for spiritual perfection with climbing a 30-step ladder, with each rung corresponding to a year in the life of Christ that was hidden from the world. Even today, many Orthodox monasteries will begin the season of Great Lent with a public reading of Climacus’ book.

While the “Ladder of Divine Ascent” was written primarily for those living a monastic life, it offers wonderful spiritual advice from which we can all benefit. Listen to some of John’s profound comments in his spiritual work:

“In a meek heart, the Lord will find rest.”

“Humility is a divine shelter to prevent us from seeing our achievements.”

“Those who wish to learn the will of God must first suppress their own will.”

“Run from places of sin as from the plague, for when fruit is not present, we have no frequent desire to eat it.

“Let your prayers be completely simple. Remember that both the Publican and the Prodigal Son were reconciled with God by praying only one phrase.”

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