



Sunday March 18, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. *Repose of St. Nikolai of Zhicha (1956). St. John Climacus (of The Ladder). St. Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem (386). Martyrs Trophimus and Eucarpus of Nicomedia (ca. 300). Ven. Aninas of the Euphrates.*

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 3/21 *Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.*

Thursday 3/22 *Canon of Repentance & life of St. Mary of Egypt 6:30 p.m.*

Friday 3/23 *Akathist for the Departed 6:30 p.m.*

Saturday 3/24 *Memorial Service 4:00 p.m.
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday 3/25 *Annunciation Hours 8:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

Followed by Coffee hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Mar-18	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Mar-25	LEWIS	SOUDER	FINCK
Apr-1	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Apr-15	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial
to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 1 Troparion *(for St John Climacus)*

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body,
thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John.
Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer,
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith.
Glory to Him Who gave thee strength!
Glory to Him Who granted you a ^crown!//
Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(for St John Climacus)*

The Lord truly set thee on the heights of abstinence,
to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe!//
O our father and teacher John.

Tone 4 Troparion *(St Nikolai of Zhicha)*

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;
thy humility exalted thee;
thy poverty enriched thee.
Hierarch Father Nikolai,
entreat Christ our God//
that our souls may be saved!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St Nikolai of Zhicha)*

O holy hierarch, Father Nikolai, /
divine thunder and spiritual trumpet, /
planter of faith and the pruner of heresies, /

great favorite of the Trinity, /
standing now with the Angels before the throne of God ///
ceaselessly pray for our souls!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*St John Climacus*)

Let the saints exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches! (Ps 149:5)

Epistle Hebrews 6:13-20

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you."

And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Ephesians 5:9-19 (*St John Climacus*)

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps 44/45:5)

v: For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps 44/45:8)

Tone 4

v: They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. (Ps 91/92:13)

Gospel Mark 9:17-31

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me."

Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

And he said, "From childhood.

And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

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!"

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him.

And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.”

But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”

Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it.

For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.”

Matthew 4:25-5:12 (St John Climacus)

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in thee, 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 thy body into a throne,
and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens.
All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace.//
Glory to thee!

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil
tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6b-7a*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Lenten Retreat 2018 Thanks to all who participated in our parish Lenten retreat. Thanks to Jeff Kendall and all of the faithful of St. Michael's for a successful Lenten Parish retreat. It was a blessed opportunity for all.

The Canon of St. Andrew with the Life of St. Mary of Egypt During the 5th week of Great Lent the Church calls us once again to the Canon of Repentance by St. Andrew of Crete. We will repeat the canon as in the first week of lent however, this time the reading of the life of St. Mary of Egypt is prescribed along with the canon. We will offer this service this Thursday March 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Family Promise Ministry We'll be providing dinners and fellowship for Family Promise Monday, March 26th and Tuesday, 27th at St. Philips Lutheran Church (5320 Limestone Rd. 19808). However, on Thursday, March 29th, we will serve dinner here in St. Michael's social hall due to evening services at St. Philips. Please sign up to help on the board in the narthex and contact Ellen Gundersen with questions 610.388.0695.

Akathist for the Departed & Memorial Service Friday evening we will offer the Akathist for the Departed. We will also be offering a memorial service next Saturday March 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Book Discussion Group Elizabeth Clause is hosting a Lenten book study on Mondays from 7:30-9 p.m. The group is reading and discussing "The Lenten Spring" by Father Thomas Hopko. All are welcome.

Archbishop MARK to Visit for Pascha We are happy to announce that His Eminence Archbishop MARK will join us this year for Holy Pascha. Archbishop MARK will spend Holy Week visiting different parishes and will be with us for Pascha night (Nocturnes, Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy). His Eminence will also be with us for our Pascha night agape & sharing of the baskets.

Pot Luck & the Life of a Saint after Presanctified on Wednesdays On Wednesday evenings during Great Lent we will be having Lenten pot luck dinners along with a presentation on the life of a saint. All are welcome to join us. Please see Fr. Dn. James if you are interested in presenting or reading the life of a saint.

Read a book during Lent! Check out the library table today at coffee hour; new books have been put out for this season of Lent. More titles are available downstairs in the library. If there is an additional book that you would like the bookstore to order, please see Juliana Bunitsky or Mary Anne Farrell.

Lenten Confessions During the Lenten season confessions will be available on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. prior to Presanctified Liturgy. Time for confession is also available on Saturday evenings following Great Vespers.

Parking at the Church We continue to ask individuals to please park in the designated areas. The parish council realizes that parking close to the church is limited, however for safety sake please do not park in the fire/ambulance lanes. We need to keep these areas open in case of any emergency. We ask that if the parking lot is full please park on the street and be sure not to block anyone in. Thank you!

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

“Do not be surprised if you fall every day and do not surrender. Stand your ground bravely and you may be sure that your guardian angel will respect your endurance. A fresh, warm wound is easier to heal than those that are old, neglected, and festering, and that need extensive treatment, surgery, bandaging and cauterization. Long neglect can render many of them incurable. However, all things are possible with God (cf. Mt. 19:26).”

St. John Climacus

Prayers for the Departed: *Matuska Mary Perez, Matushka Barbara Kucynda, Mark Gundersen, John Berket*

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle, Alfred Mokhiber, Stephanie Hojnicky, Mary Alice Salay, Phillip McKelvey*

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: *Maria Peck, Rachel Facaros, Leah Reed, Jacquelyn Marie Wham, Rachael Irene Shatley*

Prayers for Catechumens: *Stephanie Smiertka Riley*

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
18-Mar	Oberto/Peck	Elia/Morjana	Bunitsky	Lewis
25-Mar	Pacienza/George	Riley/Riley	General Cleaning	Gundersen
1-Apr	POT LUCK - Finck	Sulpizi/Finck	Farrell	Farrell
8-Apr	PASCHA	Hojnicky/Souder	Clause/Whalen	No Library
15-Apr	Peck/Wales	Telep/Baldychev	Finck	Skomorucha

Church School Reminder

March 18 Class

March 25 Class Annunciation

April 1 No Class Palm Sunday

April 8 No Class Holy Pascha