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Sunday April 7, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
– Tone 4. *Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of North America (1925 – March 25 O.S.). St. John Climacus (of The Ladder). St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Mytilene (9th c.). Ven. Daniel, Abbot of Pereslavl-Zalesky (1540). Martyr Calliopos at Pompeiopolis in Cilicia (304). Martyrs Rufinus the Deacon, Aquilina, and 20 soldiers with them at Sinope (ca. 310). Ven. Serapion of Egypt (5th c.).* (Note: The service for St Tikhon is transferred to April 8.)

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 4/10 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 4/11 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Canon of Repentance w/ Life of Mary of Egypt 7:00 p.m.

Friday 4/12 Akathist 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 4/13 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

5th Sunday of Lent 4/14 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by coffee hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Mar-31	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Apr-7	SOUDER	SULPIZI	CAREY
Apr-14	LEWIS	BUNITSKY	LEWIS



Hymns and Prayers

Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 1 Troparion *(for St John Climacus)*

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

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their
chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,//
He has risen on the third day!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(for St John Climacus)*

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

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them
all. (*Ps 103/104:24*)

*v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!
(Ps 103/104:1)*

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 5:8-19 *(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 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

v: For You love righteousness, and hate 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 you, 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 your body into a throne,

and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens.

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace.

Glory to you!

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

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 April 11th at 7:00 p.m.

April 13th Cleanup In Preparation for Holy week and Pascha we will have a parish wide cleanup on Saturday April 13th at 9:00 a.m. Please consider coming to help. The more help we have, the sooner we will finish.

Books for Prisoners: (Last day to donate books (or money) for prisoners will be Sunday, April 14) During Lent please donate new or gently used PAPERBACK books in the bin in NARTHEX--especially Paperback Dictionaries. See the list of books requested by prison libraries in our narthex. For a donation to the "books for prisoners" collection, please take free orthodox books in social hall entrance. Your donation will be used to buy books for the incarcerated. Thanks for your generosity. See Ellen Gundersen.

Archbishop MARK to Visit His Eminence Archbishop MARK will be joining us for Presanctified Liturgy on Holy Tuesday April 23rd at 9 a.m. We hope you can be with us the Archbishop's annual Holy Week visit.

Study Group Our study group continues to meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. This past week six of us finished our study of the 5th chapter of the gospel of St. Matthew. We will begin chapter 6. Join us!

Presanctified Liturgy On Wednesday evenings we will be celebrating the Presanctified Liturgy. The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts comes after a day of spiritual preparation and abstinence. All who plan on participating in Holy Communion for the Presanctified Liturgy who are

unable to make the effort of total fasting because of weaknesses or illness, should eat a light lenten meal in the morning or mid-morning and begin fasting for communion by noon. Reminder that our Presanctified Liturgy will be followed by a lenten pot luck dinner. All are welcome to come and bring a lenten dish and share in the extra fellowship as we make our journeys together to Pascha.

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great On Sundays during the lenten season we may notice that the Divine Liturgy is a little different. This is because we celebrate the longer Liturgy of St Basil the Great. Some say that the celebrating of Saint Basil's liturgy still being done during Lent is because of the conservative liturgical character of Lent. And since it is the intention of the Church to dedicate more time to prayer during Lent, that it is a good opportunity to teach the faithful dogma by offering for their hearing and singing the profound and all-embracing theological elucidations of the Basilian Liturgy. It is also said that it is served during lent because of its expressively doctrinal and educational character. Listen and you will hear the wisdom and beauty of this liturgy on the Sunday's of Great Lent. Handouts will be available.

Lenten Confessions Great Lent is a time for us to take personal spiritual inventory of our inner life. Repentance is the beginning and the condition of a truly Christian life. To become more fully human, more truly ourselves, we must face our failures. And not just our inadvertent mistakes but also the situations in which we more or less deliberately turn away from what we are really called to be. The traditional approach of the Fathers of the Church is that if we don't admit our sin, we will never bring our-selves to go beyond it. The Lenten season is a perfect opportunity to rediscover our relationship with Christ and get back on the narrow path that leads to salvation. Confessions will be offered on Wednesday evening be-fore Presanctified, Saturday evenings following Great Vespers, on Thursday's following study group, Friday evening with Akathist. If these times are inconvenient, please call Fr. Barnabas for confession by appointment. Please do not wait until the last minute!

Pussy Willows for Palm Sunday If anyone has pussy willow trees and would like to cut pussy willow branches for Palm Sunday we will be happy to distribute them along with palms. Please see Ellen Gundersen or Fr.Dn. James Carpenter.

Prayers for the Departed: Mat Julia Petranin Marie Karawulan, Virginia Sekerak Marie Holowatch, Maria Proch, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, George Sarmousakis, Alfred Mokhiber

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. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Michael Sinovich, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock

Prayers for Catechumen: Robert Jaquette, Sue D'Orazio

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Ruth Kendall

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
7-Apr	Peck/Sulpizi/Skomorucha	Telep/Baldychev	Carey	Farrell
14-Apr	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Bunitsky/Morjana	Baldychev /Sylvest	Skomorucha
21-Apr	Hamwi/Morjana	Riley/Riley	Suplizi	Maloney
28-Apr	Pascha	Sulpizi/Finck	Riley	No Library
5-May	Najemy/Kendall	Hojnicky/Souder	Bunitsky/Finck	Gundersen

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Canon of Repentance w/ Life of Mary of Egypt April 11th

Lazarus Saturday April 20th

Palm Sunday April 21st

Archbishop MARK to visit Holy Tuesday April 23rd

HOLY PASCHA April 28th