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**Sunday April 11, 2021** FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

– Tone 3. St. John Climacus (of The Ladder).

Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum, disciple of St.

John the Theologian (92). Ven. Jacob (James), Abbot of

Zheleznobórovsk (1442), and his fellow ascetic, James. St.

Varsonúfii (Barsanuphius), Bishop of Tver' (1576).

Martyrs Processus and Martinian of Rome (1st c.). Ven.

Pharmuthius, Anchorite, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. John,

disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis (9th c.). St.

Callinicus of Cernica, Bishop of Rimnicului in Romania

## This Week's Schedule

**Wednesday 4/14** Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday 4/15** Study Group 10:00 a.m.

**Great Canon w/Life of Mary of Egypt** 6:30 p.m.

**Friday 4/16** Presanctified Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday 4/17** Great Vesper 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday 4/18** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent St Mary of Egypt

Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*\*Please Note Services will also stream Online\**

## Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup> Hour</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Apr-11	DORAZIO	VOJACSEK	WALES
Apr-18	LEWIS	WJCIECHOWSKI	LEWIS
Apr-25	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 3 Troparion**     *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

### **Tone 1 Troparion**     *(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 3 Kontakion**     *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//  
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

### **Tone 4 Kontakion**     *(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 3 Prokeimenon**   *(Resurrection)*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing  
praises! *(Ps. 46:6)*

*V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
(Ps. 46:1)*

**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 3**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)*

*V. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)*

### **Tone 4**

*V. They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. (Ps. 91:12)*

### **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 Hymn**

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. 111:6*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **This Week's Announcements**

***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 15th at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

***April 17th Parish Cleanup*** In Preparation for Holy week and Pascha we will have a church & parish hall cleanup on Saturday April 17th at 9:00 a.m. Please consider coming to help. The more help we have the sooner we will finish. So bring your mask and cleaning supplies for this necessary annual cleanup.

***Coffee Hour to Begin April 18<sup>th</sup>*** Next week we will begin a modified coffee hour for any who wish to participate. Participation is entirely voluntary; and participants should understand that it is impossible to eliminate all risks with respect to Covid. Therefore, each coffee hour participant assumes their own risk in deciding to participate. However, with that said, we are taking common sense steps to make fellowship safer, and would ask that participants please observe the following: **1)** maintain social distancing at all times when in the fellowship hall, whether standing or seated; **2)** continue to wear masks when not actively eating or drinking; **3)** sanitize hands before using the coffee pot; **4)** wash

or sanitize hands before eating; **5)** initially food will not be provided but you may bring your own; **6)** please use the Clorox wipes on the table to sanitize your spot at table, and your chair before leaving. We would also ask that **all participants be gracious when reminded of these rules.**

***Presanctified Liturgy on Wed. & Fri.*** During the month of April we will be offering the Presanctified Liturgy on both Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we will be celebrating the Presanctified Liturgy. Since the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated in the Orthodox Church on Lenten weekdays, in order for the faithful to sustain their Lenten effort by participation in Holy Communion, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served. This Liturgy is called Presanctified, since the Holy Gifts are presanctified (or consecrated) on the previous Sunday. Please join us on both Wed. evenings and Fri. mornings for the Presanctified Liturgy.

***Confession Opportunities during Lent*** There will be added opportunities for confessions during the Lenten season. Confession will be available prior to Presanctified Liturgy on both Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and also on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Confession will also still be available on Saturdays following Vespers.

***Study Group*** Our study group will resume this Thursday with Matthew chapter 21. Consider joining us during the Lenten season for our Thursday study group. We will continue to meet on Zoom at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

***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 Sundays of Great Lent.

**Questions Everyone Should ask themselves Before coming to In-Person Worship:** Do you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, and

or trouble breathing? Persistent pain, pressure or tightness in chest? Any recent loss of taste/smell or gastrointestinal upset? Any contact with anyone with C-19? **If you answer YES to any of these questions you should stay at home.**

**Prayers for the Departed:** Metropolitan Theodosius, Archbishop David, Mitred Archpriest Eugene Pianovich, Mitred Archpriest Daniel Ressetar

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke Wales, Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, Stephanie Hojnicky, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause, Jamie Clause, David Telep

**Prayers for Catechmens** Kristin Mackenzie, Andrew Ashton, Cole McElmurray, John Hill

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>
<b>11-Apr</b>	Telep/Baldychev	Skomorucha/Ashton/M Kiflemarian
<b>18-Apr</b>	Bunitsky/Morjana	Peck
<b>25-Apr</b>	Riley/Riley	Carey
<b>2-May</b>	Sulpizi	Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest

**Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind**

- Palm Sunday.....April 25***
- Holy Pascha..... May 2nd***
- Ascension.....June 10th***
- Pentecost.....June 20<sup>th</sup>***
- Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.....June 29th***