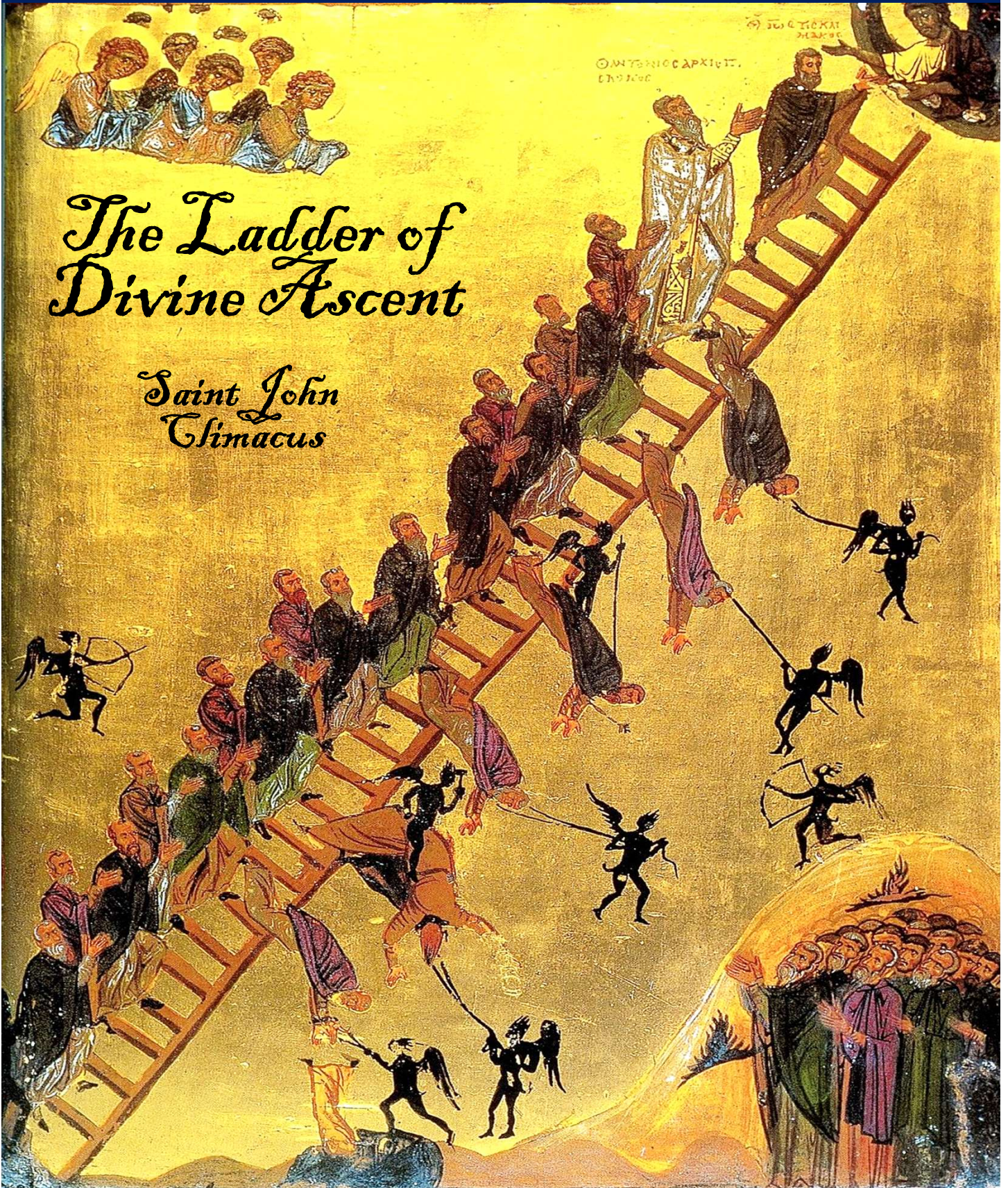
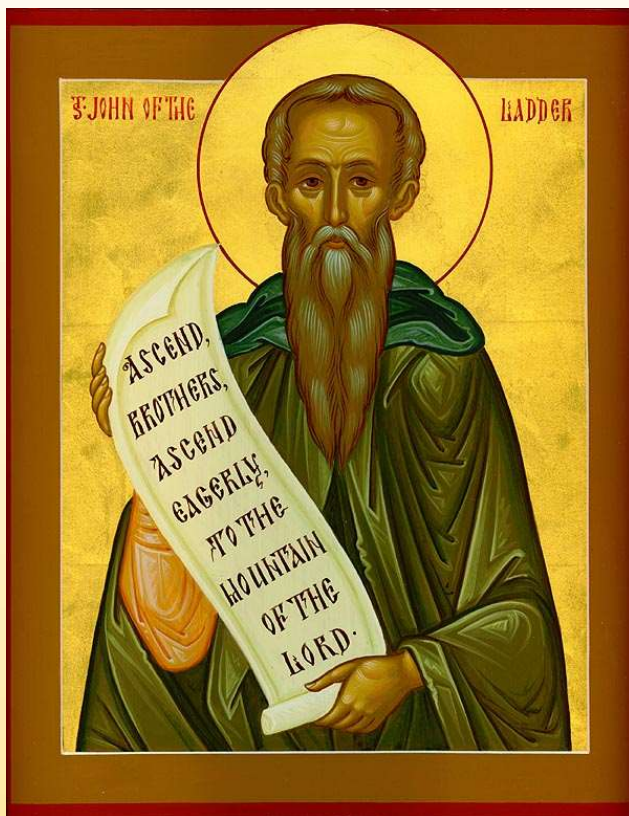


The Ladder of Divine Ascent

Saint John
Climacus



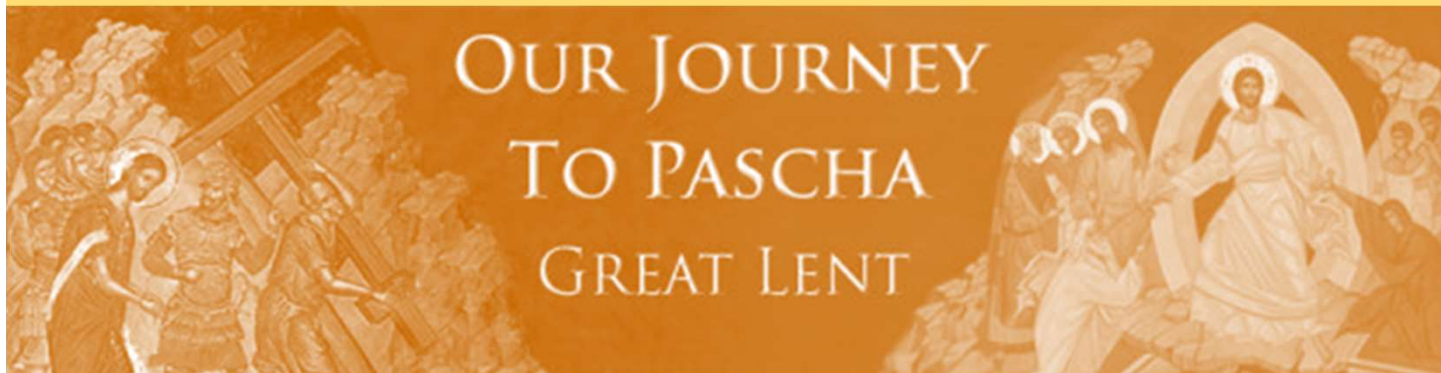


The 4th Sunday of Great Lent is dedicated to St. John Climacus (also known as St. John of the Ladder), a monk who spent 40 years in solitude and authored "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." The book is a guide on how to live a God-centered life. There are 30 chapters -- or 30 rungs -- in a divine ascent to Christ.

The icon pictured on the cover of this Bulletin was inspired by St. John Climacus' treatise and depicts monks ascending the Ladder. It was painted in the 12th Century at the Monastery of Saint Catherine in Mount Sinai and remains a highly recognizable and graphic work of religious art.

The Orthodox Church wants the ascetic example of St. John Climacus to inspire us in our Lenten journey.

OUR JOURNEY
TO PASCHA
GREAT LENT





SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of our Godson, Andrew Kauriga and his wife, Megan Kauriga, on their birthdays, Love, Aunt Judy, Uncle Tom and Family
2. Many more years to Mary O'Connor on her birthday, offered by Mike, Marcia and Zach O'Connor
3. In memory of our mother/mom-mom/Gigi, Pauline Redmond, on the 5th Anniversary of her passing, offered by Colleen, George and Nicholas Philipp, Jennifer and Cory Redmond
4. In memory of our father/pop-pop, Charles John Redmond, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Jennifer Redmond
5. For the health of our sister/aunt Judy Hanney on her birthday, Love, Barbara, George, Cassandra and Ray
6. In memory of our parents/grandparents, Helen and Stephen Sameruck, and Helen and Louis Latsios, offered by Barbara and George Latsios and Family
7. For the health of our Granddaughter, Kaylee, on her 18th Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
8. For the health of our Granddaughter, Jessica, on her 21st Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle

The beautiful flowers
adorning the
Holy Cross on
April 3, the 3rd Sunday of
Great Lent --
the Veneration of the
Cross --
were donated by
Tom and Judy Hanney &
Family

In Memory of
Grandparents
Mary & Michael
Matweychuk,
Parents
Helen & Stephen
Sameruck,
Sister
Carol Irene Kauriga,
&
Brother
Stephen Michael
Sameruck



The wood crucifix was carved in 2003 by long-time former parishioner,
+Michael Peleszak Sr. (1927-2016). MEMORY ETERNAL

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ALTAR CANDLES LIT TODAY

In Memory of My Beloved Parents

PAULINE REDMOND

on the 5th Anniversary of Her Passing (April 15)

and

CHARLES JOHN REDMOND

on His 96th Birthday (April 14)

Offered by Colleen Philipp and Family



CONFESSIONS
will be heard on:

- **FRIDAYS at 7:00 pm during Pre-Sanctified Liturgy;**
- **SATURDAYS at 5:00 PM at Vespers;**
- **SOUL SATURDAYS at 9:00 AM before Divine Liturgy; and**
- **SUNDAYS at 9:00 AM before Divine Liturgy**

Schedule of Services	
Friday, April 9	7:00 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 10 SOUL SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 11	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida
Friday, April 16	7:00 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 17	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 18	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Friday, April 23	7:00 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 24 LAZARUS SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm: Vespers & Blessing of Pussy Willows
Sunday, April 25 PALM SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by "Potato Pancake" Fellowship Lunch in the Church Hall
Wednesday, April 28	6:30 pm: Holy Unction Healing Service
Thursday, April 29 HOLY THURSDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 6:30 pm: Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 30 HOLY FRIDAY	3:00 pm: Vespers 6:30 pm: Funeral Service and Procession with Plaschanitsa
Saturday, May 1 HOLY SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, followed by Blessing of Baskets in the Sanctuary
Sunday, May 2 EASTER-PASCHA	11:30 pm: Matins, Procession, Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Baskets and Agape Breakfast in the Church Hall
Monday, May 3 BRIGHT MONDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Procession
Saturday, May 8	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, May 9 ST. THOMAS SUNDAY MOTHER'S DAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Akathist to the Holy Theotokos, followed by Blessing of the Graves at Oakland Cemetery

**CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE
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- *Patricia Walker*
- *Anna Kuliasha*
- *Colleen Philipp*
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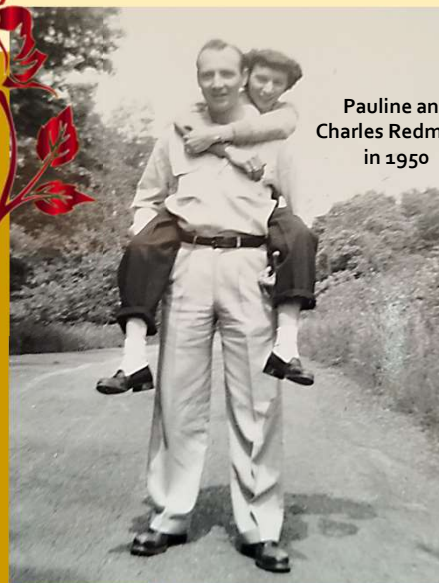
**Colleen Philipp & Family
In Memory of My
Beloved Mother
PAULINE REDMOND**

**on the 5th Anniversary of Her Passing
and
Beloved Father
CHARLES JOHN REDMOND
on His 96th Birthday**

And By

**Barbara and George Latsios & Family
In Memory of Our Beloved Parents/Grandparents
HELEN and STEPHEN SAMERUCK
and
HELEN and LOUIS LATSIOS**

- MEMORY ETERNAL -



Pauline and Charles Redmond in 1950

Pauline Redmond and Helen Sameruck were sisters.



Stephen and Helen Sameruck in 1977



Helen and Louis Latsios in 1991 at their granddaughter's – Cassandra Elena McNulty's – Baptism in St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral.





ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analoï Candles:	\$25
Altar Candles:	\$35
Annual Vigil:	\$100
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1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/21
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/21
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz; John and Mary Dzwonczyk; Paul and Anna Guz, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/21
4. +The Repose of the souls of Helen and Michael Zaruba, and Christina and Christopher Natale. May Their Memory Be Eternal. Offered with love by Daughter/Sister/Aunt, Marcia O'Connor. exp. 10/1/21
5. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/21
6. +The Repose of the souls of the Boljarevich Family, Anastasia (Nancy) Yarosh, Helen Kon, Helen and John "Whitey" Horbacz, Harry Mason, Sophie Gamble, Michael Zaruba and John Martin. PERPETUAL
7. +The Repose of the soul of my beloved husband, our devoted father and grandfather, Jack Kavchok. May his memory be eternal! Offered with love, Diane, John, Michael, Melissa, Makenzie, Riley and Kylie. exp. 8/1/21
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/21
9. +The Repose of the souls of Irina and Michael Sierp, Konstantin, Olga, Lydia and Juris Teterski, Richard Boswell, and the health of all living members of the Teterski, Sierp, Boswell and Lis Families, offered by Susan Lis. exp. 9/18/21
10. +The Repose of the soul of our mother and grandmother, Helen Marx, offered by Victoria, Frank, Christopher, Stephanie, Julia, Nicholas, Krissy, Nathan and Morgan Borriello. exp. 4/19/21
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/21
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/21
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/21
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/21
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/21
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, offered by Renee Murphy, Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/21
17. +In loving memory of our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy, Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/21
18. +The Repose of the souls of the Kowal Family: Andrew, Paraskeva, Andrew, Catherine, Susan, John, Nionila, Anna, David, Franklin Shultz and Edward Barrett, offered by Drew Kowal. exp. 11/1/30
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Maksym, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana-Olga, Hrustyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/21
20. For the health of Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Olga, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan, Volodymyr. +In memory of Anna, Sophia, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunelia, Vasyl, Maria, Pavlo, Maria, Petro, Stepan, Anna, Stepania, Vasyl, Maryna, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/21
21. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/21
22. +The Repose of the souls of Mary and Gregory Buckley. Memory Eternal. Offered by the children and grandchildren of the Buckley, Janoczkin and Wojnarowicz Families. exp. 12/20/21
23. +In memory of newly-departed Alice (Lesya) Orlan, our beloved "Forever Friend," offered by Dorothy Chelak and Family. exp. 1/24/22
24. For the health of Vasyl, Paraska, Roman, Oksana, Andriy, Volodymyr, Orusya, Maria, Vitaliy, Taras, Anatoliy, Olga, Anna, Ivan. +In memory of Paraska, Vasyl, Ivan, Vasyl, Evdokia, Maria, Paraska, Oksana. Offered by the Khanas and Petriv Families. exp. 3/1/22

At the conclusion of Presanctified Liturgy, Friday evening, April 2, 2021



The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is a solemn, evening Lenten Vespers service. Holy Communion is administered during this service with the Sacramental Gifts sanctified on the previous Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

Easter Vigils

Diane Kavchok will be contacting you by email for any revisions to your Easter vigil list. To our new parishioners: please contact Diane by email, kavchokd@aol.com, if you would like to have Vigils published in the Easter edition of our Bulletin.

Panikhida. Soul Saturday,
April 3, 2021



On Soul Saturdays, Father Bohdan prays for the souls of your departed loved ones, reading aloud the names on the lists you provided. A special Panikhida follows Divine Liturgy. The remaining Soul Saturday during Lent is April 10.

We are suggesting a \$25 donation for the reading of your beloved departed names. Thank you.

Soul Saturdays

**Prayers for Your Beloved
Departed**

Sunday, April 4, 2021
VENERATION OF THE CROSS



Father Bohdan's Sermon
Sunday, April 4, 2021
Mark 8:34-9:1



Take up your cross and follow Me, said Jesus Christ in today's Scripture reading. And we should do just that: literally and symbolically. We venerate the Holy

Cross today on this 3rd Sunday of Great Lent as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross – and also to remind ourselves that this is the goal of our Lenten journey.

But we also venerate the cross because Jesus said: "He who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." It is a simple statement that defines how we must live to be saved.

The cross represents Jesus, and I hold it in my right hand so that you see God's power and wisdom are with us in this sanctuary. And you, too, should wear your cross so that everyone can see that you believe in the power of the crucifix and that God is with you always.

The cross symbolizes that you are a disciple of Christ, which means you have chosen to follow Him on your journey through life. It is a winding road of bumps and potholes. We try to be obedient to Christ and His teachings, listening to the messages He gives us through the parables -- but we often stumble when we are discouraged or tempted by worldly things. Yet we always get back up because we have faith. You are on your journey as a disciple of Christ.

And that is why during Great Lent you deny your SELF. Because only when you deny SELF – or abstain from things during Great Lent -- can you take up your cross and follow Jesus. AMEN.

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT - ST. JOHN CLIMACUS



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

CHOIR: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

READER: Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

CHOIR: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...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. **(Hebrews 6:13-20)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READER: In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope. Let me not be put to shame!
Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

CHOIR: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRIEST: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

PRIEST: Let us attend. 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." **(Mark 9:17-31)**

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.



The Tomb in 2019



EASTER FLOWERS

In preparation for Holy Friday, the Tomb of Jesus will be set up in the Sanctuary Holy Thursday night, April 29, following the Holy Passion service of the reading of the Twelve Gospels.

A variety of seasonal, potted, flowering Easter plants will decorate the Tomb. This year, instead of pre-ordering, you will be able to select from the plants and take one or more home after Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday, May 3 – FOR A SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$15.

BASKETS of fresh cut flowers, however, will still need to be pre-ordered. Please give your basket order to Ellen Hanavin in the Candle Room. The baskets are \$40 each and are beautifully arranged by our florist for decades, Carroll's Flowers.

ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE

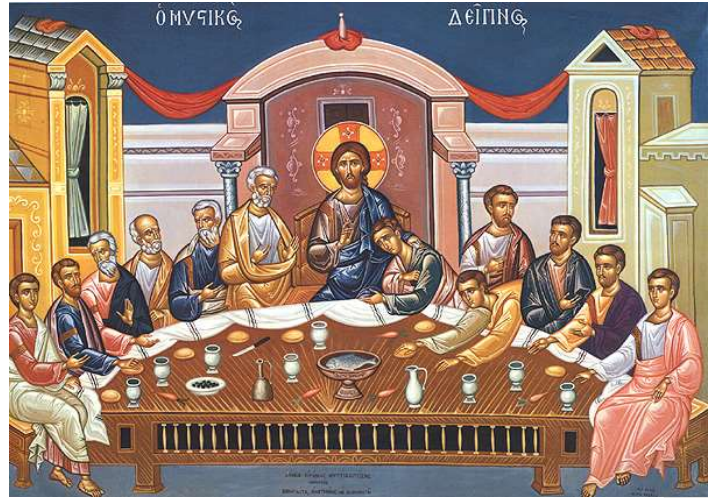
2 Corinthians 9:7

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

*Our annual **Endowment Fund Drive** begins simultaneously with the start of Lent. It is customary to give alms -- a charitable gift -- during Lent. What better beneficiary than our beloved St. Nicholas Cathedral to ensure its future!*

Please pick up a PINK envelope from the Candle Room and give generously. You can also give online on our website. Go to stnicholaseoc.org; click the DONATE tab at the bottom of the home page; scroll down and click “Endowment Fund.” THANK YOU!

Preparing for Holy Week and Easter



Please remember our
homebound parishioner:
Ms. Anna Kuliasha
St. Martha Center
470 Manor Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
Tel: 610-873-8490



Time passes so quickly that before you know it, Holy Week will be upon us. We need 12 MEN to hold the large pillar candles on Holy Thursday night, April 29, beginning at 6:30 PM, during the reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels. Six parishioners have already volunteered....we need SIX more. Please let Father Bohdan or Tom Hanney know if we can count on YOU to participate in this solemn service. At the conclusion, please stay to help set up the tomb in the center of the Sanctuary.

THANKYOU!

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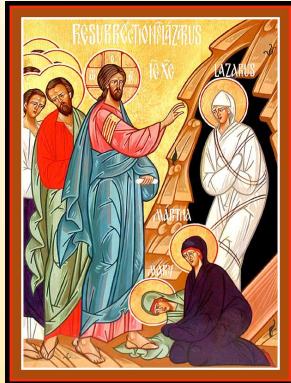
We will be passing the basket following Divine Liturgy on Sundays to collect donations for the AGAPE BREAKFAST, organized this year by Vicki Borriello and Marcia O'Connor. If you want to bring your favorite Pascha dish, PLEASE SIGN THE SHEET IN THE CANDLE ROOM. And of course, we will be accepting cash donations, too!

THANKYOU!

Holy Week is the week from the conclusion of Great Lent on Lazarus Saturday, April 24, to the celebration of Pascha-Easter, May 2. Special services are offered during Holy Week leading us through the events in the last week of Christ's life to his death and Resurrection.

We welcome you to St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral to worship and pray with us during this most solemn week leading up to the glorious Resurrection of Christ.

Holy Week

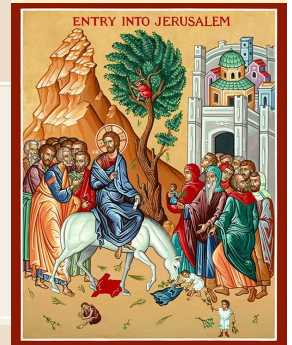


Saturday,
April 24
**LAZARUS
SATURDAY**

9:00 am: Reading of The Hours
9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of
St. John Chrysostom
5:00 pm: Vespers and Blessing of
Pussy Willows

Sunday, April 25
PALM SUNDAY

9:00 am: Reading of The Hours
9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of
St. John Chrysostom, followed by
"Potato Pancake" Fellowship Lunch in
the Church Hall

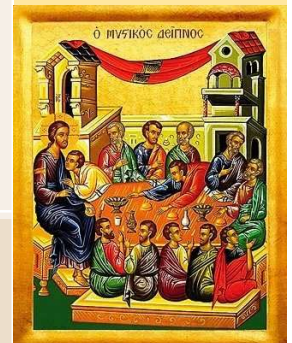


Wednesday,
April 28

6:30 pm: Holy Unction Healing Service

Thursday,
April 29
**HOLY
THURSDAY**

9:00 am: Reading of The Hours
9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of
St. Basil the Great
6:30 pm: Reading of the 12 Passion
Gospels



Friday, April 30
HOLY FRIDAY

3:00 pm: Vespers
6:30 pm: Funeral Service and
Procession with Plaschanitsa



Saturday, May 1
**HOLY
SATURDAY**

9:00 am: Reading of The Hours
9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of
St. Basil the Great, followed by
Blessing of Baskets in the Sanctuary

Saturday-
Sunday,
May 1-2
**PASCHA-
EASTER**

11:30 pm: Matins, Procession, Divine
Liturgy, followed by Blessing of
Baskets and Agape Breakfast in the
Church Hall



Monday, May 3
**BRIGHT
MONDAY**

9:00 am: Reading of The Hours
9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Procession



On Saturday, April 3, Judy Hanney, gathered her Pierogi Team together to make 58 dozen potato pierogi. 44 dozen were sold in two days! We had several pre-orders from the public. One customer found us by Googling "pierogi"! So.....come and buy your pierogies for Easter to support St. Nicholas Cathedral. Only 14 dozen left, and they will go quickly. \$10/dozen.



THE PIEROGI TEAM on Saturday, April 3:

**Thank
YOU**

Judy and Tom Hanney
Barbara and George Latsios
Cassandra and Ray McNulty
Ellen and Phil Hanavin
Dawn and Ron Healey
Julie and Stephen Mandell-Zayon
Yuliia Kitkailo
Susan Guz
Kirk Whitmer

And special thanks to our mentor, Father Bohdan!



**The Blessing
of a
New Mitre**

**for Father Bohdan
on
Sunday, April 4, 2021**



Donated by

**Ellen Hanavin
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