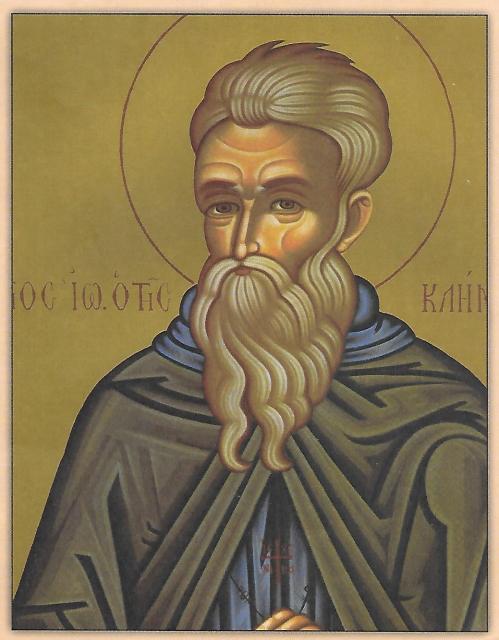
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS



Icon of St. John Climacus

Journeying to Pascha

Jesus continues today his work of healing and exorcism, and that is appropriate for this time of Lent, because Lent is a time for healing and exorcism. It is a time for us to heal the wounds of our souls – self-inflicted wounds due to our complacency and laziness and self-indulgence. It is time to get rid of those demons of our own sinful habits and anything that keeps us away from God and from living that abundant life that Christ came to give us.

We start to make our way toward Jerusalem. At the end of today's Gospel already there is the prediction of the passion, the death and the resurrection of Christ, giving a little hint in the Gospel that the course of Lent is moving now towards Jerusalem. We have gone through several weeks now of spiritual preparations, Scripture texts, prayers and activities. Now our focus

is starting to turn towards Jerusalem. That will be made more explicit in next Sunday's Gospel, but we are already getting a hint of it now.

There are only three weeks now until Easter, two weeks until Palm Sunday, when we are really liturgically accompanying Christ into the mystery of His Passion.

So it is coming soon, and we have to start turning towards Jerusalem. We have to get focused, we have to get recollected, we have to really revive our Lenten prayer and fasting so that we can make the rest of this journey and be fruitful and overcome the demons and find healing for the wounds of our souls – and go with Christ to his Passion and, through the mystery of His Cross, come to that great, transfiguring, glorious celebration of His Resurrection.



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March 31, 2019 The 4th Sunday

OUR ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY FEAST is all set for April 14 this: year, when we will all gather for the 9 am Divine Liturgy in church and then make it to our beautiful Parish Hall to meet and greet everybody, enjoy a School presentation with an original playlette by Prof. George Maxim. Our Parish Auxiliary will prepare a delicious breakfast, served by our School Teenagers at about 11 am. Be with us on the 14th and fill our church and hall to give witness of our Faith to all the world!

PLEASE CHECK OUT your local pussy-willow bushes for some nice budding branches for blessing on Willow-Palm Sunday. Just cut a bunch and leave them on the rectory porch.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL will be in full session this week, as we prepare our students for all the spring activities. The parents of our May Holy Communion class must bring their young ones to School every week, if they expect to receive on Mothers' Day. Our teachers of the older students are to compile a list of the teenagers, who will serve tables on April 14. We will need about 15 servers on Palm Sunday.

TO BE BAPTIZED AND CHRISMATED SATURDAY: Veronica eve, daughter of Chris and Julie (Rapine) Tyson, phoenixville, PA. We all pray that the Good Lord Jesus will bless this little angel and her parents with much love, good health and a strong Faith in God - FOR MANY GOOD YEARS!

TO BE BAPTIZED AND CHRISMATED Sunday: Carly Kay, daughter of Don and Karen 9Baker) Verish, Bridgeport, PA.: Cocharles Joseph, son of Gerald and Kelli (Stein) Conway, of Gloucester City, NJ. Our prayer today is that our Loving LOrd Jesus will bless these two angels and their parents with great joy, much love and health - FOR MANY GOOD YEARS!

A GOOD SUPPLY of 2019 Church calendars and parishioners' envelope boxes can still be found in the Church basement today. Please check out these items and take them home for yourself and all your family - PLEASE!

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OUR parish ailing folks, especially Dr. George Maxim, Jim Deskiewicz, maryanne Cameron, Marie Sedor, Mary T. Johnson. Perhaps a prayer, a card, a kind word or two...?

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Joseph Dudas (Margaret and Daughters)
Sunday, 9 am +Helen Wananchak (John Kopcha)
Thursday, 7 am +Anna, Nicholas Szwabiuk (Vera Bej)
Friday, 6 pm +Plisiewicz - Maslayak Family (Billy, Gina, Joseph)
Saturday, 8 am +Panczak, Smisko Family (Maryanne, George, Robert)
Saturday, 6 pm +Dr. Noelle Rotondo (Mother and Father)
Sunday, 9 am +Walter and Antoinette (Daughters Lois, Debbie)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

When the women disciples of the Lord learned the good news of the Resurrection, and had cast aside the condemnation of their forefathers, they spoke with enthusiasm to the Apostles: "Death is overthrown, Christ-God is risen, granting great mercy to all the world."

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE ...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

My Savior and Redeemer, in that He was God, rose from earthborn bonds and shattered the gates of hell. And as Lord God, He rose on the Third Day, amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: O Lord, Your works are glorious, for in wisdom You have created all things.

JE. Loraldo