

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SAINT JOHN CLIMACUS



Icon of the Healing of the Deaf Mute -- Mark 9:17-31

Healer of Infirmities

The deaf-mute, of whose marvelous cure by our Lord we have heard, represents those members of the human race who merit being freed by divine grace from the error brought on by the devil's deceit. Man became deaf, unable to hear the word of life after, puffed up as he was against God, he listened to the serpent's deadly words; he was made mute and unable to declare the praises of his Maker from the time when he presumed to have a conversation with his seducer. Rightly did God close man's ears from hearing the praises of his Creator along with the angels - those ears which the unsuspected enemy by his speech had opened to hearing denunciation of this same Creator. Rightly did God close man's mouth from proclaiming the praises of his Creator along with the angels - that mouth which the proud deceiver had filled with his lies about the forbidden food, in order, as the devil said, to improve upon the work of

this same Creator. And alas, the unfortunate rebellion of the human race, which sprouted in a corrupt manner at the root, began to spread in a much more corrupt way in shoots from the branches, so that when our Lord came in the flesh, with the exception of a few of the faithful from among the Jews, almost the entire world, now deaf and mute, was wandering away from recognition and confession of the truth. But where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more. Our Lord came to the Sea of Galilee, where He knew that there was a disabled person whom He would heal. He came by his benevolent grace to the proud, disordered, and inconstant hearts of the nations, since He knew that among them were some who would be receptive to His grace.

St. Bede the Venerable

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Lenten 4th Sun.
March 18-19, 2023

THE LIVESTREAMING SCHEDULE is as follows: Sunday, March 19, 9 am;
Saturday, March 25, 6 pm; Be sure to share this schedule with all
your relatives and friends, near and far!

ON TUESDAY we buried in our cemetery the mortal remains of Carol
Simkanin, 65, and on Friday we sang the funeral Liturgy for +John
Morenko, husband of Helena and father of three children. May the
Good Lord Jesus now take these two good sould to paradise to sing
with the Saints and dance with the angels in Heaven, VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

THE PARISH WOMEN will serve a Beef-Beer event in the Hall on Satur-
day, April 15. We are in need of help in the kitchen, both on Sat-
urday and Sunday, 14th and 15th. Please, ladies, mark your calendar
and sign up to help this weekend to serve our community.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO FAST from all meat on the Fridays of Lent, the
Great Fast (Velyky Pist). We fast to show our love and unity with
Jesus Christ, who fasted often during His public life.

ONLY A FEW church calendars for 2023 are left, so be sure to take
one home today for your family. Also, please check out the church
basement to find your donation envelopes and those of your family
and friends. These envelopes allow you to donate and be counted
for your official records.

ON HOLY SATURDAY at 8 am we will sing the divine liturgy for all
the deceased in the parish. Please give Father a list of names of
your family's deceased, if you would like these folks to be named
by Father at this most solemn service.

PLEASE REMEMBER our parish sickly and elderly folks in your prayers: Gina Plisiewicz, Olga Danko, Dottie Dolgash, Luba Jackson, Jimmy Deskiewicz, Jim Patzuk, the Katarynick Family, Pat Pascall, the Ed Tomchick Family, Vera Tryciecky, the two Timbario Boys. Perhaps a prayer, a card, a kind word or two...?

THE SIGN-UP SHEET for keeping vigil in the Church for Easter weekend has been posted in the back of the Church. Please sign up today so that we can keep the long tradition of opening the church on this Easter weekend.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 18, 6 pm	+Joe Dudas (Margie and Girls)
Sunday, March 19, 9 am	+Matt Sepnefski (Somits Fam.)
Saturday, the 25th ANNUNCIATION	+For all the Parish Deceased
Sunday, March 26, 9 am	+Motria Dejneka (Sophie, Irena)

TODAY'S TROPAR: You descended from on high, O Good One,
Jesus the Lord, and accepted a three-day
burial, so that You may free us from suffering. You are our Life and
our Resurrection, O Lord, Glory be to You, amen.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK: O St. John, our teacher and father, the
Lord elevated you like an undeceiving star
that enlightens all the world with the Truth of Jesus Christ, amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: The Saints exult in glory and joyfully rest
upon their beds at night, amen.

Святая Крестина!
V. Boranog