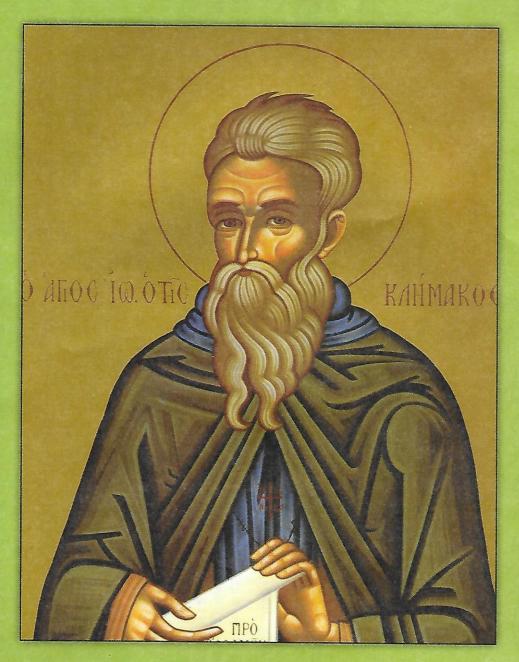
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SAINT JOHN CLIMACUS



Icon of Saint John Climacus

The Ladder of Divine Ascent

Saint John Climacus (which means, of the ladder) was a sixth-century saint who entered the Monastery of Saint Catherine at Mount Sinai at age sixteen and dedicated his life to God. Over the course of his years at the monastery he developed a reputation for wisdom, selfdiscipline and an intense desire to grow in holiness.

He lived for seventy years at the monastery and eventually became hegumen (abbot). Although Saint John loved his monastery, he preferred solitude and spent many years in the wilderness living the life of a hermit. Even so, he was sought out by many pilgrims who traveled to Mount Sinai in search of this hermit saint and his wisdom.

Saint John is perhaps best known for his au-

thorship of a book entitled *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. Even today, this thirty-chapter book is considered to be one of the most significant spiritual writings of Christian literature. Each of the thirty chapters represents one rung on a symbolic spiritual ladder of perfection leading from earth up to heaven. Thus, each chapter presents the reader with another spiritual exercise through which the highest point of earthly perfection may be reached before being consummated in heaven.

When he died, it was said of him that "his body ascended the heights of Mount Sinai, but his soul ascended the heights of heaven." By his example and through his prayers, may our sights remain high and heavenward as we continue on our Lenten journey.



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"Glory to Jesus Christ!"
"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

June 27-28, 2020 The 4th Sunday

THE INSTALLATION of our long awaited new roof over our church will begin on Monday, thanks be to the Lord and our generous faithful We thank all our good parishioners and faithful friends on YouTube around the Country for all their help in this effort. May the Good Lord bless all of you with health and peace in these troubled times.

THIS WEEKEND we will live-stream the Holy Liturgy on Sunday morning at 9 am on the YouTube platform. Next weekend we will live-stream the Liturgy on Saturday evening at 9 am. Please inform all your friends and family members around the Country and even in Ukraine about this great opportunity to share in our beautiful Holy Liturgy from their home.

OBITUARIES: +Alfred Coscia, husband of Sonya and father of Sofia and Christopher. Graveside services will be held at our cemetery on Tuesday, June 30th, at 1 pm. All family and friends are invited to attend. +Martha Dinich, 84, died June 24, 2020. Martha was the wife of the late Michael Dinich, the mother of Michael, Mark and Brian. Service date to be determined.

OUR CHURCH IS NOW-OPEN to all the public, but certain precautions must be enforced. All church-goers must wear masks on their faces and keep social distancing at the Holy Liturgy. We take these precautions out of love for our brothers and sisters. To ignore these cautions is to ignore the teaching of Jesus Himself about loving our neighbor. Father will explain the procedure for receiving Holy Communion from the pulpit.

Day. As you plan for these glorious days of festivities, be sure to remember that the Corona Virus is still lurking in the Land. Be wise and be safe. We are not looking for any new residents at our "Eternal Peace Rest Home" on Church Road.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm, JUne 27 For all the Faithful, Living and Deceased Sunday, June 28, 9 am +Danylo, +Svitlana (The Berezovsky Family)

Saturday, 6 pm, July 4 +Anna Sokol Burns (Kathleen, Nick and Family) Sunday, July 5 at 9 am For the health of all our Parishioners

TODAY'S TROPAR: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His Hand. He trempled death by death. He became the Firstborn of the dead. He saved us from the abyss of hell, and granted great mercy to the world.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK: You rose from the tomb, O Merciful Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam and Eve exult, as the prophets along with the patriarchs sing out the divine might of Your power.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Sing to our God, sing. Sing to our KIng, sing.

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