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APRIL 14 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 4 **St. John Climacus (of *The Ladder*)**

<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
MONDAY, APRIL 15 Genesis 13:12-18 Proverbs 14:27-15:4 TUESDAY, APRIL 16 Genesis 15:1-15 Proverbs 15:7-19 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 Genesis 17:1-9 Proverbs 15:20-16:9 THURSDAY, APRIL 18 Genesis 18:20-33 Proverbs 16:17-17:17 FRIDAY, APRIL 19 Genesis 22:1-18 Proverbs 17:17-18:5 SATURDAY, APRIL 20 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 8:27-31	SATURDAY, APRIL 13 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m. SUNDAY, APRIL 14, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT St. John Climacus (of <i>The Ladder</i>) Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Mission Vespers.....4:00 p.m. OCAGB: St. Nicholas Antiochian, 5458 Park Avenue, Bridgeport WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 Presanctified Liturgy.....5:30 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 19 Presanctified Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. SATURDAY, APRIL 20 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m. SUNDAY, APRIL 21 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT St. Mary of Egypt Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Mission Vespers.....4:00 p.m. St. Mary of Egypt – Holy Unction Three Saints Orthodox Church, 26 Howard Avenue, Ansonia ***** Fr Mark will be in Indiana on April 9-12, participating in a conference and giving a lecture. He will be available via phone and email. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Council President Rich Kendall at (203) 521-3456 and he will connect you to a local priest.
<hr/> <p><i>All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:</i> https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/</p> <p>Reminder: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, holyghostbpt.org. The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church’s account. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.</p>	

4th Sunday of Great Lent: St. John Climacus (*of the Ladder*)

Commemorated on April 14

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to Saint John Klimakos, the author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. In this book the Igoumen of Saint Katherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai bears witness to the great effort which is required for entry into God's Kingdom (Matthew 10:12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is difficult since it is "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Ephesians 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, as the Lord has said, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13).

To continue reading:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/04/11/16-4th-sunday-of-great-lent-st-john-climacus-of-the-ladder>



LENTEN REMINDER FROM FR. MARK ...

This year for Great Lent, I encourage everyone to read *Pilgrimage to Pascha* by our former pastor, Fr Steven Belonick of blessed memory. In this book are short but rich meditations for each day of the Great Fast. Copies are available for purchase in the basement, or can be ordered online here: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/pilgrimage-to-pascha-a-daily-devotional-for-great-lent/>

CONFESSION SCHEDULE ... Please take the opportunity in this Great Lenten season of repentance to come to confession. According to the holy canons of the Orthodox Church, confession at least once per year is required for membership in good standing. Fr Mark will be available to hear your confession at church every Wednesday 30 minutes before Presanctified Liturgy, and every Saturday for 30 minutes before and after Vespers. You can also schedule confession individually with Fr Mark if you are not available those times. May God give us all grace and courage to come and be reconciled to Christ and His Church!

Hebrews 6:13-20

(*Epistle*)

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For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

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saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you."

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And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

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For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

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Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,

Hebrews 6:13-20*(Epistle Cont'd.)*

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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.

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This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

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where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Ephesians 5:9-19*(Epistle, Saint)*

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(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

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finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

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And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

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For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

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But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

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Therefore, He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

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See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

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redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

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Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

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speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Mark 9:17-31*(Gospel)*

17

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

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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."

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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."

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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.

Mark 9:17-31*(Gospel Cont'd.)*

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So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.

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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."

23

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

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Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

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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!"

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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."

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But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

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And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

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So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

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Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it.

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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*(Gospel, Saint)*

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Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

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And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

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Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

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"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

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Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

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Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

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Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Matthew 4:25-5:12

(Gospel, Saint Cont'd.)

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Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

12

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

CANDLE DESK DUTY

April 14 – LoveAnn Curran

April 21 – Tim Savisky

If you are unable to make your scheduled day, please switch with another member.

DONATIONS / CANDLES / FLOWERS

- Lampatki over Royal Doors in loving memory of Dorothy Kopko on her 40th day (April 7) from her family.
- Altar Lampatki in loving memory of Steven Tyler Smith, with love from mom.

MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL MONITORS ...

Teachers	<u>Debbie Rapaport</u>	<u>Steve Pronechen</u>	<u>Mat Claire</u> *
*4/14	Richard Kendall	Mike Nettle	Bob Denhup
*4/21	Chris Savisky	Rich Jankura	Daria DeAngelis
5/12	Melania Moyher	Bill Savisky	Jerry Kopko
5/19	Mike Nettle	Dave Lepsko	Rich Jankura
5/26	Joe Curran	Rich Kendall	Javier Trinidad

*Class scheduling in the works, as Mat Claire is traveling until April 24th. Thx for your patience!

If there are any schedule conflicts, please see Carole Kaputa.

CHILDRENS' CHOIR PRACTICE, APRIL 7th (Scheduled first Sunday of the month)



"SECOND SUNDAYS" ... is scheduled for *today!* Please come and partake! Another delicious menu has been planned. The next one will be May 12th



CORSAGE PINS FOR PUSSYWILLOW CORSAGES ... Carole Kaputa is very thankful for the corsage pins she has received for the corsages! Two donations were very plentiful! Thanks!

PUSSY WILLOWS ARE STILL WELCOMED FOR PALM SUNDAY ... Thank you!

LENTEN SOUP FUNDRAISER ... **Cooks are still needed for Palm Sunday!**

Week	Name 1	Soup	Name 2	Soup
April 14	Sue Maugeri	Pasta & Bean		
April 21	Jackie/Rich Jankura	Onion Soup	Carol & Daria	Cabbage Soup
April 28 Palm Sunday				

Pick up your soup today!

CHURCH DEEP-CLEAN DAY ... On **Saturday, April 20**, we will have a church deep-cleaning day. If you have not signed up yet and wish to volunteer, please see LoveAnn Curran. Note: everyone should arrive at church by 8:00AM, or 9:00AM at the latest, and will be assigned a task. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help. Many hands make light work!

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MTG. is scheduled for **April 21st**

POT-LUCK MEAL, PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY ... Following Presanctified Liturgy on **Wednesday, April 24**, we will have another potluck! Please bring a fasting-friendly item to share.

OUTREACH / MISSIONS – Clothing Drive / Feeding the Homeless

Thank you to all who have donated clothing and/or bedding to this important Outreach project. Donations will be sent to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

The homeless on John Street received grinders today, thanks to the Outreach individuals here:

Bill Savisky, Jerry Kopko, Joe Curran, Frank Kaputa, & George Kasper.

Volunteers are always welcomed!



FLOWERS FOR PASCHA... Please find attached, an order form for flowers. You will be able to purchase them for the “health of” or “in loving memory of” and can take them home on May 12th, Thomas Sunday. Order forms are available near the candle desk. Thank you.

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY, APRIL 3rd



Entrance of Presanctified Holy Gifts



DIVINE LITURGY, APRIL 7th – Veneration of the Cross; Repose of St. Tikhon (Sermon)



Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America, was born as Vasily Ivanovich Belavin on January 19, 1865...
...All who met Saint Tikhon were surprised by his accessibility, simplicity and modesty. His gentle disposition did not prevent him from showing firmness in Church matters, however, particularly when he had to defend the Church from her enemies. He bore a very heavy cross. He had to administer and direct the Church amidst wholesale church disorganization, without auxiliary administrative bodies, in conditions of internal schisms and upheavals by various adherents of the Living Church, renovationists, and autocephalists...

Continue reading the life of St. Tikhon @

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/04/07/101016-repose-of-saint-tikhon-patriarch-of-moscow-enlightener-of-north>



St John the Baptist, Mission Vespers, April 7th (Photo by Chris Savisky)

PARISH METRICS (APRIL 14 THRU APRIL 20)

BIRTHDAYS

None Listed.

ANNIVERSARIES

None Listed.

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

APRIL 14– Natalie (Ethel) Kolton, 1968 (74)

APRIL 15 – Sophia Skomin, 1918 (26); Mary Chanda, 1952; Alexandra Severin, 1958 (65); Mary Krafchik, 1963 (70); Irene (Motill) Cooper, 2016 (92)

APRIL 16 – Michael Korshniak, 1901 (26); Efrosina (Rose) Bengier, 1959 (60); Frank Peregrim, Sr., 2008 (83)

APRIL 17 – Gregory Kolton, 1937 (50); George Lubow, 1953 (70); Joseph M. Forson, 1984 (60); Mary Selepec, 1988 (70); Anna Wesnak, 1989 (80); Carolyn Charak, 1993 (92); Sophia (Buiak) Pistey, 2000 (89); Lydia Chueka, 2003 (82)

APRIL 18 – Andrew Dugan, 1920 (9 months); George Kochiss, 1924 (72); Peter Buiak, 1956 (71); Eleanor Fetcho, 1960 (42); Anna Yanchik Laytar, 1962 (67); Dionisy Koval, 1965 (72); Paul Wallick, Jr., 1969 (19); Peter M. Jankura, 1988 (87)

APRIL 19 – Mary Bakos Zastenichik, 1982 (87); Anna Novosad, 1985 (93)

APRIL 20 – Pelagia Kosko, 1948 (58); Helen Ruis, 1988 (79)

Memory Eternal! Вечная память!



Beautiful job of the flowers by Debbie Rapaport