

March 18, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

COMMEMORATION OF JOHN CLIMACUS, AUTHOR OF "THE LADDER"

Martyr Eucarpion of Nicomedia

The Holy Martyrs Eucarpion and Trophimus were soldiers at Nicomedia during the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). They distinguished themselves by their great ferocity in carrying out all of the emperor's decrees.

Once, when these soldiers had caught up with some Christians, they suddenly saw a large fiery cloud which had come down from the sky, thickening in form as it drew close to them. From out of the cloud came forth a Voice: "Why are you so zealous in threatening My servants? Don't be deluded! No one can suppress those believing in Me through their own strength. It is better to join them and discover the Heavenly Kingdom yourselves."

The soldiers fell to the ground in fright, not daring to lift up their eyes, and only said to one another, "Truly this is the great God, Who has manifested Himself to us. We would do well to become His servants." The Lord then spoke saying, "Rise up, repent, for your sins are forgiven." As they got up, they beheld within the cloud the image of a Radiant Man and a great multitude standing about Him.

The astonished soldiers cried out with one voice, "Receive us, for our sins are inexpressibly wicked. There is no other God but You, the Creator and true God, and we are not yet numbered among Your servants." But just as they spoke this, the cloud receded and rose up into the sky.

Spiritually reborn after this miracle, the soldiers released all the jailed Christians from the prisons. For this Saints Trophimus and Eucarpion were handed over to terrible torments: they suspended the saints and tore their bodies with iron hooks. They gave thanks unto God, certain that the Lord would forgive them their former sins. When a fire had been lit, the holy martyrs went willingly into the fire and there gave up their souls to God.

Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/03/18/100827-martyr-eucarpion-of-nicomedia>



The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH

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(ST. JOHN CLIMACUS)

COMMEMORATIONS:

CYRIL, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM
MARTYRS TROPHYMOS AND EUKARPOS OF NICOMEDIA
AND THOSE WITH THEM
NIKOLAI (VELIMIROVIC), BISHOP OF ZHICHA WHO
LABORED IN AMERICA

Tone 8 - Eothion 8

Matins Gospel: St. John 20:11-18

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 9:16-30

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS - Tone 8 - The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Memorial for Constantine Neno, 11:30 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am
Parish Council, 12:45 pm
Lenten Vespers, 4 pm @ St. Mary Church in Chester, NJ, or
St. Paul in Emmaus, PA

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Mar 25):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	---	Mary Lynne / Justin
EPISTLE READER:	Nathan Jekel	Jack Morrash
ALTAR CANDLES:	---	---
GREETERS:	Nick & Martha M.	Justin & Kate G.
CLEANING TEAM:	John & Maxine	Hyatt Family
COFFEE HOUR:	Elias & Suha	All "Mary's"

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS NEEDED! Many upcoming weeks do not have sponsors - can you take a turn?

**YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS support the beautification
of our church during this holy season. Thank you!**

Mark Your Calendar:

Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 1

Pascha
Sunday, April 8

Pentecost
Sunday, May 27

Blood Drive
Wednesday, May 30, 2-7pm

Parish Life Conference
June 27 - July 1

SAINT PHILIP'S is a place of prayer and repentance and a "Pan-Orthodox" parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. **AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!**

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who are following the commandments, have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, who are dressed modestly, and have arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)
Am I My Brother's Keeper?

This Week: **Great Fast Continues ...**

- Monday, Mar 19:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Great Compline, 7 p.m.
- Tues, Mar 20:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Wed, Mar 21:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Confession, 6:30 p.m. & Presanctified Liturgy, 7 p.m.
- Thurs, Mar 22:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
Philokalia Reading Group, 12:30
Little Compline/ Life of St. Mary
of Egypt/ Great Canon of
Repentance, 6pm
- Friday, Mar 23:** Presanctified Liturgy, 10 am
Akathist, 7 pm
Choir Practice, 8 pm
- Sat, Mar 24:** VESPERS & Artoklasia, 6 p.m.
Confession 7 pm
Bible Bowl Practice, 7 pm
- Sunday, Mar 25:** *Feast of Annunciation to the
Theotokos*
MATINS 8:30 a.m.,
Chrismation (Gabe Q.), 9:45 am
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour, Sunday School &
Teens, 11:45 am

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Vladimir R	Constantine
Valentine	John N.
Christine S	Assaad
Angela G	Daria
Mary K	Nicholas
R Maxime	
Michael I	
Steven	
Carolyn-Anna	
John D	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Elizabeth D	
Gloria	
Mat. Linda D	
Mark L	St. Nina's List
Robert C	Catechumens
Kristen C	
Stephanie	Couples prepar-
Helen	ing for marriage
R Herman E	
Nicholas A	Corrine
Zafer	Faith
Ethiopia, Syria	Mary
& unstable	Michael
lands	

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Baby Care Items.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: The Church is the Arena.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Mar 10: 39 Divine Services on Mar 11: 207
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$328. Collections, \$553. Youth, \$6. Flowers, \$60. Camping Fund, \$280. Bldg Expansion, \$650. Stewardship, \$7,637. Total received: \$9,514.
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!