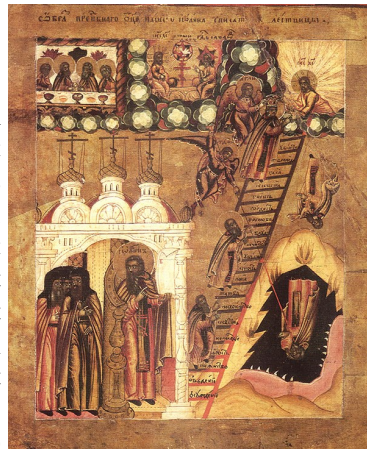


4th Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus (of the Ladder) (Apr 3)

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).



Saint John was born around the year 525, the son of devout and wealthy parents. He received a very good education, but at the age of sixteen, he forsook the world and went to Mount Sinai, subjecting himself to the spiritual guidance of Elder Martyrios. When he was nineteen years of age, his Elder reposed. Then Saint John entered the arena of hesychasm, visiting the monastic communities of Skētē and Tabēnnisē in Egypt. For another forty years, he lived in a cell at Thora in the Sinai Desert, which was a two hour (5 mile) walk from the Monastery of Saint Katherine.

Aflame with indescribable longing for God, he ate everything that was permitted by the monastic Rule, but only in very small quantities, and not unto satiety. By so doing, he overcame the vice of pride; and by eating just a little food, he humbled the stomach, which always wants more. He raised his body from death and paralysis by the remembrance of death, and he overcame the tyranny of anger with the sword of obedience.

Who can describe the fountain of his tears, which is now to be seen in very few individuals? He slept only as much as was necessary to prevent his mind from being distracted. Before going to sleep he prayed a great deal, and he also wrote books. This was how he subdued despondency. His entire life was spent in unceasing prayer, and incomparable love for God.

After writing The Ladder at the request of Igoumen John of Raithu Monastery, and leading a God-pleasing life, Saint John fell asleep in the Lord when he was about seventy-five years old (ca. 603). He is also commemorated on March 30.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/04/03/16-4th-sunday-of-great-lent-st-john-climacus-of-the-ladder>)



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April 3, 2022

SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

COMMEMORATIONS:

NICETAS, ABBOT OF THE MONASTERY OF MEDICIUM
JOSEPH THE HYMNOGRAPHER
THEODOSIA AND IRENE THE MARTYRS

Tone 8 - Eothinon 8

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:11-18

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 9:17-31

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 & Confessions 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Sunday School, Catechism, Coffee Hour

Choir Concert 1 p.m.

Pan-Orthodox Vespers 4 p.m. @ St. Nicholas Bethlehem

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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 (Apr 10):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Sdn John & Tom A.	Steve K. & Rdr. Nick Muz
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	The Gohls & Olena	Serge, Alex & Sarah K.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Chris H; Maria S.; Abraham	Calvin; Angie; Dale

Mark Your Calendar:

**Lehigh Valley Pan-Orthodox
Lenten Vespers @ 4 p.m.**

★ Apr 10: Assumption UOC
Northampton

We live Pascha to Pascha!
April 24, 2022

Parish Life Conference 2022
June 29-July 3

Event Registration Link: [https://
antiochianevents.com/ny](https://antiochianevents.com/ny)
Housing Registration Link: [https://
registration.antiochianvillage.org/
ParishLife2022](https://registration.antiochianvillage.org/ParishLife2022)

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a
donation to the

Camp Scholarship Fund

Glory to God, we have 20 campers
planning to attend this year! Thank
you and may God bless your
generosity!

APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Cleaning Supplies

CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

“You are the Light of the World”

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Illumined Laura Metr. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(April Parish Diptychs)
Nicole	+Vasilios
Raymond	+Frederick
Sze-Tatiana	+Mary
Patrick	+Vaseleka
Doris	+Carl
John	+Niemeh
John	+Mary
James	+Haydieh
Lasha B	+Justin
Otari B	+Calin
Mark	+Stavros
Nancy-Anna	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anna	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Claudia	<u>Catechumens</u>
Gregory	Christian, Taylor,
Alexei	Tim & Luke, Christina,
	Peter, Sarah, Alina, William, & Elsa
	Kate, Tyson,
	Joseph & Alana, Ryan, Zachary,
	Brandy, Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto,
	Michael, Tina
Priest Thomas, Jesse, Nathan and their families & all Missionaries	
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	

YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS support the beautifi-
cation of our church during this holy season. Flower
offering envelopes are available on the literature ta-
ble in the Narthex. Thank you!

This Week:

The Great Fast Continues ...

- Mon, Apr 4:** Great Compline 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Apr 5:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Apr 6:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m., w/ Fasting
potluck to follow
- Thurs, Apr 7:** Little Compline & Great Canon of Repentance
w/ Life of St. Mary of Egypt 6:30 p.m.
- Fri, Apr 8:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 10 a.m., w/ Fasting
potluck to follow
Akathist (final) 6:30 p.m.
Chanting Class 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, Apr 9:** Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.
Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship Bonfire 7:45 p.m.
- Sun, Apr 10:** **ST. MARY OF EGYPT**
Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9 a.m.
ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Coffee Hour
Choir Practice 12:45 p.m.
*Pan-Orthodox Vespers 4 p.m. @ Assumption
UOC Northampton*

OFFERINGS 3/27: Candles, \$500.75. Collections, \$249.56.
Flowers, \$71. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$60. Food for
Hungry, \$8. Mission Chapel, \$50. Needy Fund, \$600. Pastoral
Discretion, \$150. Women's Fund, \$100. Stewardship, \$1,775.
Total received: \$3,565.31.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!