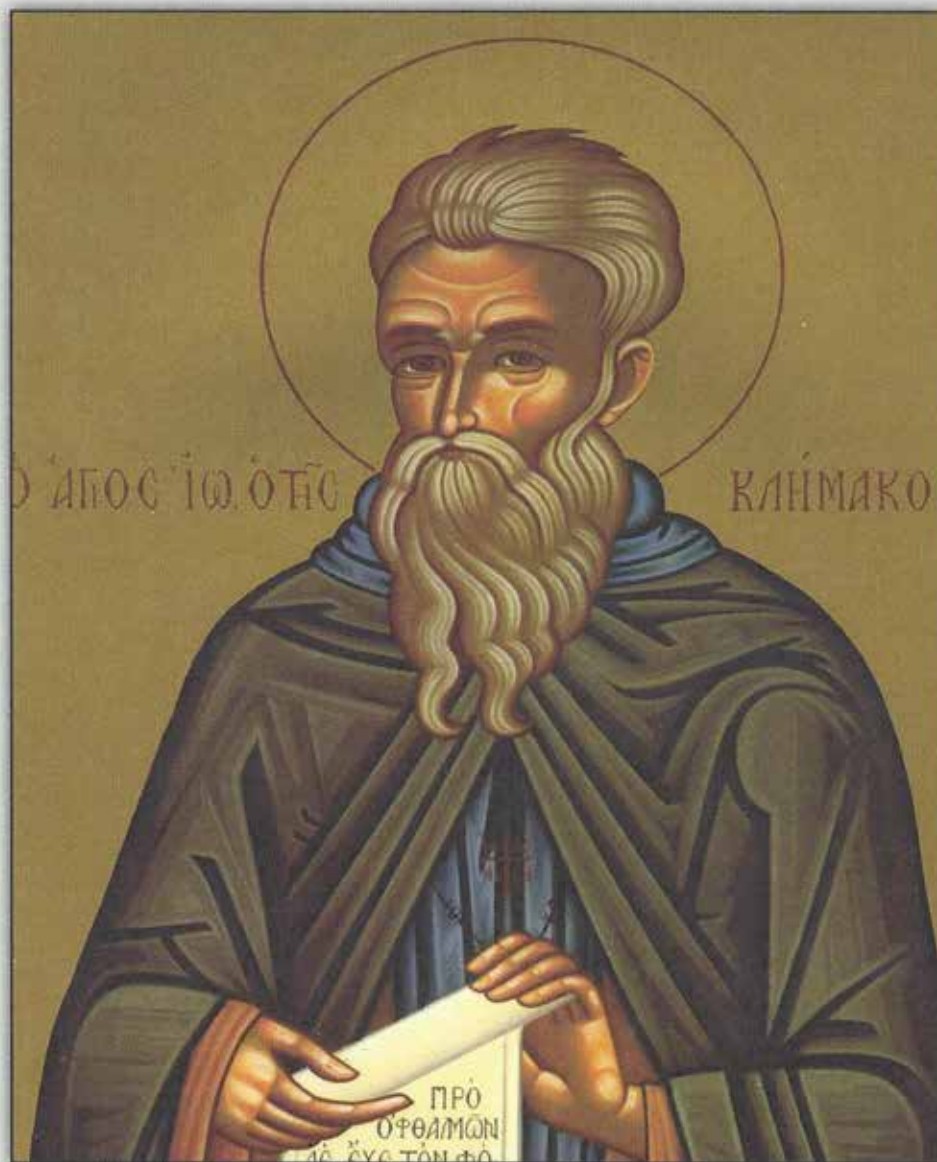


FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
MEMORY OF OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS



Icon of Saint John Climacus

March 6, 2016: Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

Epistle: Heb. 6: 13-20

Gospel: Mk. 9: 17-31

Mon., March 7 8:00 + Charlene Zinskie (Matt Beckage & Family)

Tues., March 8 8:00 Health of Justyna & Ihor Raniwski (Nephew Michael Bak)

Wed., March 9 8:00 Akathist to the Passion of Christ
6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thurs., March 10 8:00 + Michael Stanko Jr. (Sister Elaine & Robert)

Fri., March 11 8:00 Akathist to the Passion of Christ
6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Sat., March 12 **No Morning Divine Liturgy.**
10:30 Confessions
2:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm + Anna Chaykosky (John & Diann Yuhnick)

Sun., March 13 9:00 For Our Parishioners
11:30 + Dorothy Pompey (Family)
3:00 pm Sorokousty

Second Anniversary

Today (March 6) is the second anniversary of Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck falling asleep in the Lord and going home to heaven to be with our Heavenly Mother. The 9:00 Divine Liturgy

today will be offered for the intention of Monsignor. And as always, we pray that his memory may be eternal! Vichnaya Pamjat!

The Sunday of St. John Climacus

Though details of the life of St. John Climacus are sketchy, it is known that he was born in the 6th century and

entered the monastic life at an early age. After 40 years of living as a hermit, he was elected abbot of the mon-

astery of St. Catherine at Mount Sinai. Because of his reputation for wisdom and piety, pilgrims traveled from all over the East to visit him.

Many miracles were attributed to St. John during his lifetime. Yet it was above all in the gift of spiritual teaching that God manifested His grace in him. Basing his teaching on his personal experience, he generously instructed all those who came to him. This spiritual teaching, however, attracted the jealousy of some who then spread evil rumors about his character. Although his conscience was clear, Abba John stopped teaching for a whole year, convinced that it was

better to do some slight harm to his friends rather than to exacerbate the resentment of the wicked. All the inhabitants of the desert were edified at his silence and by this proof of humility, and it was only at the insistence of his repentant detractors that he agreed to receive visitors again.

He passed to the Lord on March 30, about 649. Throughout Lent, The Ladder of Divine Ascent, the spiritual classic authored by St. John is read in monasteries. The reading of this book is completed on this, the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, and so we honor him on this day.

From the Archbishop's Chancery... Spiritual Regulations for the Great Fast

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today:

Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast and on Good Friday.

Abstinence from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays

during the Great Fast.

Reception of the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.

On Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, **the Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts is to be celebrated.** Typika may be used the other days. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time.

During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Holy Thursday evening, Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great should be celebrated. On Good Friday, March 25, which is also

the Feast of the Annunciation, special services which include the Divine Liturgy are to be celebrated. On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated.

Lenten Services — Have You Attended Yet?

Four weeks of Great Lent are now over. Two more to go until Flowery (Palm) Sunday and Holy Week. Have you made the effort to come to church for our weekday Lenten services? This

week offers several golden opportunities for you to come to church. Make it your plan to attend more of these services before Easter. Take extra care about your spiritual well-being!

Easter Confessions

There will be several priests hearing confessions on Saturday, March 19, 2016. This will be the FINAL opportu-

nity to go to confession before Easter. As usual, confessions will be heard at both 10:30 am and 2:00 pm.

Pussy-Willow Watch

Flowery (Palm Sunday) is just two weeks away! Once again this year, we turn to our Parishioners for help in procuring our pussy-willows. If you have any bushes, please share them

with us. You can either bring them in or arrangements can be made to have them picked up. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

T-Shirts PRINTED with SS. Cyril's logo.

We have not met the minimum order for St. Cyril T-shirts. The T-shirts, PRINTED with Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, and 3-bar Cross. (same logo as the Embroidery Polo Shirts) It will be in adult siz-

es, 50 Poly/50 Cotton, short sleeves, in any color (suggestion: turquoise, black, navy, pink, yellow etc If additional orders are placed by February 18 you can have the T-shirts to wear for Easter. Make checks out to Saint Cyril and

memo "t-shirt order." If you placed an order, we are holding them to meet the minimum requirement of 12 pcs. Adult size: S-M-L-XL @\$7.00 each. XXL @\$9.00 each. XXXL@\$10.00 each. XXXXL @ \$11.00 each. XXXXXL@\$12.00 each.

A great idea to order them for your friends and family (out-of-town) of St. Cyril's and give as a gift. Be proud to wear the T-shirt with SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church/ cross printed on the front. Order Today, call Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319.

Church Community Project for 2016

Now is the time for our parishioners to get involved in our Community Project for 2016. We will be accepting non-perishable food and clothes for all seasons and accessories (shoes, hats, gloves, socks) of all sizes for men, ladies, kids, and babies. Clean and wearable!!! The collection will take place on Saturday, March 5th starting at 3:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Before and after the Divine Liturgy. On Sunday, March 6th the collection will start at 10:15 a.m -1:30 p.m. Before and after each Divine Liturgy. Items can be dropped off at the School Gym, 133 River Street, Olyphant.

The Food and Clothes Collection for the Church Community Project was very successful when we did this in March 2015. The food will be delivered to the Jessup Food Pantry at St. Michael's Church, 316 First Ave., Jessup, the old Convent building. (570-489-9963). The Jessup Bread Basket of NEPA for the Mid-Valley area and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Food is accepted in Jessup

every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. all year round at the Jessup Food Pantry. In 2015 one truck load of food was delivered to Jessup from our Church.

Clothes will be delivered to the United Neighborhood Centers (UNC) of Northeastern Penna. 410 Olive Street, Scranton, Pa. 570-343-8835 They accept clothes, household items every day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. throughout the year at the UNC. In March 2015, we dropped off 50 bags of clothing.

Volunteers are needed during the collection on Saturday and Sunday and then the deliveries. The clothes will be delivered on Monday, March 7th to Scranton, and the Food will be delivered on Wednesday, March 9th to Jessup. Volunteers and cars/truck will start loading the vehicles at noon. We need your help for the Church's Community Project.

Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 for any further information about donating or volunteering at the School

Gym. If anyone in the parish needs help regarding clothes or food, in private please contact Father Nestor, only.

Ham Bingo

The parishioners of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church are sponsoring their annual Ham Bingo on March 13, 2016 at 1 p.m. The event will be held in the church hall at 320 Vine St, Old Forge PA. Theme baskets, door prizes, and various bingo specials will

be available throughout the afternoon. The kitchen opens at 11am. A variety of food items and refreshments will be available. The church will also sponsor a bake sale during the bingo. Admission is \$3.00

LUC Meeting

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:30pm in the private dining room of Grotto Pizza, 36 Gateway Shopping Center, Route 11, Edwardsville.

Main agenda items include the upcoming May 21st bus trip to New York City to attend the annual St. George Ukrainian Street Festival in Manhattan's Lower East Side with an extended side trip to Brooklyn's "Little Odessa" at Brighton Beach; the April 24th Wom-

en's Day of Prayer at Scranton's St. Vladimir Church; and, dates of future meetings including the annual August picnic.

Members are reminded that membership renewals for the year 2016 can be completed at the meeting or by contacting Janina Everett at 570 759-2824. For additional information about the organization, please contact Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354 or any LUC member of your parish.

Baked Fish Dinner

Our Parish will once again be sponsoring a "BAKED HADDOCK" FISH DINNER on FRIDAY MARCH 18, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the REGAL ROOM (Ballroom/side entrance), 216 Lackawanna Avenue. Sit Down or Take Out!! Tickets are:

\$13.00 per ticket/dinner: Baked haddock, potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll and dessert. Call 570-383-9487 for Reservations. *Deadline for pre-sold Tickets is Monday, March 14, 2016. *LIMITED amount of Dinners will be available a the Door \$15.00

Pizza & Soup Sale

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 North Main St., Pa. is having a Pizza & Soup Sale. Unbaked Pizza is \$10, Baked Pizza is \$12 per tray. Add \$1.00 extra for onions. We also have Soup of the Week at

\$8 qt. and Pirohi for Sale at \$8 a dozen.. Order by calling Linda at 570-905-7387. Pick up is from 4-7 on Fridays at the entrance at the rear of the Church on Fridays during Lent.

Parish Meeting

There will be a Parish Meeting on Saturday, April 2, 2016 following the 4:00 Divine Liturgy. It is hoped that more people will be able to attend the meeting at this time. Among the topics of this meeting

will be an update on the sale of the Parish School, future plans for the New Hall (kindergarten building), and a possible Pilgrimage on the occasion of the Year of Mercy. All are invited to attend.

Carbino Club Designer Purse Bingo (50/50's, 20 games)

April 30, 2016 at 5pm

Scott Township Fire House station 36, 1027 Montdale Rd, Scott Twp, PA

Tickets \$20 presale; \$25 at the Door (limited)

Call 570-983-6326 for tickets

Food/drink available for purchase

4 Specials also available for purchase at the Bingo

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of March 2016 is Team #3: Helen

Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for February 27 & 28, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for March 12 & 13, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chludzinski -- Samuel Sczesniak	John Sakson
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Joseph Skirpan	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- Nicholas Muchisky	Frank Lesnefsky

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Wisdom from St. John Climacus

Forgetting offences is a sign of sincere repentance. If you keep the memory of them, you may believe you have repented but you are like someone running in his sleep. Let no one consider it a minor defect, this darkness that often clouds the eyes even of spiritual people.

When the soul betrays itself and loses the blessed and longed-for fervor, let it carefully investigate the reason for losing it. And let it arm itself with all its longing and zeal against whatever caused this. For the former fervor can return only through the same door through which it was lost.

When a man has found the Lord, he no longer has to use words when he is praying, for the Spirit Himself will intercede for him with groans that cannot be uttered.

Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do

not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honor your patience.

As fire does not give birth to snow, so those who seek honor here will not enjoy it in heaven ... As those who climb a rotten ladder are in danger, so all honor, glory, and power are opposed to humility.

It happens, I do not know how, that most of the proud never really discover their true selves. They think they have conquered their passions and they find out how poor they really are only after they die.

Humility is the only virtue that no devil can imitate. If pride made demons out of angels, there is no doubt that humility could make angels out of demons.

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