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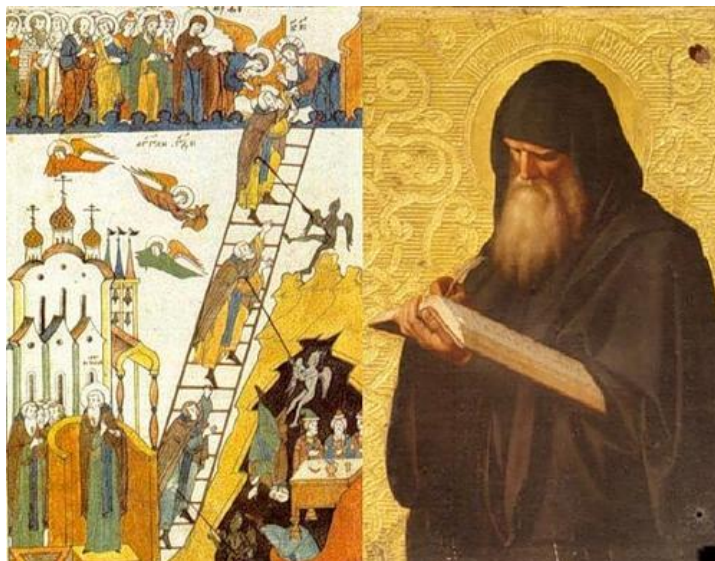
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Saturday & Sunday, April 10-11, 2021

Saturday Liturgy, 10:00 am • Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm

Sunday Matins, 8:30 am • Sunday Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

4th Sunday of Great Lent • St. John Climacus



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VARIABLE HYMNS

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

[Saturday] **Troparion for the Departed (Tone 2):** Keep Thy servants in remembrance, O Lord, since Thou art good, and do Thou forgive their every sin in this life; for no man is without sin, except for Thee who art able to grant rest even unto those that have departed hence.

[Sunday] **Troparion for 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.

Lenten Kontakion to the Theotokos (Tone 8): O Champion Leader, to thee I offer thanks of victory! O Theotokos, thou hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast invincible power, O Theotokos, thou truly can set me free from all danger. Set me free and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O bride without bridegroom!

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

THE EPISTLE

For both Saturday and Sunday

The Lord will give strength to His people. Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord glory and honor.

The Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.” And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into “that which is within the veil,” where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest “forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

THE GOSPEL

For both Saturday and Sunday

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.”

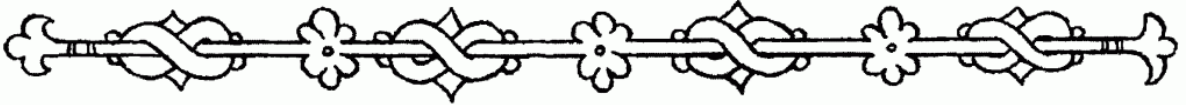
And Jesus answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.

And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

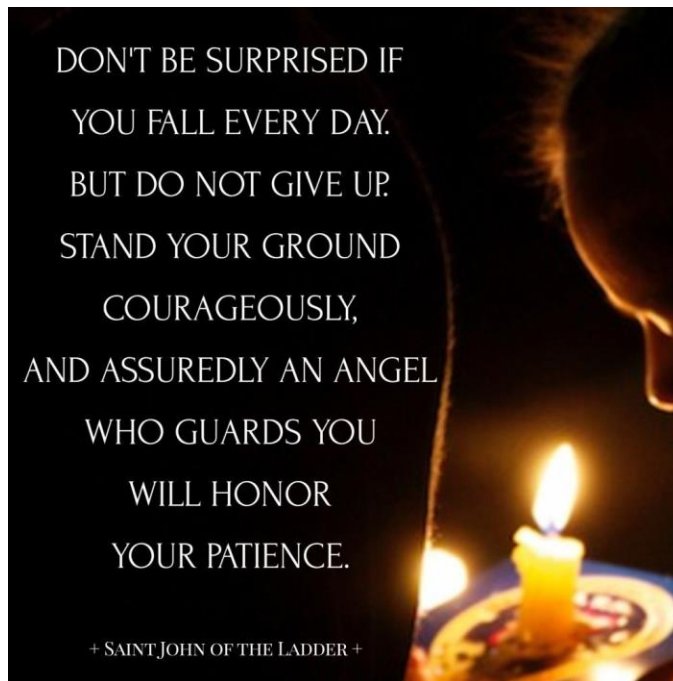
And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.”

And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

And when Jesus had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."



Hymn to the Theotokos for the Liturgy of St. Basil (Tone 6): All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of man. O sanctified temple and spiritual Paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child, our God before the ages! He made thy body into a throne and thy womb he made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace; Glory to Thee!



Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

This weekend at All Saints:

- **Children's church school**, Sunday after Divine Liturgy.
- **Fr. Pat's Zoom Bible class**, Sunday at 1pm.

This week:

- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:** Morning Prayers, 9am.
- **Wednesday, April 14:** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 7pm.
- **Saturday, April 17:** Divine Liturgy, 10am; Intro to Orthodoxy class, 6pm; Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, April 18: St. Mary of Egypt.** Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am; followed by church school.

LENTEN COIN BOXES

Once again please remember to fill the **coin boxes** that are on the Greeters' table that are supplied by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine, in accordance with our archdiocese, to feed the hungry around the world. **Please use these boxes all during Lent and turn them in at Pascha to be blessed.** Please replace the coins with a check marked "For the Poor" in the memo line, or submit paper money. If you have any questions, contact Pat K.

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." (Proverbs 22:9)

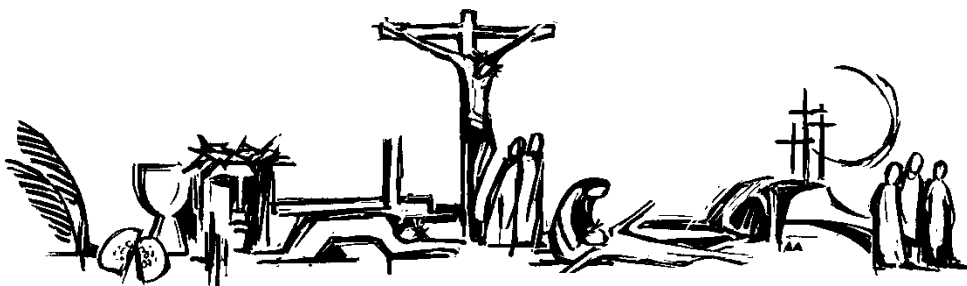
MEMORIAL DAY RETREAT

Join us for a Memorial Day weekend church retreat at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, WI, May 29-31 (Saturday-Monday). We are still working out the final cost per family/individual, but please see Khouria Patty, Octavian, or Sarah S. if you have any questions. Regular weekend services will still be held at All Saints that weekend, for those not attending.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee
Sat April 10	Jim K.	Cristina P		
Sun April 11 <i>St John Climacus</i>	Doug J	Cristina P	Nancy L	Lydia A
Sat April 17	Jerry C	Dn Walid		
Sun April 18 <i>St Mary of Egypt</i>	Paul K	Dn Walid	Domitille N	Zach C
Sat April 24 <i>Raising of Lazarus</i>	Michelle C	Sandy A		
Sun April 25 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Joseph L	Sandy A	Sandy A	Domitille N
Thurs Apr 29 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Jim K	Sandy A	Nancy L	
Sat May 1 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Sd Joseph	Octavian F	Azizeh C	Alina S

Until further notice, we will not be holding potluck meals after evening services. However, if individuals and families would like to bring their own meals and eat together in the church hall, you are welcome to do so. We will continue to have coffee and pre-packaged snacks available after morning liturgies.



:: The Fourth Sunday of Great Lent ::

Commemoration of St. John Climacus (d. 649), Abbot of St. Catherine's Monastery on Mt. Sinai and author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*



“At the request of the abbot of another monastery, St. John wrote the incomparable LADDER, a book of instruction for monks who wished to attain spiritual perfection. Such a book would be “*a ladder fixed on the earth*” (Gen. 28:12), leading people to the gates of Heaven.

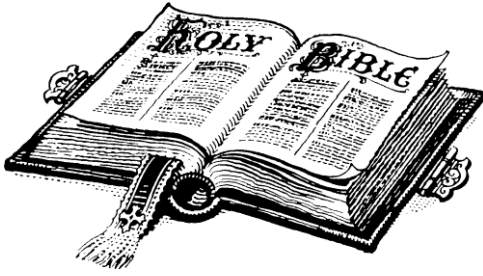
“Saint John felt that such a task was beyond his ability, yet out of obedience he fulfilled the request. The saint called his work THE LADDER, for the book is “*a fixed ladder leading from earthly things to the Holy of Holies...*” The thirty steps of spiritual perfection correspond to the thirty years of the Lord's age. When we have completed these thirty steps, we will find ourselves with the righteous and will not stumble. THE LADDER begins with renunciation of the world, and ends with God, who is Love.

The twenty-second step of THE LADDER deals with various forms of vainglory. Saint John writes: *“When I fast, I am vainglorious; and when I permit myself food in order to conceal my fasting from others I am again vainglorious about my prudence. When I dress in fine clothing, I am vanquished by vanity, and if I put on drab clothing, again I am overcome by vanity. If I speak, vainglory defeats me. If I wish to keep silence, I am again given over to it. Wherever this thorn comes up, it stands with its points upright. A vain person seems to honor God, but strives to please men rather than God. ...*

“It often happens that God humbles the vainglorious, sending a sudden misfortune. If prayer does not destroy a proud thought, we bring to mind the departure of the soul from this life. And if this does not help, let us fear the shame which follows dishonor. “For whoever humbles himself shall be exalted, and whoever exalts himself shall be humbled” (Luke 14:11). When those who praise us, or rather seduce us, start to praise us, let us recall our many sins, then we shall find that we are not worthy of what they say or do to honor us.”

In THE LADDER Saint John describes the ascent toward spiritual perfection, which is essential for anyone who wishes to save his soul. It is a written account of his thoughts, based on the collected wisdom of many wise ascetics, and on his own spiritual experience. The book is a great help on the path to truth and virtue.

The steps of THE LADDER proceed gradually from strength to strength on the path of perfection. The summit is not reached suddenly, but gradually, as the Savior says: *“The Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force” (Mt.11:12).*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL 11-17, 2021

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Sunday, April 11: St. John of the Ladder (Climacus)

John 21:14-25 / Hebrews 6:13-20 / Mark 9:17-31

Monday, April 12: Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium

Isaiah 37:33-38:6 / Mark 8:11-21

Genesis 13:12-18 / Proverbs 14:27-15:4

Tuesday, April 13: Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome

Isaiah 40:18-31 / Mark 8:22-30

Genesis 15:1-15 / Proverbs 15:7-19

Wednesday, April 14: Aristarchus, Pudens, Trophimus the Apostles of the 70

Isaiah 41:4-14 / Mark 8:31-38

Genesis 17:1-9 / Proverbs 15:20-16:9

Thursday, April 15: St. Andrew of Crete (Thursday of the Great Canon)

Isaiah 42:5-16 / Mark 9:1-13

Genesis 18:20-33 / Proverbs 16:17-17:17

Friday, April 16: Agape, Chionia, and Irene the Holy Martyrs

Isaiah 45:11-17 / Mark 9:14-29

Genesis 22:1-18 / Proverbs 17:17-18:5

Saturday, April 17: St. Mary the Theotokos (Saturday of the Akathist Hymn)

Hebrews 9:24-28 / Mark 8:27-31

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