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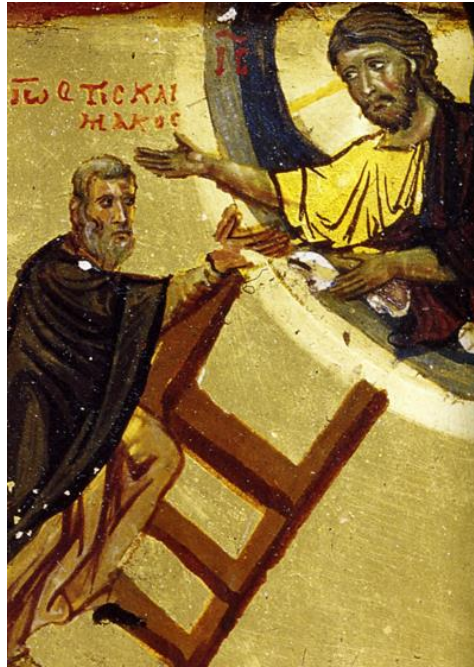
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Sunday, April 3, 2022

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am

St. John of the Ladder • Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Troparion of the Resurrection (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!

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.

Kontakion to the Theotokos for the Sundays of Lent (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 the Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 of St. Paul 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 the Fourth Sunday of Lent

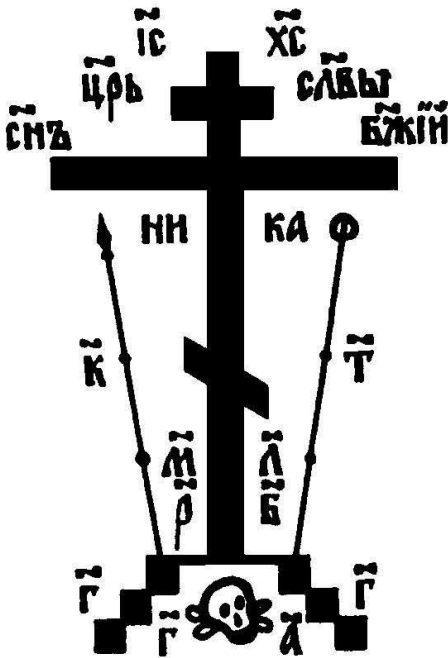
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (9:17-31)

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 Thy 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.”

:: THE CROSS IN OUR LIFE, Part 2 ::

By Metropolitan Joseph



Jesus predicted His death and He identified Himself with the suffering servant of Isaiah. When He predicted His death, Jesus pointed at the same time to His resurrection; the resurrection reveals what was achieved on the cross. St. Paul said: "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14).

Christ's death on the cross brought salvation (Col. 2:14; Eph. 2:16) and hence, it is the basis for Christian hope. It is the sign of the supreme sacrifice and the resurrection; it signifies life rather than death.

Of course, we do not believe that the divinity of Jesus was crucified on the cross. Thus, we always make a distinction between the two questions "what?" and "who?" Who was crucified on the cross? The answer is Jesus Himself, the second person of the Trinity. What was crucified on the

cross? Only the humanity of Jesus was crucified, not His divinity, because the divinity is above our reach. His divinity is unapproachable by human minds.

By His divinity He made the cross the sign of the new life. Our cross is through baptism and repentance. For this reason we become communicants of His cross by our baptism, life, struggle and suffering for the sake of Jesus. We cross ourselves all the time – before kissing an icon, when we pray, before we eat, to express the daily experience of the cross. It is the power of God! The cross to the unbelievers is foolishness, but to us believers it is the power of God. Every action of Christ, including all His working of miracles, was truly great and wonderful. But of all things the most wonderful is His honorable cross. For by nothing else, except by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, death has been brought low, death has been despoiled and resurrection bestowed. The power given us by the death of Christ, that is to say the cross has clothed us with the wisdom and power of God. This we have been given as a sign on our forehead, just as Israel was given circumcision. For by it, we faithful are set apart from the skeptics and we are recognized apart from unbelievers.

So that honorable and most truly venerable cross, upon which Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice for us, is itself to be adored because it has been sanctified by contact with His sacred body and blood. We have splinters of this most honorable wood as a relic because it touched the humanity and the sacred divinity of our Lord.

We also adore the likeness of the honorable and life giving Cross, even though it is made of another material. We do not honor the material, but the likeness as a symbol of Christ. We preach Christ crucified. Therefore, the sign of Christ in the Cross is to be adored, for wherever the sign may be, there He will be too. If the form of the cross should happen to be destroyed however, the material from which the cross was composed is not to be adored, even if it was of gold or precious stones. We honor the material as a sign of Christ, for wherever the sign is, Christ is there. We also trace this sign upon our bodies and thereby bless ourselves. Thus we adore everything that has reference to God, although it is to Him that we direct the worship.

Deny yourself and carry your cross daily. To build a godly life you must understand the depth of carrying your cross daily. Read the Bible, but don't read the Bible by itself. Communicate with the person of Jesus! This is your life! Read the Bible slowly and carefully. Read it and pray it at the same time. The experience of Church is in the Bible! The life of the Church is in reading, living and praying altogether. Christ remained silent when Pilot asked Him about the accusations against Him, because He presupposed that Pilot did not understand His theology. Silence has the greatest power to teach. It is the strongest defense. This kind of theology needs peace and silence. The Holy Theotokos kept silent. Protect your families by keeping silent. Carry your cross of poverty, sadness, agony, anxiety, despair or sickness. Carry your cross of the vices gluttony, fornication, avarice, anger, negligence or pride. We must struggle and not give up. Give a work of encouragement. The same Grace is given to all in baptism and in communion. God can heal all. These crosses lead us to confusion, disillusion and pain, but His cross, the TRUE CROSS, leads us to joy and salvation.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today:

- **Adult church school:** Fr. Pat continues his series on Biblical Economics.

This week:

- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday:** Lenten morning prayers, 9am.
- **Wed., April 6:** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 7pm. *Potluck meal will follow.*
- **Fri., April 8:** Madayeh (Akathist) service at St. George Church in Cicero, 7pm.
- **Sat., April 9:** Icon Academy, 9am; Vespers, 7pm.
- **Next Sunday, April 10: St. Mary of Egypt.** Matins & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by coffee hour and Sunday school.

CAMP ST. GEORGE: Our diocesan summer camp resumes this year for ages 9 through high school! It will take place July 3-9 at Camp Ewalu in Strawberry Point, Iowa. Please see Fr. Andrew if you are interested, so we can coordinate transportation and scholarship funds.

GOOD FRIDAY RETREAT: On Friday, April 22, in remembrance of our Lord's passion, services will be held as usual at 9am, 3pm, and 7pm. Between the first two services, Melissa W. and Kh. Patty will be hosting a confession retreat for our church school students (2nd grade and up). All are welcome to stay at the church between services on Good Friday for confession and/or Psalm readings.

LENTEN COIN BOXES: Please take a **"Food for Hungry People" coin box** from the greeters' table! These are supplied each Lent 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.

"Vigils and fasts and acts of mercy are the methods advocated by the saints to attain the spiritual life. But they must not stand alone, the Christian must not put his trust in them. Humility must have faith for its principle, and fasting be combined with charity, that is, feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, clothe the naked." (St. Basil the Great)

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun Apr 3 <i>St John Climacus</i>	Polycarp	Domtille	Nancy L	Domtille	L-P
Wed Apr 6		Dn Walid	Azizeh C	n/a	Potluck
Sun Apr 10	Jim K	Cristina P	Sandy A	Alina S	R-Z
Wed Apr 13		Dn Walid	Domitille	n/a	Potluck
Sat Apr 16 <i>Lazarus</i>	Paul K	Sandy A	Nancy L.		
Sun Apr 17 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Jason L	Debbie K	Sandy A	Zach C	A-F

For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour. And of course, things go faster when we can all pitch in and help.

“LIVE IN GRATITUDE, AND YOU WILL NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED. SEE THAT YOUR AFFLICTIONS ARE NOT THERE TO PUNISH YOU, BUT TO PURIFY YOU AND CLEANSE YOU OF THE DELUSIONS OF THIS WORLD. YOU ALL ARE BEING PREPARED EACH DAY FOR GREAT THINGS. BE WISE, AND PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE, BUT DO NOT BE WORRIED ABOUT IT.

BE PRUDENT, BUT NOT OBSESSED. THE MAN WHO CONSTANTLY WORRIES ACHIEVES NOTHING BUT STRESS AND ANXIETY. INSTEAD, PRAY AND DRAW CLOSE TO GOD. BELIEVE THAT HE WILL HELP YOU, AND SUDDENLY, YOU WILL SEE HOW HE HAS ALREADY.”

+ HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN JOSEPH



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL 3-9, 2022

ADAPTED FROM THE
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Sunday, April 3: St. John of the Ladder (Climacus)

Hebrews 6:13-20 / Mark 9:17-31

Monday, April 4: George the Righteous of Maleon

Hebrews 10:11-25 / Mark 8:11-21

Isaiah 37:33-38:6 / Genesis 13:12-18 / Proverbs 14:27-15:4

**Tuesday, April 5: Martyrs Claudius, Diodore, Victor, Victorinus, Pappias,
Nicephorus, and Serapion**

Hebrews 10:26-31 / Mark 8:22-30

Isaiah 40:18-31 / Genesis 15:1-15 / Proverbs 15:7-19

Wednesday, April 6: St. Gregory of Sinai

Hebrews 10:32-39 / Mark 8:31-38

Isaiah 41:4-14 / Genesis 17:1-9 / Proverbs 15:20-16:9

Thurs., April 7: St. Andrew of Crete (Thursday of the Great Canon)

Hebrews 11:1-7 / Mark 9:1-13

Isaiah 42:5-16 / Genesis 18:20-33 / Proverbs 16:17-17:17

Friday, April 8: St. Celestine, Pope of Rome

Hebrews 11:8-22 / Mark 9:14-29

Isaiah 45:11-17 / Genesis 22:1-18 / Proverbs 17:17-18:5

Saturday, April 9: St. Mary the Theotokos (Saturday of the Akathist Hymn)

Hebrews 9:1-7 / Luke 1:39-56

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