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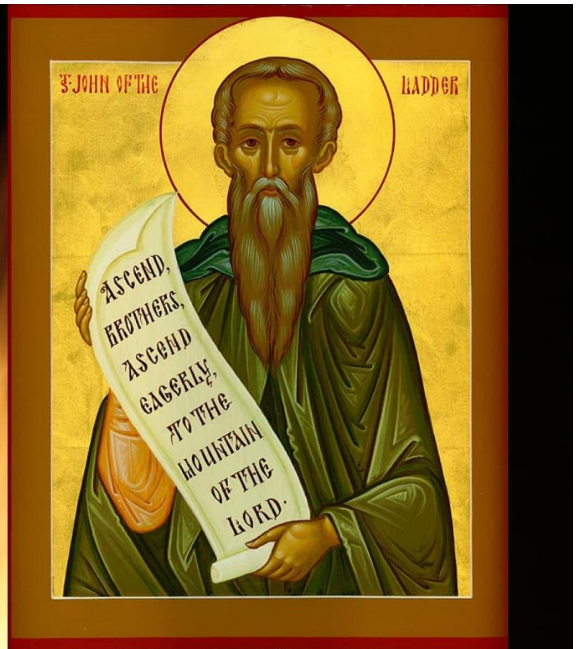
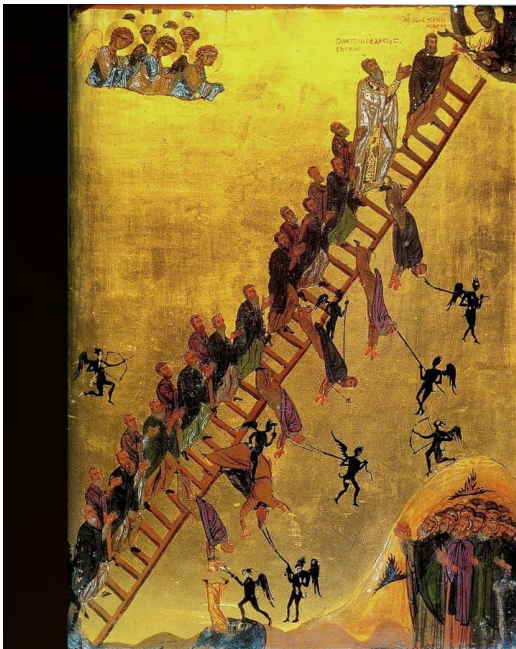
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**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent • St. John of the Ladder**



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**Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 4):** Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying: “Death hath been spoiled! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

**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, 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 Great Lent*

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

### **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 Great 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.”

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. 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.”

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!”

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.

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. 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](http://www.allsaintsorthodox.org)*

**Today:** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am, followed by coffee hour (A-F) and church school. Teen SOYO lunch and movie retreat will follow.

**Tuesday, April 16:** Lenten Orthros, 9am

**Wednesday, April 17:**

- Lenten 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> hour prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Fr. Pat's talk on the Psalms, 6pm
- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 7pm, followed by potluck meal.

**Thursday, April 18:** Lenten Orthros with the Canon of Repentance, 9am

**Friday, April 19:**

- Akathist to the Theotokos at St. George in Cicero, 7pm

**Saturday, April 20:**

- Icon academy, 9am-5pm
- Ladies' Lenten book discussion, 5-7pm
- Romans Bible Bowl study, 5-7pm
- Vespers, 7pm

**Next Sunday, April 21: St. Mary of Egypt.** Orthros, & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30, followed by coffee hour (G-K) and church school.

**WOMEN'S LENT BOOK DISCUSSION:** Join us as Sandy A. and Athena L. lead our discussion through *Homilies during Great Lent*, by St. Nektarios Kefalas. Books will be/are available at the book table. Meetings dates are Saturdays March 30, April 13, and April 20 at 5pm. Please bring a fasting dish to share for our potluck meal. Please see Sh. Kim with questions.

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED:** For the remainder of Great Lent, please considering donating non-perishable food items once again for North Side Housing. They have reached

out to us because their pantry shelves are “looking a little bare” and we have always been generous with them in the past. Items may be placed on the back table in the church as usual; please see Sandy A. if you have any questions.

**CHURCH SCHOOL CONFESSION RETREAT:** Good Friday this year is May 3, and following our 9am Royal Hours service, our Church School is once again hosting a Confession Retreat. Lunch will be served and there will be various activities related to the theme. All children who have had their confession class are encouraged to make their confession during this time! Please RSVP to Melissa, if your family intends to participate.

**TEEN GOOD FRIDAY RETREAT:** After our 3pm Vespers service on Good Friday, May 3, the teens will meet for prayer, fellowship, and help preparing the bay leaves and the church for Holy Saturday.

**PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2024:** As you are likely aware, All Saints Church will be co-hosting our diocese Parish Life Conference this summer, along with Holy Transfiguration in Warrenville. Mark your calendars: the dates are **Wednesday, June 26 through Saturday, June 29**. We will be in need of volunteers, particularly folks to help staff the registration table Wednesday through Friday, and volunteers for the kids’ club events – curriculum planning and teaching.

**Register online and see more information: [Antiochianevents.com/Toledo](https://antiochianevents.com/Toledo)**



*“For Thy servant Thy grace has become a refuge, strength, a defense, ennoblement, praise, and food for the whole of his life.”*

*St Ephraim the Syrian*

# Volunteer Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Prospora</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Food</b>
<b>Sun, April 14</b>	Jim K	Pat K	JoAnne T	Zach C	A-F
<b><u>Wed, April 17</u></b> <i>Presanctified</i>		Dn Walid	James B	n/a	<i>Potluck</i>
<b>Sun, April 21</b>	Paul K	Domitille	John O	Alina S	G-K
<b><u>Wed, April 24</u></b> <i>Presanctified</i>		Dn Walid	Nancy L	n/a	<i>Potluck</i>
<b><u>Sat, April 27</u></b> <i>Lazarus Sat.</i>	Joseph L	Sarah S	JoAnne T	n/a	n/a
<b>Sun, April 28</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Rich C	Cristina P	James B	Domitille	L-P
<b>Thurs, May 2</b> <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Doug J	Pat K	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Potluck</i>
<b>Sat, May 4</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Michelle C	Sandy A	Azizeh	Zach C	<i>Potluck</i>
<b>Sun, May 5</b> <i>Pascha</i>	Sd Joseph	Debbie K	Nancy L	n/a	<i>Baskets</i>

**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.

**Shaded dates** indicate fasting – no meat, dairy, or eggs should be served on these days.

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 all pitch in and help!

**A NOTE ON CHURCH GIVING:** As we enter the season of Lent, our thoughts often turn to fasting and charitable giving. We are fortunate to have many opportunities for Lenten almsgiving presented to us at All Saints. Please see our treasurer Alice I. if you have any questions!

- Increase our general tithe to All Saints. It is the responsibility to all church members to support the work and upkeep of the church on a regular basis.
- Donate to our Pastoral Discretionary Fund.

(Reminder: any money donated to the Pastoral Discretionary Fund is given to the Church to allocate as Fr. Andrew sees fit to best serve the needs of our parish community. Suggested recipients are always welcomed, but the final decision is at the pastor's discretion. As discussed at convocation, if you wish to donate to a specific person, please consider a personal or anonymous direct approach. Sending money via the pastoral discretionary fund as a method of person-church-person giving is not allowed under IRS rules. Doing so could place the church's tax-free status at risk, which could potentially impact the congregation's ability to claim their tithes against their tax returns.)

- Donate to a specific fund:

**Food for Hungry People:** This is an Antiochian Archdiocese initiative we support every Lent. Collect funds in the boxes or write "Food for Hungry People" on a check memo line.

**Widowed Clergy-Wives Endowment Fund:** This is also an Archdiocese initiative, through the Antiochian Womens organization. If you wish to donate, write "Widowed clergy" on the memo line.

**Patriarch's Tray:** Our thrice-annual responsibility to the Patriarchate of Antioch. Write "Patriarch" in memo line.

*Your Lord is a God of mercy and bountifulness: be a source of mercy and bountifulness to your neighbors. If you will be such, you will find salvation yourself with everlasting glory."*  
(St. John of Kronstadt)





# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL 14-20, 2024

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**Sunday, April 14: St. John of the Ladder**

Matthew 28:16-20 / Hebrews 6:13-20 / Mark 9:17-31

**Monday, April 15: Crescens the Martyr**

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

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

**Tuesday, April 16: Agape, Chionia, and Irene, the Holy Martyrs**

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

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

**Wednesday, April 17: Makarios, Bishop of Corinth**

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

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

**Thursday, April 18: St. Andrew of Crete's Great Canon of Repentance**

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

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

**Friday, April 19: Aelphege the Hieromartyr of Canterbury**

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

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

**Saturday, April 20: Akathist Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos**

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

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