

April 11th, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent – St. John author of “The Ladder”

*As we enter the Church let us pray.....
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.*

Resurrectional Apolytikion – 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.

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.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8

Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

Kontakion for the Sundays in Great Lent – Tone 8

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

SYNAXARION

On April 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Antypas, bishop of Pergamum; Righteous Mothers Tryphaina and Matrona of Cyzicus.

On this same day, the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, we make remembrance of our godly father, John, the author of The Ladder of Divine Ascent (or Climacus). The celebration of his feast on this day arose from the custom prevalent in the honorable monasteries of starting Great Lent with the reading of his lessons. John describes the method of elevating the soul to God as ascending a ladder. He teaches those who seek salvation how to lay a firm foundation for struggles, how to detect and fight every passion, how to avoid demonic snares, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. John of the Ladder came to Mount Sinai at age 16 and remained there, first as a novice under obedience, then as a recluse, and finally as abbot until his eightieth year. One time, his disciple, Moses, fell asleep under the shade of a large stone. John, in prayer in his cell, saw that his disciple was in danger and prayed to God for him. Later, when Moses returned, he fell on his knees and gave thanks to his spiritual father for saving him from certain death. He related how, in a dream, he heard John calling him and he jumped up and, at that moment, the stone tumbled. Had he not jumped, the stone would have crushed him. John Climacus died on March 30, 606. Through his intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of North America, Primate

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

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The Inquirer's Class – will meet today, Sunday, April 11th, following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

Great Compline & Book Discussion - Mondays @ 6pm Following Great Compline, Fr. David will lead a discussion of **Thirty Steps to Heaven** by Vassilios Papavassiliou. Copies are available in the church bookstore or online.

Weis and Giant Grocery Gift Cards – are available for purchase. You pay the face amount of the card and the church receives 5% of the value of the card. Please see Marjorie Barrett after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

Attendance Last Week: 105

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$7,741.00

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: \$5,770.00

Church Calendar

April 11 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy (live streamed). SCS. Inquirer's Class.
April 12 6:00 pm Great Compline. Book Study afterward.
April 13 6:30 pm Lancaster Vespers.
April 14 5:20 pm 9th Hour and Typika. 6:00 pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy.
April 15 6:00 pm Great Compline and Life of St. Mary of Egypt.
April 16 6:00 pm Little Compline and Akathist Hymn.
April 17 6:00 pm Vespers
April 18 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Parish Council. Inquirer's Class.

Remember In Your Prayers

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear" (Is. 65:24)

The Living – for their health and healing

Metropolitan Joseph
Bishop Thomas
Olena Bassarab
Jamey Miller
Matthew Miller
Officer Jamie Miller
Joyce "Kassiane" Williams
Kathryn Velen
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson
Michael Acierno
Ray Jauncito
Ian Snyder
Nicolas El Atieh
Marjorie "Marion" Barrett
Jerry "David" Desautels
Renee McChutan

The Departed – Memory Eternal!

Metropolitan PHILIP
Bishop Antoun
Priest Boniface Black
Leavitt "George" Keener
Mary Jane Glagola
Norm "Nourhan" Kailian
Eva "Marie" Kailian
Nicholas Raptapolus
Walter and Mary Damm

Donnell Gregory Beck
Michael Bogosh
Christos Tsakiris
Grace Dorian
Marianne Rupp
Mary Bincarowsky
Gene "Paul" Strayer
Katherine Monsour
George and Darla Feeser
Cindi "Monica" Bennett
Mary Kopey
Martha Allen
Mary Lou Grove
Melinda "Magdalena" Stika
James Fetter
Andrew Himes
Patty May
Julie Acierno
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic
Steven Smith
Edward Boner
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury
Thomas Lehman
Barry "John" Hart
Mary "Rebecca" Beck
Angela Pandelidis
Kathryn Velen