

Some Words of St. John Climacus

“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..”

“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 honour your patience...”

“The lover of silence draws close to God. He talks to Him in secret and God enlightens him.”

“In all your undertakings and in every way of life, whether you are living in obedience or in the world, whether in outward or in spiritual matters, let it be your rule and practice to ask yourself: Am I really doing this in accordance with God’s will?”

~ Excerpts from *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*

“Let us Attend!”



“Ascend, my brothers and sisters, ascend eagerly. Let your hearts' resolve be to climb...”

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Sunday of St. John of the Ladder (Climacus)

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. St. John Climacus (of The Ladder). Ven. Niké́tas the Confessor, Abbot of Medikion (824). Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre, and Martyr Irene (307–308). St. Illyricus of Mt. Myrsinon in the Peloponnesus. Martyrs Elpidiphorus, Dius, Bithonius, and Galycus. “Unfading Flower” Icon of the Mother of God .

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13–20 (Sunday); Ephesians 5:9–19 (Saint)

Gospel: Mark 9:17–31(Sunday); Matthew 4:25–5:12 (Saint)

Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish’s wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA’s daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.

Schedule of Services:

Wednesday, 6 April 2022 – 6PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, followed by Lenten Potluck Agape Meal.

Friday, 8 April 2022. 9AM. Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos. Sunday, 10 April 2022: Fifth Sunday of Great Lent– 9:30AM Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, Followed by Coffee Hour Agape. 4PM Mission Vespers, Holy Annunciation, Berwick, PA

Announcements ~ Our thanks to Father Stephen and Matushka Sandy Kopestonsky being with us being with us today. May God richly bless you both.

~ A warm welcome to all visitors. Please join us downstairs following the Liturgy for our Agape fellowship.

~ Please offer your prevent prayers this week for His Eminence Archbishop Paul of the Diocese of the Midwest, who is terminally ill, and in need of the prayers of the Church .

~ Our continued prayers for those displaced by the war in Ukraine, and those that have died in the fighting. Through the generosity of the faithful \$1,500.00 will be from the parish through the OCA for the relief efforts for refugees being run by the Church of Poland.

~ Please bring your pussy willows to the Church basement in preparation for Palm Sunday. Following Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday, we will be putting Palms and pussy willow branches together to be blessed for Palm Sunday and will be decorating the Church in preparation for the Feast. Helping hands after Liturgy on that Saturday will be greatly appreciated

~ Donations are needed for flowers for Pascha. Please consider making a special contribution to beautify the temple for the Feast of Feasts.

~ Thanks to all those who gathered this week to make Pierogi. May God bless you for your efforts.

From a Prayer at the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Deliver Thou all our senses from death–dealing, carnal desires, setting over them as a good ruler the understanding that is in us. Let our eye have no part in any evil sight. Let our hearing be in accessible to all idle words; and let our tongue be purged from unseemly speech. Purify our lips which praise Thee, O Lord. Make our hands to abstain from evil deeds and to work only such things as are acceptable into Thee, establishing all our members and our minds by Thy Grace.