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April 10, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

COMMEMORATION OF JOHN CLIMACUS, AUTHOR OF "THE LADDER"

TONE: 4

EOTHINON: 1

Martyrs Terence and Pompey of Carthage and those with them; New-hieromartyr Gregory V, patriarch of Constantinople; New-martyr Demas of Smyrna.

LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE EIGHT

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.

We sing the apolytikion of St. George our patron saint.

KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT) IN TONE EIGHT

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.

EPISTLE:

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (9:16-30)

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 him, "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."

HOLY BREAD

Holy bread is offered for the health and welfare of Youssef, Boshra, Mary, Sophie, Nadia, Tarek, Katie, Henry Haddad, Rayn Fall, Illias Haddad, Josephine Dahdah, her family and all members of the Haddad families and in loving memory of Boutros, Maryam & Saker Haddad and Souad Kandeel, Bisher, Bashar and Mazen Haddad and all departed members of the Haddad families.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour will be the Falafel Dinner. Please join us for our first Sunday back in the church hall.

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors. We are delighted to have you visiting and worshipping with us this morning and hope that you return soon. We invite you to participate in the Divine Liturgy, but, sadly, due to the divisions in Christianity, **only baptized/christened members of the Orthodox Church who have made their Confession before an Orthodox priest and prepared themselves by fasting may receive Holy Communion.** Please come forward after Liturgy to venerate the Cross and partake of the *Antidoron*-Holy Bread. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour after the Liturgy.

Also, please **turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Jim Etoll, Wally & Maria Golden, Allen & Nick Golden, John Etoll, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Betty Ablan, Ted & Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Erma Ziton, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Mavis Aussey, Margaret Boalbey, Norm & Gracie Holmes, Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Kh. Vera Proctor, Kh. Amy Hodge, Ellie Brynjulfson, Edgard Siouffy, Magdalen Ng, Berhane Haliemichael, Rosa Neimy, Sandi Heuer, Andree White, George & Ellie Saba, Mitch, Joe & Beverly Zaine, Rosina Schwager, Alexander, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Gideon, Lamese McDowell, Delores Trisko, Carol Mihalchick and Mike Etoll.

If you are ill and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Tom.

THIS WEEK

FALAFEL DINNER

The annual Fr. John Khoury Falafel Dinner is TODAY; Noon to 2:00 P.M. in the church hall. Adults \$10; Children under 12; \$5. A special "thank you" to Beirut Restaurant for preparing the food and sponsoring this event. See George Khoury for tickets.

MEOCCA LENTEN VESPERS

MEOCCA Lenten Vespers today will be at Holy Myrrh-Bearers Orthodox Church, 601 7th Ave. South, St. Cloud, MN 55301, at 4:00 P.M. A Lenten meal will follow the service. Please plan to worship with our Orthodox brothers and sisters.

CHOIR

Choir rehearsal every Sunday following Divine Liturgy.

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

The Presanctified Liturgy will be served Wednesday, April 13, at 6:30 P.M.

AKATHIST

The Akathist service will be Friday, April 15, at 7:00 P.M.

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers Saturday, April 16, at 5:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FASTING RULES FOR GREAT LENT

The traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and olive oil) is observed Monday through Friday with wine and olive oil permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.

Antiochian Women NAB Project

The NAB Project for the month of March is to Feed the Hungry in the US and Abroad. To donate, please write check to Antiochian Women NAB project. Any questions, see Deb Etoll or Sue Perry. We used to call it the Coffee Cup Collection.

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Celebrating St. Mary of Egypt the 5th Sunday of Lent in the Bookstore

The bookstore has just acquired books on the life of St. Mary of Egypt published by Prison Ministry, edited by our own Fr. Duane. Cost \$4.00.

Especially, in celebration of the 5th Sunday of Lent, we have new and beautiful icons of St. Mary of Egypt, mounted on wood and laminated prints ranging from \$3.00 to \$30.00.

Lil' PRAYER BUDDIES

The bookstore received our first shipment of "the Lil' Prayer Buddies," stuffed animals that say prayers. We have many choices for sale! Prices range from \$15.00-\$20.00.

NEIGHBORS, INC FOOD SHELVES

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34

It's not too late – there's still time to donate! Still have food or funds you would like to give to Neighbors? Our drive isn't over yet! Your donation will not only help people in our community put food on the table now, but donations made during this campaign impact the amount of Minnesota Food Share funding Neighbor's receives later in the year. So now is the time to donate! Please give cash or checks made payable to Neighbor's Inc. to George Droubie or Michelle Apman. Thank you!

FOCUS

It's More Than A Free Dinner Once a Week - FOCUS MN is Free Meals AND also Food Shelf, Clothes Closet, and is building a Mobile Clinic!. The Orthodox Community is working miracles! Please help out by bringing Shampoo, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Aluminum Foil, Baggies - various sizes, Paper Towels, Coffee, Tuna, Spaghetti, Sauce, Cereal, Clothing, Men's Shoes or giving of your time or money. For more info, go to <http://areyouinfocus.weebly.com/> or contact our FOCUS liaisons Pat Percy, Sue Perry or Lisa Mikhail.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

The floor phase of the construction project is almost completed. Please watch your step as you admire the beautiful new floors. We are working diligently to have the social hall ready for your use as soon as possible. There will be **NO SCHEDULING** of events or activities during the construction project until further notice. Coffee hours will be on a week to week basis depending on the progress. Your cooperation and help would be greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

April 17 (open)
April 23, Lazarus Saturday
April 24, Palm Sunday

COFFEE HOUR LIST

(Open)
Rosa & Sanaa (fried dough)
Ferraro & Jubran families

To schedule Holy Bread and/or memorial, please contact Joannie Alevizos. It is completely proper to have more than one memorial or Holy Bread on a Sunday. *When signing up for Holy Bread, please indicate “yes” or “no” if you will also be providing coffee hour.* If you would like to host a coffee hour please contact Sanaa Jubran. It is important to *e-mail or call Fr. Tom AND Brigitte Khoury at bgkstgeorge@gmail.com by Wednesday noon prior to the Sunday of your memorial, with your information in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.*

Providing Meals for U of M OCF

The Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) chapter at the University of Minnesota is looking for people to potentially bring meals to meetings which we hold every other Thursday throughout the school year. The meetings are held at Saint Lawrence Catholic church (address is: 1203 5th St SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414). The meals typically consist of: a main course, a salad, a dessert, and some bottled water. I know most of you do not have a student at the U of M currently, but it would mean a lot to the OCF if you considered bringing a meal to share with the students! The date is 4/21. If you are willing to do so please contact Jerrius Jubran at: jubr0002@umn.edu or via text/call: (651)285-2319.

The 2016 Summer Camp Scholarship Contest for Grades 6-12!

Open to our entire Pan-Orthodox Community! Two Camp scholarship coupons will be awarded in memory of Presbyteria Mary Coniaris and James H. Zubulake. Camp registration fees will be rebated to two contest winners. The 2016 theme for camp is “Attitudes and Beatitudes.” This year's essay question is, “*As an Orthodox Christian how can my Attitudes reflect the following Beatitude?*” (Please choose one of the Beatitudes from chapter 5 of the book of Matthew.)

There will be two divisions:

Junior Division- open to campers entering 6-8th grades fall 2016. Contestants are required to submit a 250- word (typed) essay on the theme.

Senior Division- open to campers entering 9th- 12th grades fall 2016. Contestants are required to submit a 500- word (typed) essay on the theme.

Entries must remain as close to the word limits (250 or 500) as possible.

ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016.

Submit entries to: frbenjamin@stmarysoca.org

2016 MIDWEST PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

Save the date: Wednesday, June 22 through Sunday, June 26, 2016 Parish Life Conference - The Basilica of St. Mary Livonia <tolplc@antiochianevents.com, [Edward Village Michigan Hotel](http://EdwardVillageMichiganHotel.com), 600 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, (313) 592-3622. See flyer on Bulletin Board.

Announcing the 9th Annual St. George Middle Eastern Festival – 2016

Our 9th Annual Middle Eastern Festival will be on July 15th, 16th and 17th, 2016. Please plan on joining us for a fun-filled weekend of fantastic food, great entertainment and the best hospitality in the Twin Cities! Silent auction, pastries and sweets, Middle Eastern marketplace and much, much more! Visit us online at www.mideastfest.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mideastfest.

SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to have an announcement published in the weekly bulletin, please note you must submit the information by **Wednesday NOON** before the Sunday you desire to have it in the bulletin. Please make sure the spelling of the names is correct.

KITCHEN USE

The Parish Council has determined that anyone wishing to use the kitchen at any time **must** contact George Khoury to reserve their date and time on the kitchen calendar.

Please remember, if you host a coffee hour you need to clean up the kitchen, take home the used linens, wash and return them, wipe the tables, take out the trash bags and put them into the dumpster. This is everyone's responsibility. Please help to preserve our beautiful hall.