

The Weekly Messenger – April 10, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

The Feast of Saint John Climacus: On the fourth Sunday of the Great Lent the Holy Church honors the memory of St. John called Climacus, which means “The Ladder.” He’s called that because of the astounding book he wrote dedicated to helping those serious about salvation to progress on the way to God’s Kingdom. He lived not far from Mt. Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments. He divided his book into thirty chapters in honor of the hidden years that our Lord Jesus Christ spent on earth. Each chapter is a stage, or rung, on the ascent to Heaven. He wrote it for monks, yet thousands of lay persons have been helped and edified by applying its lessons to themselves. The themes include spiritual and physical seclusion, or at least separating ourselves from the society around us; obedience to God’s will; self-discipline; discernment, meaning evaluating everything in life and perceiving what will do us good and what is harmful; purity of life; and prayer.

Read More: <https://oca.org/reflections/berzonsky/three-steps-to-everlasting-life>

VESPERS WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:30 pm join us!

Commemorations for the Departed: Peter Mallios, Lefteria Dhimitri (2 years), Sophie Miller, Bettye Ledford, Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Dorothy Tomassini, Semele Halkedis, John Cokos, Constantine, Kathie Costa, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik George Robos, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Readers Schedule: April 17th Michele D. April 24th Adam C. May 1st Agape Vespers, May 8th Chris M, May 15th Reader Mark, May 22nd Michele D, May 29th Adam C.

April giving: Paper Towels Thank you for the toilet paper donations in March

Parishioner News: Congratulations to Michelle Dardaris, daughter of Carolyn and Michael Dardaris on her acceptance at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA. Michelle will study Physical Therapy. Congratulations and Many Years!

Merna Mikhail, our Sunday school teacher, recently began a new job as a Pharmacy Technician. Congratulations Merna!

Please mark your calendars, Friday April 29th 10:00 am We need volunteers to come to church to decorate the Epitaphion. Come and bring a friend or two!

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday April 12th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

April 17th 1 Year Memorial Ernie Douris

Saturday April 23rd, Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

followed by Sunday school Retreat ending at 3:00 pm

April 24th Palm Sunday, Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms

Tuesday, April 26th Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 27th Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 28th Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

Friday, April 29th, Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaphion,

5 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7:00 pm Funeral

Saturday, April 30th Saturday - Liturgy 9:00 am, Matins/Nocturn/Liturgy beginning 11 pm

Sunday, May 1st Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

May 15th 40 Day Memorial Peter Mallios

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you to those who have signed up!

April 10th Sergio & Colleen Georgi

April 17th Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in celebration of Elisabeth’s 2nd Birthday & Nameday

April 24th Palm Sunday – Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Adams Family in memory of Charlie Adams

May 1st Pascha Agape Vespers @ 1:00 pm – no coffee hour

May 8th Bill Bortner

May 15th Mallios, Contoudis, Callas Families in memory of Peter

May 22nd Moza & Koco Priftanji

May 29th Entela & Dhimiter Ndrecka

All Dates in June OPEN – No Sponsors

Have you made a pledge for 2016????

Welcome to our visitors. Father Brooks, the members of our Parish Council, and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.