

**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 17<sup>th</sup> Michele D. April 24<sup>th</sup> Adam C. May 1<sup>st</sup> Agape Vespers, May 8<sup>th</sup> Chris M, May 15<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Michele D, May 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1 Year Memorial Ernie Douris

**Saturday** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

followed by Sunday school Retreat ending at 3:00 pm

**April 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**, Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms

**Tuesday**, April 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

**Wednesday**, April 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 7:00 pm

**Thursday**, April 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

**Friday**, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaphion,

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

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

**Sunday**, May 1<sup>st</sup> Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

May 15<sup>th</sup> 40 Day Memorial Peter Mallios

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

April 10<sup>th</sup> Sergio & Colleen Georgi

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

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

May 1<sup>st</sup> Pascha Agape Vespers @ 1:00 pm – no coffee hour

May 8<sup>th</sup> Bill Bortner

May 15<sup>th</sup> Mallios, Contoudis, Callas Families in memory of Peter

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Moza & Koco Priftanji

May 29<sup>th</sup> 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.