

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

- For the soul of Vasile, uncle of Doina Grecu.
- For the soul of Gregory, father of Angelo Pappas
- For the soul of Panayiotis, husband of Tammy Kretsedemas
- For Franky, son of Denise, for guidance and wisdom.
- For Christopher Gabriel, a supporter of Holy Cross, for healing and peace

Save the Dates!

- 3/18 Morning Prayer 9:30a Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Virgil
Church School begins 9:30a
Memorial Service after Liturgy
- 3/25 Annunciation and Greek Independence Day
- 3/31 Lazarus Saturday
Morning Prayer 9:30a & Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Basil
Pancake breakfast & Palm Cross making afterward
- 4/1 Palm Sunday
Loukoumades Sale
- HOLY WEEK SERVICES —
- 4/3 Bridegroom Service 6:30p
- 4/4 Holy Unction Service 6:30p
- 4/5 Divine Liturgy 10:00a
Twelve Gospels Service 6:30p
Overnight Vigil
- 4/6 Royal Hours 8:30a
Taking Down Service (Apokathilosis) 3:00p
Lamentations 6:30p
- 4/07 Resurrection Orthros 11:30p
Great and Holy Pascha Divine Liturgy immediately following
- 4/8 Agape Vespers 1:00p followed by potluck meal (pending)

Akathist every Friday @ 6:30pm through 3/30/18

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details



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Services Schedule:

Divine Liturgy 10 AM on Sundays
9th hour Prayers 9:30 AM
Church School 9:30 AM

Bulletin for Sunday, March 18, 2018

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

From on High did You descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be, released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto You O Lord. .

Apolytikion for Sunday of St. John Climacus in the Plagal Fourth Mode

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O John our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Holy Cross Church Apolytikion in the First Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter 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 to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a 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 for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading

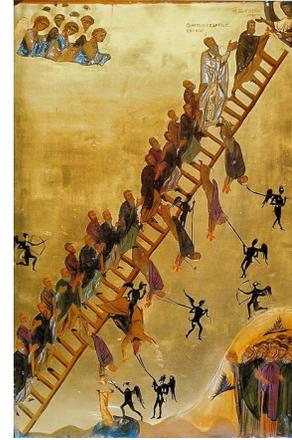
Sunday of St. John Climacus

The Reading is from Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "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 he answered them, "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 him, 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 you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "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 he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he 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 he would not have any one 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 when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Saints and Feasts Commemorated

Sunday of St. John Climacus



The memory of this Saint is celebrated on March 30, where his biography may be found. He is celebrated today because his book, The Ladder of Divine Ascent, is a sure guide to the ascetic life, written by a great man of prayer experienced in all forms of the monastic polity; it teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and war against each of the passions, how to avoid the snares laid by the demons, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. It is held in such high esteem that it is universally read in its entirety in monasteries during the Great Fast.

Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem



This Saint was born in 315, and succeeded Maximus as Archbishop of Jerusalem in 350. He was zealous for the Orthodox Faith, and was a defender of the poor. He was exiled three times by the Arian Emperors Constantius and Valens. But after their death, he was recalled to his throne; he reposed in peace in 386. Of his writings, the most prominent are his catechetical lectures, which are considered the most ancient systematic summary of Christian teaching. Before Saint Cyril, there had been two dioceses, one of Jerusalem, and one of Holy Sion; under Saint Cyril, they were united into one bishopric. See also May 7.

Edward the Martyr, King of England

Trophimos & Eukarpion, Monk-martyrs of Nicomedeia

Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Sunday of St. John Climacus John 20:11-18 » Hebrews 6:13-20 » Mark 9:17-31 »	19 5th Monday of Lent Isaiah 37:33-38:6 » Genesis 13:12-18 » Proverbs 14:27-15:4 »	20 5th Tuesday of Lent Isaiah 40:18-31 » Genesis 15:1-15 » Proverbs 15:7-19 »	21 5th Wednesday of Lent Isaiah 41:4-14 » Genesis 17:1-9 » Proverbs 15:20-16:9 »	22 5th Thursday of Lent: The Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete » Isaiah 42:5-16 » Genesis 18:20-33 » Proverbs 16:17-17:17 »	23 5th Friday of Lent Isaiah 45:11-17 » Genesis 22:1-18 » Proverbs 17:17-18:5 »	24 5th Saturday of Lent: The Akathist Hymn » Hebrews 9:1-7 » Luke 1:39-49, 56 »
Wine / Oil Allowed	Fish Allowed	Fish Allowed	Strict Fast	Cheese / Dairy Allowed	Cheese / Dairy Allowed	Cheese / Dairy Allowed