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Celebrating 48 years of Proclaiming the Truth of Orthodox Christianity

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 4. St. John Climacus (*of the Ladder*). Ven. Nicetas the Confessor, Abbot of Medikion. Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre, and Martyr Irene. St. Illyricus of Mt. Myrsinon in the Peloponnesus. Martyrs Elpidophorus, Dius, Bithonius and Galycus.

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 & Ephesians 5:9-19 **Gospel:** Mark 9:17-31 & Matthew 4:25-5:12

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

April 3, Sun: **St. John of the Ladder.** Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy -9:30am*; Church School 11am; Fellowship 11:15am; Orthodoxy 101 – 12:30pm; *Mission Vespers* (Holy Apostles, Mechanicsburg) -4pm
Hour Readers: (3rd) **Nicholas Ressetar** (6th) **Scott Staller** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

April 4, Mon: Nut Roll baking prep work – 9am

April 5, Tue: Nut Roll baking -8am; *Lenten Vespers – 6:30pm*; Bible Study -7pm; Roll bagging -7pm

April 6, Wed: Nut Roll baking -8am; Bible Study (33 N 2nd St) –noon; *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:30*; Lenten pot-luck (*welcome members of Holy Apostles*); Nut Roll bagging & clean up after Liturgy

April 7, Thu: *Canon of St. Andrew -7pm*

April 8, Fri: *Akathist to the Most-Holy Theotokos -7pm*

April 9, Sat: Community Maintenance Day -9am; Nut Roll pick-up- 9am to noon; *Vespers & Confession – 6pm*. **NOTE:** The reading of the life of St. Mary of Egypt to follow Vespers

April 10, Sun: **St. Mary of Egypt.** Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy -9:30am*; Church School 11am; Fellowship 11:15am; Orthodoxy 101 – 12:30pm; *Mission Vespers* (Lykens) - 4pm

Hour Readers: (3rd) **Bill Kuchta** (6th) **Nicholas Zuro** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**

- **ANCIENTFAITHRADIO.COM** - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio
- **ORTHODOX RADIO** on 720 AM Radio every Sunday at 8 am
- **OrthodoxyinAmerica.org** (Traveling or Going on Vacation?) **check it out!**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!!! Please join us for fellowship in the church hall and sign our guest book in the vestibule. **If you are interested in becoming a part of our community please ask to speak to Fr. Stephen. Please note:** Only those faithful who are Orthodox Christians and have properly prepared themselves by fasting (from midnight), prayer, and recent confession; and who were present for the reading of the Epistle and Gospel, should approach to receive the Eucharist.

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

Please remember the following persons during your daily morning and evening prayers. **Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless requested.** Submit names to the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

Ailing: **M. Lisa Weremedic; Addison Holl** (friend of Larry Smith); **Dr. Joseph Norato; Diane Chambers** (Anna Doray's daughter); **Ronald Webb; Lydia & George Boras** (friends of Bill & Joan Dupkanick); **Sonia Godwin** (friend of Suzanne Mioff); **Dave Arnold & Bud Gunter** (friends of the Cain's); **Frank Priggins** (Christine's father); **Diane Broskey** (Libby Hancher's niece); **Mattie Martin; Keturah Faust** (J. Barns and L. Shuga's friend); **Naomi Hershey and Carrie Faust** (friends of the Cole's); **Matthew Kocsis; Marlene Kalenak** (Anna Doray's niece); **Van Milbrand** (friend & co-worker of Larry Smith); **Nicholas Essis; Pauline Lapinsky, Susan Strenski, & John Fatich** (Janet Kuzupas' siblings); **Christine Demchak** (Sue's sister).

Health & well-being: **The suffering people of Japan; Margaret Elmer** (Larry Smith's mother-in-law); **Paul Pellegrini; Gregory Luda & Pyotr Sysak; Linda Kalenevich; Herman "Bill" Borch; Willard Brown; Matthew, Viviana & Natalia Sysak; Charles "Sut" Wevodau** (Joanne's husband); **Linda Ninnis & Christian Ridenour** (daughter & grandson of Suzanne Mioff); **Nikki Sprucebank and son, Dianne Williams, and Eileen Holey** (Debbie Hisiro's friends); **Joe Demchak; Tom and Bernadine Antolick** (Mary Ellen Osuch's sister and brother-in-law); **Deb Reigle** (friend of Ann Cole); **Irene Priggins & Addison Wechter**, her parents **Judy & Greg** (Christine Priggins family); **Archpriest Alexander Atty; Parishioners Home-bound & in Care Facilities: Betty Danko; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Military: Steven Heberle** (Jean Dotsey's nephew); **Thomas Shingara** (neighbor); **Sponsored Seminarian: Dn. Ian & M. Priscilla Shipley and family; OCMC Missionary: Christina Semon; Catechumen: Jonathan Dunnavent; Sarah Sauls; Expectant Mothers: Elise Mosser; Christina Yerke** and the children to be born of them;

Newly Departed from This Life: **His Eminence, Metropolitan NICHOLAS** – March 13; **Marie Dura** (cousin of Bill Kuchta) – Mar 10; **M. Olga Kovach** - Mar 8; **Najib Ayoub** (Haitham's father) - Mar 4; **Mary Book** (Joanne Coles mother) - Mar 3; **Fr. Mark Kosev** - Mar 1;

Anniversaries of Those Departed: **Peter Krempasky**, George's father, Apr 3 – 50th; **Thomas White**, Gerald's brother Apr 3 – 3rd; **Vera S. Auman**, Apr 4 -12th; **Samuel Sumple**, father of Basil, Apr 5 -27th; **Neoma Dorosh**, Apr 5 -26th; **Avis Wagner**, grandmother of Kathy Drebot, Apr 6 -10th; **Christine McKeown**, April Apr 6 -5th; **John Mester**, uncle and godfather of Judy Webb, Apr 7 -8th; **Alexander Prisley**, brother of Mat Theodora, Apr 7 -6th; **Betty Rudd**, Aunt of Barbara Norato, Apr 8 -5th; **Alice Cameron**, Sean's grandmother, Apr 8 -1st; **Protodeacon Basil Hubiak**, brother of +M. Olga Kovach, Apr 9 – 9th;

Candle Offerings: *For information on how to purchase commemoration candles, please go to the candle desk or speak with one of the vestrymen.*

❖ **Seven Day Votive** is offered for the *Heath & Salvation* of **Joe & Christine Demchak**, from Sue Demcheck

Many Years: Names will be accepted for each week. Please submit to ctsocahbg@aol.com by the preceding Wednesday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Anniversaries: **Dan and Kristen Seitz** – Apr 8

Birthdays: **Hannah Zerat** – Apr 7; **Carl Polansky** – Apr 7

EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

Camp Nazareth and Orthodox Christian Fellowship [OCF]: OCF will host the **First Annual Spring College Conference 2011**, titled *"Overcoming the World,"* **May 20-22, 2011** at Camp Nazareth, Mercer, PA. College students are invited to enjoy three days of good food, fun, and faith enrichment with excellent guest speakers, small group discussions, and much more! For more information and to/or to register visit <http://www.campnazareth.org/springcc2011.htm>.

OCCGH Inaugural Golf Tournament and and Sports Auction: The Orthodox Christian Charities of Greater Harrisburg (OCCGH), the organizers of the Agia Sophia Coffee House and Bookstore, are holding a charity golf tournament and sports auction on **Saturday, May 21st**. Please check out their website at www.occgh.org for more details, or see Fr. Stephen, Carl Hisiro, or Gerry & Mary White.

St. Tikhon's Summer Camp 2011: St. Tikhon's summer camp is now accepting applications from campers and counselors for the week of **July 3 -9, 2011**. This year all registration forms are on their website @ INFO@STTIKHONSCAMP.ORG. Registration forms must be postmarked by **May 31, 2011**. If you do not have access to a computer please contact the church office & we will be more than happy to print out the forms for you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2011

Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)

Brethren, ¹³ for when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, ¹⁴ saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." ¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. ¹⁷ Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, ¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. ¹⁹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, ²⁰ where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle, Saint)

Brethren, ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. ¹⁴ Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." ¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)

At that time, one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not. ¹⁹ He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." ²⁰ Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us. ²³ Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

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²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" ²⁶ Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Gospel, Saint)

At that time, great multitudes followed Jesus—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. ¹ And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. ² Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: ³ Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

GLORY TO THEE O LORD, GLORY TO THEE!

A Reminder from Father Stephen on Confession

Please remember, that participation in the **Sacrament of Confession** is a normal preparation for reception of the Eucharist (Holy Communion). Our general guideline is that regular communicants should participate every 6-8 weeks, or more often as their conscience dictates. The imagery that the Church most often uses to describe this Sacrament, is that of us as a "patient", and Christ as the "Physician" of our souls and bodies. Confession brings us in humility to Christ, as we seek to be cured from our passions, desires, and our falls into sin. It is a Sacrament of health, not guilt... we must remember the words of our Lord to the man at the pool of Bethesda, "Do you want to be made well?" (John 5:6)

Great Lent is a time of intensified prayer and fasting, as well as participation in Confession. Please make every attempt to come to the Sacrament of Confession **before** our celebration of **Holy Unction on Holy Wednesday, April 20th**. *After Wednesday evening, we should all be prepared to focus exclusively on our Lord's Passion.*