

VARIABLES – MARCH 29, 2020

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*“Repentance raises the fallen, mourning knocks at the gate of Heaven, and holy humility opens it.”
St. John Climacus*

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning! Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments this morning after the service is over. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Ss. Peter and Paul.

4th Sunday of Great Lent

Commemoration of John Climacus, Author of The Ladder

MARTYR MARK, BISHOP OF ARETHUSA, MARTYR CYRIL, THE DEACON OF HELIOPOLIS & THOSE WITH THEM; MARTYRS JONAH & BARACHISIOS OF PERSIS & THOSE WITH THEM; EUSTATHIOS THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF BITHYNIA

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 8, Russo-Greek

Thou didst descend from on high, O Compassionate One. Thou didst endure burial until the third day, to set us free from passions. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 8, Byzantine

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. John Climacus, Tn. 8, Byzantine

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

Troparion of Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4, Carpatho-Russian

O first enthroned of the Apostles, teachers of the universe, entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion for Sundays in Great Lent, Tn. 8, Byzantine

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.”

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.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (9:17-31).

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 Thy disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus 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 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."

Receiving Holy Communion: Only Orthodox Christians prepared through prayer, fasting, and a recent sacramental confession should approach the chalice for the Eucharist. The Orthodox Church does not practice "open communion" and has no intercommunion with non-Orthodox churches.

After taking Communion: Please return to your place and continue standing until the announcements.

Today's Commemorations and Prayer Requests

Take this list of prayer requests home with you and keep these people in your prayers this week. Some names are not Orthodox Christians and thus are not remembered in the Great Entrance but are remembered in the other litanies during the services throughout the week.

For the living: Prs. George, Tom & Kh. Maria; Pr. Simeon; Fr. Dimitri, Mat. Rebekah & family; Dn. Antonio & Dn. Marc; Shs. Jeanne & Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Joshua, Hugh, Roger, Amy, Nathan, Jeremiah, Simon, Alexander, Katie, Kurt, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Judith, Beth & Family, Karl, James & Cheryl & Dane, Jared, Rebeca, Ekaterina & Joshua, Cherice & Fallyn & Jameson, Mark, Eli, Caleb, Sarah & Stan, Caleb & Jamie & Ellena, Seth, Caris, Mike, Jessica & Asher & family, Amelia, John Paul, Don & Amber, Betty Jean, Brandon, Thomas, Braylin, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Braden, Kerrie, Carmen, Randall, James, Branden, Rosanna, Ruth, Hudson, Olga, Sergio, Tegan, Jan, Jeff, Linda.

For the reposed: Newly-departed Archpr. Bernard, Dn. Mark, Pr. Peter, Ryan; Met. PHILIP; Archps. Gordon & Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Sbdn. Neil; Kh. Terry Elizabeth; Christopher, Tatiana & Solomon.

*****Note we are praying for Dn. Mark Rickert who was restored to the diaconate, is part of St. John the Baptist parish in Post Falls, Idaho, and reposed March 7.***

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Rachele, Christina & Kristy.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: David, Jacob, Gregory, Daniel, Preston, Saba, Don, Nick, Scott, Michelle.