

Fourth Sunday of Lent
St. John Climacus
April 14, 2024

Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)

ISON Hav - ing learned the joy - ful mes - sage of the res - ur -
rec - tion from thē an - gel, the wom - en dis - ci - ples of the
Lord cast from them their pa - ren - tal con - dem - na - tion,
and proud - ly broke the news to the dis - ci - ples, say - ing,
death hath been spoiled. Christ God is ris - en,
grant - ing the world great mer - cy.

Troparion for St. John Climacus (Tone 8)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls

Troparion for St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Tone 3)

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the holy Church! Thou art Champion of the True Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd,

Joy of all the Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast of America. Intercede with Christ God for us and for all who honor thee.

Kontakion for the Five Sundays of Great Lent (Tone 8)

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!"

Prokeimenon

The Lord will give strength to His people.
The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Epistle

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.

Holy Gospel

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."

Holy Bread: Kh Meleah/Carol Ofiesh

Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Antonina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

Departed: James, Laura

Wednesday at 8:00 PM: Zoom Little Compline with reading from the Passion Gospels.

Know your faith. "He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Who wrote these words? Isaiah the Prophet. Of whom was he writing? Jesus Christ. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus sent two disciples to prepare the Passover. Who were they? Peter and John. Matthew 26 and Mark 14 give another account of the anointing of Jesus. Here, the woman is unnamed, and anoints his head. Jesus commended the woman and said that she would be remembered always. He said that she was preparing his body for burial. This happened in Bethany in the house of Simon the Leper.

Holy Week Services (May 1-4): Wednesday-Saturday evenings at 7:30 PM. This year **Pascha will be celebrated on Saturday evening at 7:30 PM.**

Quotes from St. John Climacus

- "The offspring of virtue is perseverance. The fruit and offspring of perseverance is habit and child of habit is character."
- "Silence, is the mother of prayer, a return from the captivity of sin, unconscious success in virtue, a continuous ascension to heaven."



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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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