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FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST MEMORY OF OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS

Schedule of Services March 14—March 21

Sunday, March 14—Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast. St. John Climacus
9:45 a.m. Third Hour
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church*

Monday, March 15
12:00 p.m. The Midday Office of the Great Fast

Tuesday, March 16
9:00 a.m. Moleben for the Victims of Abortion

12:00 p.m. The Midday Office of the Great Fast

Wednesday, March 17
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts *For + Irene Taylor by Michael Krom*

Thursday, March 18
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts *For George Washicko by Paul Washicko*

Friday, March 19
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts *For Nancy Engel by Paul Washicko*

Saturday, March 20—Akathistos Saturday
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For Tom Washicko by Paul Washicko*

Sunday, March 21—Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast. St. Mary of Egypt
9:45 a.m. Third Hour
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church*



WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyly, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

Please remember in your prayers:



For health and salvation: Fr. Chris Zuger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Brenda Washicko, Ed, Denis, Max, Mary, Mary,

For repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel,
Please let me know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

7-DAY CANDLE OFFERING:

Eternal Light: *For Paraskoviya Mutka by Fr Vasyly Mutka*

Zoom adult ECF classes:

Today, we will have Adult Eastern Christianity class at 4:00 PM. We will talk about Eastern Catholic Catechism. Adults and young adults are encouraged to attend as part of their spiritual development.

Topic: Catechism – Christ Our Pascha

Time: Mar 14, 2021 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 776 7858 4255

Passcode: bDu5qP

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL: "I believe! Help my unbelief!"

Our gracious Lord comes to us, and His divine grace always heals what is infirm and supplies what is lacking. Nevertheless, He uses people to be His hands and feet. Our prayer and fasting can save the world! Are you open to dedicating your life as a consecrated monastic or religious? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Workday: This coming Saturday, March 20, we will have our workday and will be cleaning up outside the Temple, the hall, and the church after the 9am Divine Liturgy. Please join us and bring anything that you think will help to clean up our property. Help us to prepare our temple for the upcoming Easter (Pascha) Thank you.

The fourth Sunday of Great Fast is dedicated to our Father among the saints, John Climacus (ca. 579 – 649). With this commemoration we mark the halfway point of the Great Fast. How is the Fast and prayer and works of charity going for you? Holy Father St. John Climacus, also is known as St. John of the Ladder, ("Climacus" means ladder a nod to his famous work called *The Ladder of Paradise*) who offered many rich insights about perseverance in prayer.

Let us persevere and not be discouraged by the distractions we face!

The Churches of East and West liturgically remember "The Ladder" on March 30.

We know the utility of prayer from the efforts of the wicked spirits to distract us when we pray; and we experience the fruit of prayer in the defeat of our enemies.

St. John Climacus



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"Our frail nature would not be strong enough if God's justice were to rise up to take vengeance. Therefore, He employs mercy, since at all times we are held by debt. But do not sin, O man, expecting that you will repent; and do not succumb [to sin] being confident of forgiveness! Remember that death will not delay. Do not craftily seek means to draw nigh the pleasure of sin with a knavish mind! God is not mocked [Gal. 6:7]. His knowledge precedes your thoughts. Affliction will overtake you suddenly, and when you cry out, He will not answer you." *St. Isaac the Syrian*

We need your help: On Saturday, April 3, we need your help in decorating the church and the hall, hanging the rushnyki, changing the altar linens, moving the Shroud to the side and putting the lilies where they belong, etc. See Becky for more information.

CONFESSIONS: Next Sunday, March 21, in our church there will be an opportunity to begin the Holy Sacrament of Penance (Confession). Everyone is invited. The Father will listen to the Confessions immediately after the Divine Liturgy while there are people. Please share this information with Catholics and Orthodox Christians who would like to have the Great Lenten Confession.