

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH 2014

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 7. St. John Climacus (of *The Ladder*). Ven. John Climacus of Sinai, author of *The Ladder* (6th c.).** St. Sophróny (Sophronius), Bishop of Irkutsk (1771). Prophet Joad (1 Kings 13:11—10th c. B.C.). Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Cæsar, and Epaphroditus, of the Seventy (1st c.). St. Eubula, mother of St. Panteleimon (ca. 303). Ven. John the Silent of St. Sabbas' Monastery (6th c.). St. Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse (ca. 662).

**Epistle:** Hebrews 6:13-20

**Gospel:** Mark 9:17-31



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Confessions:**

Saturdays Following Vespers  
*Also by appointment*

**Vespers:**

Saturdays at 6pm  
Eve of Feasts at 7pm

**Vigil**

**Divine Liturgy:**

Sundays at 9:30am  
Feast Days at 9:15am

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sun, Mar 30:** **St. John Climacus.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Lenten Mission Vespers, St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church, Philadelphia – 4pm
- Wed, April 2:** Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 9:30am, Matins with Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – 7pm
- Fri, April 4:** Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 9:30am, Matins with Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos – 7pm
- Sat, April 5:** Easter Food Sale 9am-1pm, Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
- Sun, April 6:** **St. Mary of Egypt.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour – 11:15am, Lenten Mission Vespers, Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church, South Philadelphia – 4pm

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Adult Education:** Adult Education will focus on a Bible Study of the **Epistle to the Ephesians**. B.Y.O.B. Following the Presanctified on Wednesday mornings of Lent.

**Bishop Mark Installation:** Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Stephen's Cathedral. Divine Liturgy at 9:30am, Banquet at Radisson at 1pm. Dinner is \$35 a person; children's menu for \$12.50. Sponsorships are also available in the commemorative book for \$50, \$100 and \$200. Forms for both the banquet and the book are available in the vestibule.

**Coffee Hour:** Please sign up to offer the Coffee Hour. Nothing elaborate is required, team with another person/family. The calendar is on the side table. Sign up for a Sunday that is convenient for you. For advice/direction you may talk to Jeanette, Larissa, Martha, Sharon, or Heidi.

**Confessions:** After all scheduled services, or by appointment. It's time to return to the house of our Father.

**Easter Food Sale:** Saturday April, 5, 9am-1pm. Order forms available in vestibule of the Church and on the parish website. Deadline for orders is March 28.

**Membership:** If you have not filled out a membership form please do so. This information is necessary for effective ministry to the parish and for good administration. Please cooperate in the process of renewing our parish life on all levels.

**Scrip Program:** Next order day is April 13. To place orders see Larissa Ravetto, phone (215) 766-1220 or email [ravetto2001@gmail.com](mailto:ravetto2001@gmail.com), or fill out an order form in the vestibule and leave it with payment with Larissa, Julia, Doug, or Jeanette.

**Stewardship:** *is a relationship with God that both receives and gives, making all things possible. Christian stewards recognize their gifts, contemplate all that is in their lives, and devote themselves daily to the conviction that they, as Christians, are invited into a state of duality: as a child of God, the Christian is gift, and as steward, giver.* Michael O'Hurley-Pitts. **THE PASSIONATE STEWARD.** 14.

**Work Day(s):** There is much to be done in order to prepare for Holy Week/Pascha and Bright Week, both inside and outside the Church. If you are willing to offer a couple of hours on Saturday morning's or afternoons to do either type of work please speak with Father. Thank you to those who have done so.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Please make the effort to bring at least one item each week. Our parish is responsible for pasta and sauce, and all congregations are asked to donate tea, coffee, or juice. For the 125 Easter Baskets, we need to collect rice and beans, peanut butter and the usual staples. Please be generous. Thank you to those who contribute, continue to store up treasure in heaven. And **if you are looking for a way to store up heavenly treasure, bring some food for the cupboard, the yield on the investment is eternal!**

## Names Day:

Doug (John) Yates – 3/30

## BIRTHDAYS:

Doug Yates -3/30

Buddy Rybny – 3/31

## VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Perdikis Family

### For the Health of

Angelo, Patricia, Fr. Theodore, Fr. Basil, Fr. Martin

### In Memory of

Evangelia, Ekaterina, Arthur, Kleo, Nikolas, Demetrios, Zografia

From Jeanette Ruano:

### In Memory of

Marie Hill

*The Ladder of Divine Ascent,*

*Fr. Lazarus Moore, trans.*

Step 1, 21. Some people living carelessly in the world have asked me: 'We have wives and are beset with social cares, and **how can we lead the solitary life?**' I replied to them: 'Do all the good you can; do not speak evil of anyone; do not steal from anyone; do not lie to anyone; do not be arrogant towards anyone; do not hate any one; be sure you go to church; be compassionate to the needy; do not offend anyone; do not wreck another man's domestic happiness; and be content with what your own wives can give you. If you behave in this way you will not be far from the Kingdom of Heaven.'

Step 2, 11. If anyone thinks he is without **attachment** to some object, but is grieved at its loss, then he is completely deceiving himself.

Step 4, 8. The Fathers have laid down that psalmody is a weapon, and prayer is a wall, and honest tears are a bath; but blessed **obedience** in their judgment is confession of faith, without which no one subject to passions will see the Lord.

Step 5, 1. **Repentance** is the renewal of baptism. Repentance is a contract with God for a second life. A penitent is a buyer of humility. Repentance is constant distrust of bodily comfort. Repentance is self- condemning reflection, and carefree self-care. Repentance is the daughter of hope and the renunciation of despair. A penitent is an undisgraced convict. Repentance is reconciliation with the Lord by the practice of good deeds contrary to the sins. Repentance is purification of conscience. Repentance is the voluntary endurance of all afflictions. A penitent is the inflicter of his own punishments. Repentance is a mighty persecution of the stomach, and a striking of the soul into vigorous awareness.