

# ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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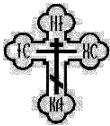
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## SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2013

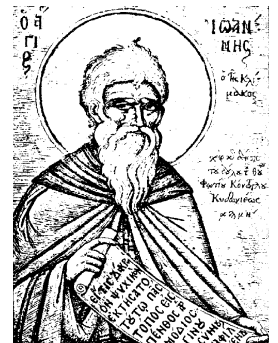
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 4. St. John Climacus (of *The Ladder*).** St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655). Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius of Vilnius (Lithuania—1347). Martyr Ardalion the Actor (4th c.). Martyr Azades the Eunuch and 1,000 Martyrs of Persia (ca. 341).

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

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



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



**Confessions:** Following Vespers on Saturdays  
*Also by appointment*

**Vespers:** Saturdays at 6pm  
**Vigil** Eve of Feasts at 7pm

**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays at 9:30am  
Feast Days at 9am

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sun, Apr 14:** **St. John Climacus.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour – 11:15am, Deanery Mission Service with His Grace, Bishop Mark at Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown – 4pm
- Wed, Apr 17:** Presanctified Liturgy followed by Adult Education – 9:15am  
Matins with Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – 7PM
- Thu, Apr 18:** Adult Education – 7pm
- Fri, Apr 19:** Presanctified Liturgy – 7pm
- Sat, Apr 20:** Akathist to the Theotokos – 9:15am, Parish Lenten Retreat – 10:30am-3:45pm, 9th Hour and Great Vespers – 4pm
- Sun, Apr 21:** **St. Mary of Egypt.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour – 11:15am, Deanery Mission Service at St. Michael the Archangel Russian Church, Philadelphia – 4pm

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Parish Revitalization:** As mandated by our Diocesan Assembly in 2011, we will begin our parish revitalization by using the Parish Health Inventory Model adapted by the Diocesan Revitalization Committee. This will be an ongoing process of parish self-assessment, discernment, planning and renewal of our parish life in deeper fulfillment of our mission to evangelize and sanctify as the Body of Christ, bringing light, healing, and peace to all. The PHIM will be reviewed, chapter by chapter (8 in all) on the last Sunday of each month, **next meeting on Sunday, April 28.** This will be done by the Parish Council, but all are encouraged to participate. You can review the PHIM here:

<http://www.doepa.org/files/RevitalizationCommittee/PHIM-with-revisions-ver1.5.pdf>

**Parish Lenten Retreat:** Saturday, April 20, **A Guide on The Way: St. Nikolai of Zhica.** The Retreat will offer the life and teaching of this 20<sup>th</sup> Century saint as a guide for living the Orthodox Faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, focusing on Lenten and Paschal Themes from his writings. Akathist to the Theotokos at 9:15am followed by Coffee Break. Session 1: 10:30 -12:15 Movie Nikolai the Serb. Lunch 12:15-1. Quiet Time 1-1:30. Session 2:1:30-2:45. Session 3: 3-3:45. 4PM 9<sup>th</sup> Hour followed by Great Vespers and Confessions.

**The Scrip Program:** The profit this month is \$127.54 and the profit for the year so far is \$424.02. 14 Households regularly participate. Join them if not already participating.

**Lenten Mission Schedule:** The Lenten Mission Schedule for 2013. All services are at 4pm.

- 04/14 – Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown (His Grace, Bishop Mark will preside)
- 04/21 – St. Michael the Archangel Russian Church, Philadelphia
- 04/28 – Bridegroom Matins • St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia

**Temple Maintenance:** If you are available to help clean the Church please speak to Nancy Letzo who is coordinating teams. Weekly, monthly or any availability would be welcome for Friday mornings. **Nancy can be reached at 215-946-3259.**

**Food Donation:** Please bring a non-perishable item of food when you come to Lenten services. All items will be donated to a local food pantry.

**Visitations:** Please let Fr. Martin know if someone is in the hospital. Hospitals do not notify clergy if someone is there due to privacy laws. Family members, friends, or neighbors are the only way we have of knowing, so please drop an email or make a phone call.

## THE GREAT FAST

Fasting is an admirable thing, but it is more admirable to forgive insults. Through fasting a man is preparing for charity, but by forgiving insults a man shows charity. Fasting precedes forgiveness, but fasting alone does not save without forgiveness. St. Nikolai of Zhica. **The Prologue** April 8.

### YOUTH INFORMATION:

#### VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Perdakis Family:

***In Memory of***

Evangelia, Ekaterini, Kleo, Zografia, Demetrios, Nikolas

***For the Health of***

Archpriest Theodore, Archpriest Thomas, Arthur Sr., Patricia, Angelo, Angela, George

From the Moser Family:

***In Memory of***

Deacon John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, Mary Alice

***For the Health of***

Archpriest Alexander, Archpriest John, Archpriest Theodore, Mary Ann, Sophia

From the Swan Family:

***In Memory of***

Thomas Swan Sr., Thomas Swan Jr., Katherine Swan, Albert Honer, Katherine Honer

***For the Health of***

Venus Love, Mary Anne Swan

#### WINE AND INCENSE

***For the Health of*** Andrew, Theodora, Sergius, Thomas, Melody and Sophia  
From Sonya Lengel