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- ❖ **Choir Directors:**
- ❖ Daria Cortese

Service Schedule

Great Vespers/Vigil

Saturdays 6pm

Eve of Feast 7pm (6pm on Sundays).

Hours

Sundays and Feast Days 9:10am.

Sundays and Feast Days 9:30 am

APRIL 11, 2021

- ❖ Mat. Martha Moser
- ❖ Sergei Arhipov, Emeritus

Church School Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



Divine Liturgy: Sundays and Feast Days
9:30am

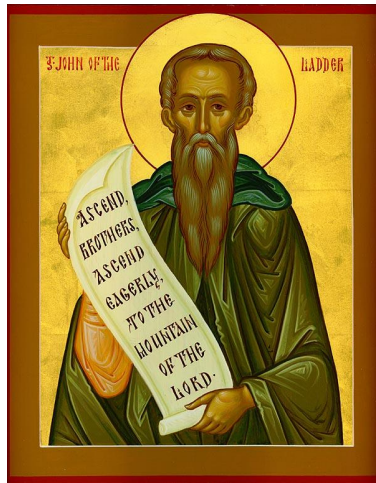
Confessions:

Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

Akathist Service

Wednesdays at 9:15am.

Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya): as requested



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 3. St. John Climacus (of The Ladder). Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum, disciple of St. John the Theologian (92 A.D.). Martyrs Processus and Martinian of Rome (1st c.). Ven. Pharmuthius, Anchorite, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. John, disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis (9th c.). Ven. Yakov (James), Abbot of Zheleznobórovsk (1442), and his fellow ascetic, Yakov. St. Varsonúfii (Barsanuphius), Bishop of Tver' (1576). St. Callinicus of Cernica, Bishop of Rimnicului in Romania (1868). The Appearance of the "Footprint" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos at Pochaev.

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20; Eph 5:9-19

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31; Mt 4:25-5:12

Baptisms: Children must have Orthodox Godparents who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Scheduling arrangements should be made with the Rector by contacting him directly.



Weddings: Arrangements should be made **at least** six months prior to the wedding and scheduling is subject to the liturgical calendar of the church.

Please do not make arrangements for receptions without speaking with the Rector first.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sunday, April 11: Hours and Divine Liturgy-9:10am.

Wednesday April 14: 9:30am Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts; Matins with Canon of St. Andrew 7pm.

Friday, April 9: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts- 9:30am; Matins with Akathist to the Theotokos - 7pm.

Saturday, April 17: Vespers and Confessions - 6pm

Confessions: Everyone is reminded that during the Lenten season we go to confession as part of our repentance. Confessions are available before all weekday services, and afterwards too, though you should indicate your preference to Fr. Martin beforehand. Outside of those times, you may schedule an appointment that is mutually convenient. Please do not leave it to Holy Week. After Holy Wednesday confessions will not be available except in emergency situations.

Lenten Book Group: Will not meet this week due to the liturgical schedule.

Birthday

Stephanie Ristvey

Valerie Ristvey

Names Day

Douglas John Yates

Vigil Lights

FROM ALAN LITVIN

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MY COUSINS ANNIE & DONNA AND ALL FOR WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM COVID. ALL OF MY IMMEDIATE AND EXTENDED FAMILY. JOHNNY BOY LAWRYSH, PHYLLIS FITZGERALD.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: JOHN & ANNA LAWRYSH, JOHN & BERNADETTE LAWRYSH, PETER & ELIZABETH LAWRYSH, JOE & KAY PRICE, SAMUEL & AEMILIA LITVIN, SHANE LITVIN.



Please remember in your prayers



Living: Captives Hierarchs Paul and John All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our family and friends Charles and Erin, Ann Marie, Joseph, Alexis, Aphrodite, Charla, Sandy.

Ill-afflicted Archpriests Daniel, Michael, Pdn. Gregory *Matushki Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Anne, Jennifer, Emilia, Servants of God*, Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Sergei, Vera, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, Garry, Vincent, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda, Michael, Laura, Jason, Katina, Donna, Rebekah, Anthony, Alexander, Grover, Valerie, Raymonde, Anita, Jim, Peter, Jonathan, Gregory, Charles, Kyra, Margaret, Arlene, Vaughn, Helen, Nicholas, Elena, Nicholas, John, Alice, Edward, Sydney, Susan, John, Patricia,

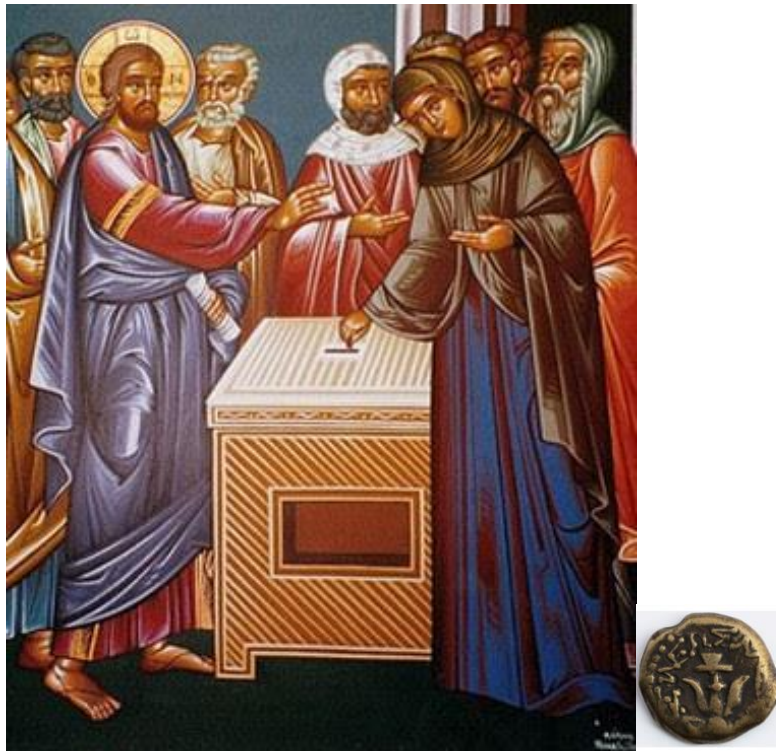
Ayla, Elizabeth, Tara, Sandra, Paul, Anatole.

Departed: *Newly departed* HRH Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, Mitred Archpriest Basil, Archpriests Vladimir, Mat. Sonya, Jean, Faith, Tom, Mary, Keith *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George, Archpriest Paul & Kh. Shirley.

Honor the Lord with your substance

*and with the first fruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.*

Proverbs 3:9-10(RSV)



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

A Psychological Portrait courtesy of St. John Climacus

3. He who has lost sensibility is a brainless philosopher, a self-condemned commentator, a self-contradictory windbag, a blind man who teaches others to see.

- He talks about healing a wound, and does not stop irritating it.
- He complains of sickness, and does not stop eating what is harmful.
- He prays against it, and immediately goes and does it.
- And when he has done it, he is angry with himself; and the wretched man is not ashamed of his own words.
- 'I am doing wrong,' he cries, and eagerly continues to do so.
- His mouth prays against his passion, and his body struggles for it.
- He philosophizes about death, but he behaves as if he were immortal.
- He groans over the separation of soul and body, but drowns along as if he were eternal.
 - He talks of temperance and self-control, but he lives for gluttony.
 - He reads about the judgment and begins to smile.
 - He reads about vainglory, and is vainglorious while actually reading.
 - He repeats what he has learnt about vigil, and drops asleep on the spot.
 - He praises prayer, but runs from it as from the plague.
 - He blesses obedience, but he is the first to disobey.
- He praises detachment, but he is not ashamed to be spiteful and to fight for a rag.
- When angered he gets bitter, and he is angered again at his bitterness; and he does not feel that after one defeat he is suffering another.
- Having overeaten he repents, and a little later again gives way to it.
- He blesses silence, and praises it with a spate of words.
- He teaches meekness, and during the actual teaching frequently gets angry. Having woken from passion he sighs, and shaking his head, he again yields to passion.
- He condemns laughter, and lectures on mourning with a smile on his face. Before others he blames himself for being vainglorious, and in blaming himself is only angling for glory for himself.
- He looks people in the face with passion, and talks about chastity.
- While frequenting the world, he praises the solitary life, without realizing that he shames himself.
- He extols almsgivers, and reviles beggars.
- All the time he is his own accuser, and he does not want to come to his senses—I will not say cannot.

St. John Climacus. **THE LADDER OF DIVINE ASCENT.** Step 18, 3.