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SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019  
***ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER and***  
***THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION***  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

**Epistle Readings**  
Hebrews 6:13-20  
Hebrews 2:11-18

**Gospel Readings**  
Mark 9:17-31  
Luke 1:24-38

*Christ is in our midst!  
He is and ever shall be!*

**Troparion for St. John:** Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, you were shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father John. You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer: healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. Glory to Him who gave you strength! Glory to Him who granted you a crown! Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!

**Troparion for Annunciation:** Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery! The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him, let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with You!

**Kontakion for St. John:** The Lord truly set you on the heights of abstinence, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe, O our Father and Teacher John.

**Kontakion for Annunciation:** O Victorious Leader of Triumphant Hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might, set us free from every calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

**Welcome to Our Guests**

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. Please sign the guest book at the entrance and pick up a welcome folder. Join us for Coffee Hour. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about St. Luke parish life and the Orthodox Faith.

**First Sunday of the Month**

Many thanks to those who brought food today for Coffee Hour and for our monthly Food for the Needy outreach.

**St. Luke Annual Assembly and Lenten Soup Social**

The participation of faithful parishioners at last week's meeting was important for the present day and future of our community. Ron Kecman was re-elected to serve as Board of Trustees President along with Alexia Kolias (Vice President), Stefan Glomazic (Treasurer), David Lumovich (Financial Sec.), Louise Romanchak (Secretary) and Trustees Hossana Aberra, Mark Mamula and Hunter Whitestone. Thanks to all for their stewardship.

The Sisterhood appreciates the luncheon donations totaling \$400 which were matched and donated to the OCA Dioceses of Alaska and Mexico.

**Sacrament of Confession**

Fr. John will be available to hear confessions before weekday services and at other times by appointment. Plan to come before Holy Week.

**Service Schedule This Week**

Wed., April 10            7PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, Lenten meal, group discussion  
Thurs., April 11           7PM Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Faith in Action: IOCC Gift of the Heart Kits – Sunday, April 14**

Our Faith in Action Team, headed by Sue Mamula, is coordinating this year's Lenten outreach project. Next Sunday after Coffee Hour, adults and children may join the assembly line to pack hygiene kits for IOCC to use in their response to disasters in the U.S. and worldwide. Donations to cover the cost of washcloths, towels, soap, toothbrushes, combs, Band-Aids, etc. will be gratefully accepted.

**God Grant You Many Years!**

God bless Rada Carmichael, Jeff Castiglione and Paul Braggula as they celebrate their birthdays! Mnogaja ljeta!