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ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

Epistle Readings

Hebrews 6:13-20
Ephesians 5:9-19

Gospel Readings

Mark 9:17-31
Matthew 4:25-5:12

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion (St. John Climacus)

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion (St. John Climacus)

The Lord truly set thee on the heights of abstinence, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe, O our father and teacher John.

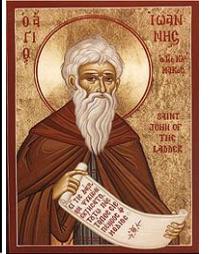
Sacrament of Confession

Fr. John will be available to hear confessions at 6PM before each Wednesday service and at other times by appointment. Plan to come before April 18 which is the start of Holy Week.

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. The charity collection will be delivered to SERVE at Northern Virginia Family Services in Manassas by our Faith in Action Team coordinator, Sue Mamula.

Our venerable and God-bearing Father John Climacus (ca. 579 - 649), also known as St. John of the Ladder, was a 7th century monk at St. Catherine's Monastery at the base of Mount Sinai. He wrote a book of instruction for monks who wished to attain spiritual perfection calling it *The Ladder*. It leads monastics and any Christian living in the world on “a fixed ladder leading from earthly things to the Holy of Holies....”



Welcome to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, please talk with Fr. John and our parishioners. Come again for worship and fellowship.

St. Luke Annual Assembly

Our Annual Assembly was held last Sunday. Thank you to all who participated in the meeting. Elected to the Board of Trustees are: Ron Kecman (President), Alexia Koliass (Vice-president), Elizabeth Minahan (Treasurer), David Lumovich (Financial Secretary), Louise Romanchak (Secretary), and (Trustees) Deacon Stefan Glomazic, Mark Mamula and Hunter Whitestone. Fr. John and the Board invite responses to the following areas of interest:

- Possible St. Luke Memorial Day bus trip to St. Tikhon's Monastery
- Helping with the OCA All American Council (AAC); Baltimore, July 18-22
- Possibility of my children attending the Youth Program at the AAC
- Hosting an Alaskan delegate the weekend before and/or after the AAC
- Possibility of St. Luke “adopting” an Alaskan sister parish
- Other

St. Luke Gift Shop

Stop by the kiosk today and see the icons, books, collectibles, jewelry and greeting cards to consider for Pascha gift giving.

Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts – Wednesday, April 6 – 7PM

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be served in the Chapel this Wednesday at 7PM. Fasting to receive the Eucharist begins after the midday meal. Please bring a Lenten food to share.

Vespertal Liturgy for the Great Feast of the Annunciation – Thursday, April 7 at 7PM

We will come together on Thursday to celebrate this glorious Feastday. Begin fasting after lunch and bring a Lenten food to share, if you can.

Troparion for the Forefeast: Today is the prelude of joy for the universe! Let us anticipate the feast and celebrate with exultation: Gabriel is on his way to announce the glad tidings to the Virgin; He is ready to cry out in fear and wonder: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with You!