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MARCH 26, 2023
SAINT 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)
You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion (Saint John)
O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body! You were a wonder-worker, O 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!

Kontakion (Saint 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.

Memory Eternal+ Večnaja Pamjat+
We offer prayers for the departed on the anniversaries of their falling asleep: Archpriests Basil Summer and Anthony Perdomo, George Mihich, Nelly Mudrezow, Donna Valdez and Maria (Kamelia Sahno's mother). Give rest, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants.

Sacrament of Confession
Fr. John will be available to hear confessions by appointment now through April 9.

Lenten Soup Social - Today
A variety of Lenten Soups have been prepared by Sisterhood volunteers. All cash and check donations will be matched by the Sisterhood up to \$500 to benefit the OCA Diocese of Alaska's Clergy Stipend Endowment. Checks may be written to the St. Luke Sisterhood.

Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to join us at the Soup Social and get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

St. Luke Annual Assembly - Today
Our Annual Assembly will be convened today following Divine Liturgy and the Lenten Luncheon. The agenda includes reports from clergy, the Board of Trustees, Audit Board, committees and ministry groups, plus elections to the two boards. The highlight will be the Building Campaign progress report. Everyone is welcome to participate.

"Hymns for the Theotokos & the Lenten Season" – Concert Today at 5PM
St. Vladimir's Seminary Chorale presents an online Lenten concert today. The link will be sent after registration: https://www.svots.edu/events/registration_2023_lenten_concert

Addictions Recovery Support Network – Monday, February 27 at 7PM on Zoom
Join the monthly Orthodox Ministry conversation on problems and solutions related to addiction. Meeting ID: 210 068 7480; Password: 208156; Contact Samantha Cath for more info: samanthacath@yahoo.com 703-919-6334.

Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts – Wednesday, March 29 at 7PM
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be served this Wednesday at 7PM. Fasting in preparation to receive the Eucharist begins after the midday meal. A Lenten Potluck follows.

"Brokenness and Healing on the Road to Pascha" Retreat - Saturday, April 1 at 3PM
Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Potomac, MD, is hosting a Lenten retreat on April 1 for anyone interested in parish prison ministry. It is sponsored by Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) with Very Rev. John Kowalczyk and other speakers. There is no fee but we are asked to please register at tinyurl.com/ocpmevent.

First-Saturday-of-the Month – April 1 - Great Vespers will be served at 5PM.

First-Sunday-of-the-Month Food for the Needy – April 2
We may be hungry during our Lenten fasting but some people are hungry every day. Canned and boxed foods are welcomed and will be delivered to the C-CAP Food Pantry.

"An Orthodox-Centric Discussion on Fentanyl" – Tuesday, April 4 at 7PM
The Washington DC area Greek Orthodox Clergy extend an invitation for an informational talk about Fentanyl awareness on April 4 at St. George GOC in Bethesda, 7701 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Thalia Dimopoulos, M.A., will give the presentation and facilitate discussion. Pre-teens, teens, and their families are welcome.

God Grant You Many Years!
God bless Fr. John and Popadija Kitty's grandson Arun on his 6th birthday. Mnogaja ljeta!