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Sunday, March 19, 2023

Sunday of our Father John Climacus

Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria

Troparion after the Great Doxology (Cantor): When You rose from the tomb and broke the fetters of Hades, You abolished the sentence of death, O Lord, and thus delivered all men from the snares of the enemy. Appearing to the apostles, You sent them out to preach, and through them, bestowed Your peace upon the world: O You Who Alone are full of mercy!

Antiphon: As in Liturgy Book p. 15

Incarnational Hymn: O Only Begotten Son... (p.18)

Troparion of the Resurrection: (Tone 8) (p. 28) You descended from on high O compassionate One...

Troparion of St. John Climacus (Tone 8) (Cantor): Your abundant tears made the wilderness to sprout and bloom, and your deep sighs of love made your labors fruitful a hundredfold; you became a shining star showering miracles upon the world. Holy Father John, pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

Troparion of St. Ann (p. 30): O divinely wise Ann...

Kontakion of the Annunciation (p. 168): Triumphant Leader to you belongs our prize of victory...

Trisagion (p. 33): Holy God, Holy mighty One, Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

Readings for the Sunday of our Father John Climacus, Heb. 6:13-20 (Reader: Hala Hourani)

Prokimenon: The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Stichon: Give to the Lord. You sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20:

Alleluia: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High!

Stichon: To proclaim Your kindness at dawn and Your faithfulness throughout the night.

Gospel: Mark. 9:17-31:

Hirmos of Saint Basil: In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and the human race as well: O Sanctified Temple, Spiritual Paradise, and Glory of Virgins, from whom our God, who exists before all eternity, took flesh and became a little Child! He has taken your womb as His throne, making it more spacious than the heavens. Therefore, Full of Grace, in you all creation rejoices: glory to you!

Kinonikon (p. 65): Praise the Lord...

After communion (p. 69): We have seen the True Light...

THE DIVINE LITURGY IS OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ✠ JULIETTE HADDAD (SR. MARY ANN & SR. VICTORIA); ✠ VIOLETTA AYOUB (SAMIRA KARAM & FAMILY); ✠ RICHARD ANTOUS (ST. ANN PARISH) **AND FOR THE HEALTH AND SALVATION OF** ELISE FATSE (KHOURLIA JOANNE AND FR. TOM); ELLIOT NEVES (ST. ANN PARISH); GLORIANA TARDIE (KHOURLIA JOANNE)

Sunday, March 26, 2023 – The Fourth Sunday Great Lent – Sunday of Mary of Egypt

Epistle: Heb 9:11-14 (Reader: Rima Antous).

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: SR. SOPHIA MICHALENKO (SR. VICTORIA & SR. MARY ANN)

Akathist Hymns on Fridays in Lent are offered for the following intentions:

Friday, March 24: Vesper Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation preempts Akathist Hymn on this date.

Friday, March 31: For the intentions of Joseph & Therese Hanna

Friday, March 24, we will celebrate Vesper Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation at 5:30 pm.

Sunday, March 26, is the Sunday of Mary of Egypt. The story of her life, composed by St. Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem, and is included in our liturgical books for the prayer of Orthros on this date. The reading will begin at 9:00 am on Sunday March 26, 2023. Come early and hear one of the most remarkable accounts of sin, repentance, and salvation ever recorded.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 3: Bridegroom Matins @ 5:30 pm
Tuesday, April 4: Bridegroom Matins @ 5:30 pm
Wed, April 5: Blessing of Oils & Anointing Service @ 5:30 pm
Thurs, April 6: Vesper Divine Liturgy @4pm; Potluck dinner; Gospels & Crucifixion @ 6:30
Fri, April 7: Descent from Cross @ 6pm; Epitaphios Service & Procession follow
Sat. April 8: Blessing of New Light @ 10am
Sat. April 8: Great & Holy Pascha: Hajme/Orthros/Divine Liturgy beginning @ 8pm
Sun. April 9: Divine Liturgy @ 10am

Bible Study: On Saturday March 25th, Bible Study will be moved to 2:00 pm in view of the Feast Day and the Funeral of Richard Antous at St. Anthony Church at 11:00 am.

Palm Sunday Bakers welcome donations of supplies supplies. See Mary Hajj for more information.

Please note the Holy Week schedule above and the following related information:

The Service of Holy Anointing on Wednesday evening includes various Psalms, Canonical Odes, and 7 Epistle Readings. Contact Fr. Tom promptly if you would like to be assigned a Psalm, Ode or Epistle reading.

The Descent from the Cross on Friday evening requires assistance from of the women & maidens of the parish. Any who wish to patriciate are asked to contact Fr. Tom for more information **and** to arrive 15 minutes early on Friday.

The Outdoor Procession on Good Friday will incorporate the changes from last year. All adult parishioners, men and women, as well as mature youth are welcome to participate in this solemn honor by carrying the Epitaphios in procession. Any who wish to participate are asked to contact Fr. Tom **in advance** for more information and assignment.

Sunday Collections: **The Second Collection this Sunday is for Special Projects**

2/19/2023 Reg: \$1,131 Spec. Proj. \$307 Clergy Ret: \$30: First Env: \$20 Akathist Flowers: \$100	2/26/2023 Reg: \$738 Spec. Proj: \$55 Akathist flowers: \$150	3/5/2023 Reg: \$1,911 Fuel/Electric: \$342	3/12/2023 Reg: \$1,618 Spec Proj: \$20 Elec/Fuel: \$20 Easter Flowers: \$365
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UPCOMING EVENTS:
Mon. March 22 – Great Compline @ 5:30 pm
Wed. March 22 – Presanctified Liturgy @ 5:30 pm
Fri. March 24 – Vesper Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the Feast at 5:30 pm
Sun. March 25 – 9:00 am – Reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt