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ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



MARCH 25, 2012
4th Sunday of Great Lent
ST. JOHN CLIMACUS
ANNUNCIATION
MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS

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REMINDER:



Please be sure
that cell phones
are turned off
before entering
the temple.

- Archpriest John Zdinak
Dean
- Rev. Paul Schellbach
- Dn. Daniel Boerio
- Subdeacon Theodore
Lentz
- Reader Julius Kovach
Ecclesiarch & Choirmaster

Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers
Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
* AMBO: Articles for publication should be submitted to:
sttheocemetery@yahoo.com
by Wednesday of each week before noon.

* CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th.

ST. JOHN CLIMACUS



The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. The abbot of St Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai (6th century) stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God's Kingdom (Mt.10: 12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Eph 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, according to the Lord, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Mt.24:13).

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEPARTED:

Pani Jeannette Moriak +3/26/97

(Wife of His Grace, Bishop Matthias - 15th Anniversary)

John Agin +3/3/12

(Parishioner of Fr. Andrew Stevens & Friend of Paul Pangrace)

Margaret Pavlukovich +2/27/12

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions

Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky

Mother Anna

Afanasi Balasz

John Baranich

Judy Baughman

Amanda Bernes

Carol Bohurjak

Thomas Bohurjak

Thomas Bohurjak, Jr.

Frank Byndas

Albert Casey Sr.

Navada Coneley

Elsie Conrad

John Conrad

Christine Crichton

Laina Dachtyl

Horia Dascalescu
(Lavinia's Brother)

Cindy Durkalski

Melanie Faunce

Bernice Ferencz

William Frazier Sr.

(Suzanne's Frazier's Father-in-law)

John Gant

Bernadine Gindlesperger

Julia Grabowski

Sandee Holod

Dale Hudak

Donna Jacak

Victor Jacak

Diane Kearsey

(Janice Tkacz's Sister)

Sarah Kersey

Marie Kucharski

Dorothy Laskovich

Paul Laskovich

Bonita Likley

Evelyn Makarek

Elise Manella

Brian and Valerie Marshall

(Parishioners of Fr. Andrew)

Douglas Moltz

Anna Mysiw *(Friend and Neighbor of Helen Antonik)*

Arlene Neal

Grace Parhamovich

(Karen Felon's Mother)

Peter and Gina Petkac *(Judy Gartman's Brother & Sister-in-law)*

David Roman *(Nephew of*

Margaret Rusynyk)

Margaret Rusynyk

Julia Sankovic *(Child)*

Thomas Shepard

Mary Ann Silberhorn

Keith and Lisa Sutton

Barbara Thompson *(Phyllis Gindlesperger's Sister-in-law)*

Shirley Villoni

(Ann Mytrohovich's mother)

James Walsh

Wayne Yurik

Elizabeth Zdinak

Nikol Zdinak *Gammalo*

Milo Zivkov

CONGRATULATIONS:

Jason & Elizabeth (Zimmerman) & New Born Zachary

Brian, and Kimberly & New Born Isaac

Rob & Alexandra & New Born Josephine Rose

Alex and Jerilyn Oppenheim & New Born Alexander Michael

Erik & Gwen Hasselquist & New Born Maeve Dempsey

Sarah & Kevin (Zimmerman) & New Born Alexander James

Geoff and Natalie & Unborn Child

Dn. Daniel & Mat. Jennifer & Unborn Child



CONGRATULATIONS
NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS
JUDITH BYNDAS, DONNA JACAK
HARALAMBOS STEINGASS and LAURA ZVARA

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.



COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour:

03/25/12 Altar Society
04/01/12 Natalia Pricinovskis & Sonia Vorell
04/08/12 **PALM SUNDAY** Albert Casey
04/15/12 **PASCHA**
04/22/12 Mat. Jennifer Boerio & Mat. Cynthia Zdinak

Greeters:

Mat. Jennifer Boerio & Tammy Ponomarenko
Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
Michael Tabeling & Tammy Ponomarenko
Michael Tabeling & Debbie Pinta
Mat. Jennifer Boerio & Tammy Ponomarenko

GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses: \$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection \$ 3,496.00
Over/Under < \$ 3,042.00 >

ATTENDANCE

Members 113 ~ Visitors 9 ~ Total 122



THANK YOU

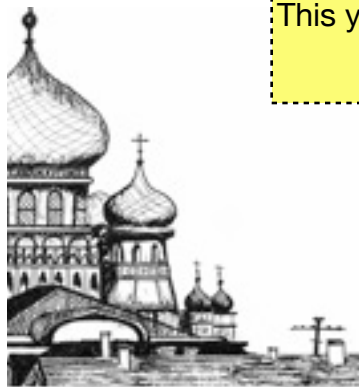
I would like to thank Fr. John and everyone from St. Theodosius for your kindness and for your generous financial help.

As Fr. mentioned the wheels of the government sometimes move very slow. I am still waiting on my disability benefits. Your assistance couldn't have come at a better time. My family and I are so very grateful.

Thank you, Jose Cortes

ANNOUNCEMENT

This year, only Vigils reserved and prepaid (\$3.00) will be lit at midnight on Pascha. Please reserve your Vigil(s) at the Candle Stand.



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

FOOD PANTRY

Although there have been changes, we are continuing our Food Pantry in conjunction with the Merrick House. You can always "Sponsor a Bag" of groceries - envelopes are in the foyer.

Also, my work situation of late has made it extremely difficult for me to shop, to bag and deliver groceries. If you are available during weekdays and can help with delivery, please see me.

This would make a good project for Great Lent and may need to continue afterwards.

Thank you and God bless you for your help. Daniel Morris, Charities Committee



CATHEDRAL BELLS



As of March 4, 2012, we have reached our goal of \$29,545.21!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the repair fund for the Cathedral Bells. Because of your generosity, we were able to make the repairs without accessing any of our reserve funds.

May God bless all of you and I hope that you all will rejoice this Pascha when we will again hear our bells ring out the Good News that Christ is Risen!
Thank you again, Fr. John

ANNOUNCEMENT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ... for FISH FRY FRIDAYS

MARCH 30; APRIL 6

**Serving from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
at RIDGE MANOR**

**If you are able to help in anyway,
please contact Darrell Felon**

as to when you are available 440-666-7601



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Coffee Hour volunteers **NEEDED!**
Please see Judy Schwind.



LENTEN MISSION SERVICES PREACHERS

March 25 St. John the Baptist,
Warren (Vespers)

April 1 SS. Peter & Paul,
Lakewood (Vespers)

All Lenten Mission Services
begin at 5:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENT

Anniversary ornaments on sale \$7.00
in bookstore, contact Frank Tkacz
or Judy Schwind.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT POSTPONED

Family Game Night scheduled is postponed
until after Pascha.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26

March 26 Genesis 13:12-18
Proverbs 14:27-15:4

March 28 Genesis 17:1-9
Proverbs 15:20-16:9

March 31 Heb. 9:1-7
Luke 10:38-42
Luke 11:27-28

March 27 Genesis 15:1-15
Proverbs 15:7-19

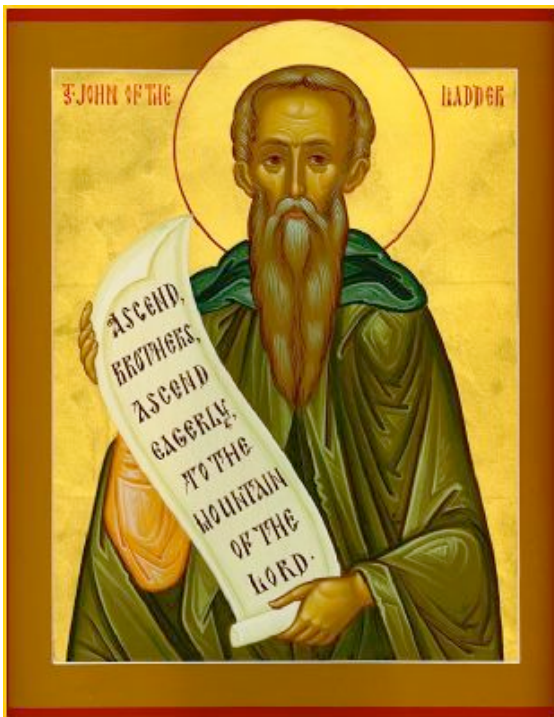
March 29 Genesis 18:20-33
Proverbs 16:17-17:17

April 1 Heb. 9:11-14
Mark 10:32-45

March 30 Genesis 22:1-18
Proverbs 17:-18:5

Remember How Long Your Heart Was Hard

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.



Father John Climacus' memory is celebrated on March 30.

This saint is known as a worker of miracles and as the writer of the "Ladder of Divine Ascent" in which he showed how a person can work step by step to come closer to God. The "steps" or rungs like those on a ladder were based on his own experience of prayer and asceticism.

Because he did work hard to come close to God, Saint John was given spiritual insight. He could see that even someone who has repented of sin can be led into the trap of sinning again by judging another person. He wrote: "He who is inwardly proud of his own tears and condemns in his own mind those who do not weep, is like a man who begs weapons from the king against the enemy and kills himself with them."

The "Prologue from Ochrid" offers this comment on Saint John's words: "If your heart has been softened either by repentance before God or by learning the boundless love of God towards you, do not be proud towards those whose hearts are still hard. Remember how long your heart was hard."

On March 29 we read Genesis 18: 20-33, which begins with God telling His plans to Abraham. God says, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry which has come to me; and if not, I will know" (Genesis 18: 20-21).

Abraham is a person whose heart has been softened by "learning the boundless love of God towards" him. His and Sarah's son Isaac, born in their old age after years of prayer and tears, is living proof of that love. So Abraham is ready to intercede even for the notoriously wicked people of Sodom. Having wept over his own sins, he will not "condemn in his own mind those who do not weep."

Standing before God, Abraham draws near and asks a very bold question: "Wilt Thou indeed destroy the righteous with the wicked?" He even proposes terms on which God might base a change of mind: "Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt Thou then destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?"

Abraham has perfect confidence that his own merciful instincts have their source in the Lord to whom he is standing so close. So he says, "Far be it from Thee to do such a wicked thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" His confidence is rewarded when God agrees to spare Sodom if even ten righteous inhabitants can be found.

Troparion - Tone 8

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile
And by your longing for God you brought forth fruits in abundance.
By the radiance of miracles you illuminated the whole universe.
O our holy Father John Climacus, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Sodom proves too evil to be spared. But Abraham's intercession is the action of a once-hard heart that has been softened. As a result, it seeks only mercy for others.

IF I WERE THE DEVIL

– Paul Harvey

This speech was broadcast by Paul Harvey, April 3, 1965

If I were the devil . . . I mean, if I were the Prince of Darkness, I would of course, want to engulf the whole earth in darkness. I would have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population, but I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree, so I should set about however necessary to take over the United States. I would begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: “Do as you please.” “Do as you please.” To the young, I would whisper, “The Bible is a myth.” I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad is good, and what is good is “square”. In the ears of the young marrieds, I would whisper that work is debasing, that cocktail parties are good for you. I would caution them not to be extreme in religion, in patriotism, in moral conduct. And the old, I would teach to pray. I would teach them to say after me: “Our Father, which art in Washington” . . .

If I were the devil... I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten T.V. with dirtier movies and vice versa. And then, if I were the devil, I'd get organized. I'd infiltrate unions and urge more loafing and less work, because idle hands usually work for me. I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. And I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil... I would encourage schools to refine young intellects but neglect to discipline emotions - let those run wild. I would designate an atheist to front for me before the highest courts in the land and I would get preachers to say “she's right.” With flattery and promises of power, I could get the courts to rule what I construe as against God and in favor of pornography, and thus, I would evict God from the courthouse, and then from the school house, and then from the houses of Congress and then, in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and I would deify science because that way men would become smart enough to create super weapons but not wise enough to control them.

If I were the devil... I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg, and the symbol of Christmas, a bottle.

If I were the devil, I would take from those who have and I would give to those who wanted, until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. And then, my police state would force everybody back to work. Then, I could separate families, putting children in uniform, women in coal mines, and objectors in slave camps.

In other words, if I were the devil, I'd just keep on doing what he's doing.

Paul Harvey, Good Day.

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Fresh Kielbasa, Smoked Kielbasa, Fresh Maple Breakfast Sausage
Fund Raiser Sale

St. Theodosius is now taking orders for all sausage and it will be available for pickup on:

Friday, April 6th from 4pm-8pm
Saturday, April 7th from Noon-5pm

At Ridge Manor Banquet Center (Main Entrance) 4630 Ridge Rd. Brooklyns, OH

All orders must be submitted at the latest by March 28th

ORDER EARLY LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE!

HOW TO ORDER:

- In Person & Order Form: Make sure you have the form completely filled out! If paying by check please make the check payable to St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral. Orders may be dropped off at the church office 733 Starkweather Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113 which is open M-F 10am-3pm. For Directions go to <http://sttheodosius.com>.
- If dropping orders off AFTER HOURS or THE OFFICE IS CLOSED please put order forms and payments in an envelope labeled SAUSAGE ORDER and in the after hour drop slot on the side of the office. After hour orders will be confirmed with an order number either by telephone and email if provided within 3 days. If you do not receive an order number please call or email to verify order status. Make sure you bring your order number for pickup verification.
 Thanks for your understanding!
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Apricot Roll	\$8.00 each		\$
2 lb. Pascha Bread	\$7.00 each		\$
GRAND TOTAL OF ORDER			\$

All Orders Placed Must Be Picked Up On
Friday, April 6, 2012 between Noon and 6 p.m.

Last Date to Place Orders: Friday, March 30, 2012
Orders can be called in, faxed or mailed to
address listed above

Please join us for our 2012 Fish Fry Dinners on the following Fridays:

	March 30	April 6
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Thank you for your order!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2012

SUNDAY, March 25
ANNUNCIATION OF THE
MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM Lenten Mission
Service@St. John The Baptist
Warren, Ohio

Monday, March 26
SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL

Tuesday, March 27
MARTYR MATRONA OF THESSALONICA

Wednesday, March 28
BEN. HILARION THE NEW
VEN. STEPHEN THE WONDERWORKER
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy
Potluck following
DEADLINE FOR SAUSAGE ORDERS

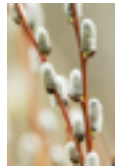
Thursday, March 29
HIEROMARTYR MARK
BISHOP OF ARETHUSA
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment

Friday, March 30
VEN. JOHN CLIMACUS
ST. ZOSIMAS
BISHOP OF SYRACUSE
9:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy
4:00 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry
LAST DAY FOR PASCHA
AND ROLL ORDERS

Saturday, March 31
REPOSE ST. INNOCENT
METR. OF MOSCOW AND
APOSTLE TO AMERICAS
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, April 1
SUNDAY OF MARY
OF EGYPT
VEN. EUTHYMIUS IF SYZDAL
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM Lenten Mission
Service@SS. Peter & Paul,
Lakewood

APRIL
Special Collection
ST. JOHN'S MONASTERY



PUSSY WILLOWS NEEDED

It is that time of year again. If you have pussy willows that you would like to bring to the church, please give the office a call at 216-741-1310. Please note willows are in early bloom this year... *Thank you!*



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