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April 3, 2022

**Sunday of St John
Climacus**

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Sun., Apr. 3 rd	Mission Vespers <i>St. Nicholas, Donora</i>	5 pm
	Wed., Apr. 6 th	Great Canon of St. Andrew with life of St. Mary of Egypt <i>St. John the Baptist, Canonsburg</i>	6:30 pm
	Fri., Apr. 8 th	Akathist to St. Mary of Egypt	7 pm
	Sat., Apr. 9 th	Great Vespers with Confession	7 pm
	Sun., Apr. 10 th	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Hours Divine Liturgy	9:45 am 10 am
		Mission Vespers <i>St. Nicholas, Weirton</i>	5 pm

Epistle

(Hebrews 6:13-20)

(Resurrection)

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

saying, “*Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.*”

And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* for them an end of all dispute.

Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath,

that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*.

This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence *behind* the veil,

where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel

(Mark 9:17-31)

(Resurrection)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”

He answered him and said, **“O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.”**

Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

So He asked his father, **“How long has this been happening to him?”** And he said, “From childhood.

“And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

Jesus said to him, **“If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes.”**

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: **“Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!”**

Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.”

But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

So He said to them, **“This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”**

Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know *it*.

For He taught His disciples and said to them, **“The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.”**

Epistle

(Ephesians 5:9-19)

(St. John of the Ladder)

(for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),
finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.

For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Therefore He says:

“Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light. ”

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*.

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,
speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making
melody in your heart to the Lord,

Gospel

(*Matthew 4:25-5:12*)

(*St. John of the Ladder*)

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

**“Blessed *are* the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed *are* those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.**

**Blessed *are* the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.**

**Blessed *are* those who
hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
For they shall be filled.**

**Blessed *are* the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.**

**Blessed *are* the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.**

**Blessed *are* the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons
of God.**

**Blessed *are* those who are
persecuted for
righteousness’ sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

“Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday Liturgies.

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 (*Resurrection*)
Galatians 3:23-29 (*St. Mary of Egypt*)

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32-45 (*Resurrection*)
Luke 7:36-50 (*St. Mary of Egypt*)

Announcements:

Aid for Ukraine ~~

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you to all who were able to donate to the quick response for AID for Ukraine.

Nearly 40 boxes of first-aid and over-the-counter items were delivered to St. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church on Friday, March 25. The church is currently filled to capacity. We are working to help find trucks to get this material to New York where there are three different Ukrainian-owned shipping companies who are using their planes to fly the items to Poland for distribution to refugees and those still stranded in Ukraine.

There may be a chance to donate to another shipping, but in the meantime, the IOCC has been doing wonderful work in the region. Here is the most recent update with a link to donate:

https://support.iocc.org/site/MessageViewer?em_id=7930.0&dly_id=13219

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PASCHAL ALTAR CANDLES: The following Altar Candles were presented by the following:

*In Loving Memory of Our Parents: Sam & Anna Marie Laciak
and Rudolph Gerber*

by Tim & Karen Laciak

Don't Forget! Your 2022 Pledge Form was due **March 31, 2022**. Please remember that it is important to complete your pledge form to assist Council with their annual budget and in scheduling of upcoming projects. As always, all collected information is kept confidential.

Let us start refocusing our hearts and minds towards humility, forgiveness, repentance, and love towards our fellow man as we begin our Lenten journey on the path to Golgotha with Jesus. We are continuing our support and love of our seminarians and their families by taking a special Paschal collection through **April 10th (next Sunday!)**. The families are most appreciative of all support! Thank you for the Seminarian donations!

We are Half Way There! Pick up your “**Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 10 Week Calendar**” **TODAY** at the candlestand for home reference to keep you abreast of all Lenten services during this holy season.

Don't Forget: Fr. Stephan will hear confessions after all scheduled services throughout Lent. If one cannot make it due to health or other noble reasons, Fr. Stephan will be glad to hear your confessions at your house.

Fr. Stephan has received numerous requests to open the Church during this Lenten season for a quiet place to pray. Father will plan to keep it as open as possible.

Come One, Come All! The Last Paska Baking Session is scheduled for **Saturday, April 9th at 7 am**. *See you there!* Bring a friend! Real men make Paskas!

THANK YOU EVERYONE for helping with the first two baking sessions! The outpouring of help was wonderful! Many hands made the work go fast! It was a great weekend of getting back together and reconnecting after Covid!

Fr. Stephan has received a couple of requests to start a Catechumen class. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Fr. Stephan.

Reminder: Please have the courtesy to inform others if you have potentially exposed them to Covid. It is still imperative that we remain vigilant to keep safe and healthy.

Please keep in your **PRAYERS** three of our diocesan priests who have been dealing with health issues during the past several months - Fr. Andrew Matychak, Igumen David Lewis, and Igumen Patrick Carpenter.