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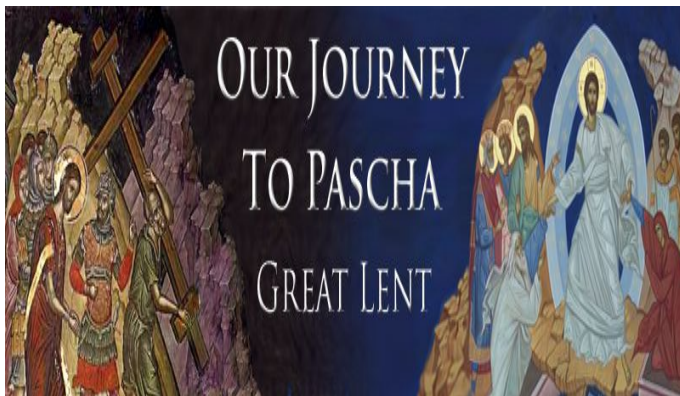
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SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2016



4th Sunday of the Great Lent

St. John Climacus of the Ladder

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:16-30

Tone: 4

Liturgical Color: PURPLE

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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 10, 2016

St. John Climacus of the Ladder

9:30am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 40th Day Panachida + Deacon Robert Kuchta; 40th Day Panachida + Thomas Murad; Panachida + Celia Smith offered by Nancy Lewek

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

11:00am-12NOON Church open for prayer, meditation, Confession

5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Friday, April 15, 2016

5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, April 16, 2016

5:00pm Great Vespers/Confession

Sunday, April 17, 2016

9:30am Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

4:00pm Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers

ARCHPASTORAL VISIT

And

GROUND BLESSING

Saturday, April 23, 2016



It is with great joy that I tell you that our Ruling Hierarch, His Grace Bishop Gregory of Nyssa will be making a Archpastoral Visit to us on Lazarus Saturday, April 23rd to bless the ground for our NEW Church at 61 Canada Road in Painted Post.

We will begin with Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy and then a meet and greet coffee social, after which we will proceed to Canada Road for the ground breaking service.

It would be nice to see as many of you as possible to welcome the Bishop to our parish and for each and everyone to come and witness this historic day in the life of our parish.

It is very important to have our children present and for them to participate on this most exciting day for our parish.

MARK THE DAY ON YOUR CALENDAR!

PUSSY WILLOWS

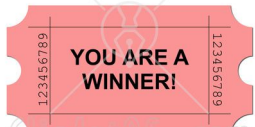
Palm Sunday is only 2 WEEKS away.

Please be on the look out for budding Pussy Willow and if you have access to them please bring them to the Church and we will store them until Palm Sunday. With the blast of wintery and spring weather that we have been having, the poor pussy willow bushes just don't know what to do.



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BASKET RAFFLE



Information concerning the Basket Raffle has been distributed. Please note the event will be held on May 5th at the Marconi Lodge on Pulteney Street in Corning. We are in need of door prizes. Please see Diane Rodrigues if you'd like to donate. The success of this raffle depends on how many tickets parishioners sell. We have some great baskets, as usual. Please make an effort to sell tickets to friends, co-workers and family.

RELOCATION UPDATE:

Our relocation plans are moving along quickly, and it is time to get serious about this move. The buyers of our property have received their local approvals for a pre-K school and are securing financing. Soon we will be selling this property and they will begin renovations on the hall. We will continue to use the church until the end of August.

There has been some diligent work to clean out the buildings to prepare for this transition, but much more needs to be done. In the hall you will see many large sheets of paper on the walls, with different projects on them. Each project needs a chairperson, and possibly a co-chair, to organize and complete the task. That chairperson will be responsible for recruiting help and reporting progress.

Recently we completed the purchase of 61 Canada Road and soon construction will begin. By the end of the year we should be holding services in our new facility. That means we will be in a temporary home from September until we get into our brand new home. A lot of coordination must occur between now and then, and we need everyone's help.

If you are able, please take a leading role in helping to make this change; if not be a willing volunteer to help on one or more of the projects. With everyone's help we can make this happen as seamlessly as possible.

Thank you.

St. John Climacus

St. John Climacus (or St John of the Ladder) was a monk of Mt. Sinai who lived and wrote in the seventh century. He is venerated in the Orthodox Church on the fourth Sunday of Great Lent because of his spiritual struggles and his authorship of the Ladder of Divine Ascent, a book that describes the spiritual struggle to climb closer to God through acquiring ascetic virtues. There are 30 steps on the ladder that correspond to the 30 years of Christ's life, with the entire volume divided into three main sections: general virtues; instruction on overcoming vices and building up the corresponding virtues; and higher virtues that lead to the goals at which ascetic life aims, including prayer, stillness, dispassion, and finally love (agape).

The Ladder was originally written at the request of the abbot of a neighboring monastery, but now its use is widespread in the Church and even in the broader Christian community. Orthodox Christians are called upon to read this book during Lent, and monasteries in particular often read the entire text in the refectory during the Lenten season.

This book calls all to purification through a series of cleansing steps, including denial of self and caring for others. We are invited to examine ourselves in order to learn our faults and purify. Caring for others is a way of cleansing through decreasing our focus on the self. Ultimately, if one is able to follow St. John's steps, the final goal—the love of others—is accomplished. St. John's is one of repentance, of changing around one's life. St. John wrote, "Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your

2016 SUMMER CAMP

Week #1 July 17 ~ July 23, 2016 Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington Deaneries

Week #2 July 24 ~ July 30, 2016 New England, NY, NJ, Florida, and Canada Deaneries

Week #3 July 31 ~ Aug 6, 2016 Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown, and Chicago

DEANERY LENTEN SCHEDULE

April 17, 2016

4:00pm

Sunday Lenten Vespers

Corning, NY

April 20, 2016

6:00pm

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Binghamton, NY

April 22, 2016

7:00pm

Moleben to the Holy Cross

Endicott, NY

Ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honor your patience. He who really keeps account of his actions considers as lost every day in which he does not mourn, whatever good he may have done in it.

Gayle E. Woloschak, PhD
Spiritual Reflections for Great Lent IOCC

April Birthdays/Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to:

April 7 Victoria Kozey

April 12 Cynthia Kozey

April 14 Andrew Chudanic

April 14 Jay Tostanoski

April 18 Christina H

Happy Anniversary

April 18 Tom & Jean Cox

April 23 Chris & Stacy Gabel

God grant your servants Many Blessed Years!

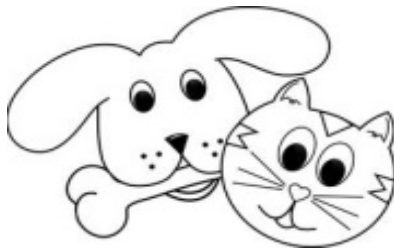
Mnohaja L'ita!

SHOE DRIVE

to benefit

RAINBOW OF HOPE ANIMAL RESCUE, INC

Starts March 13, 2016 through May, 2016



Please bring to the hall your 'old' shoes and leave in the box provided.

Rainbow of Hope Animal Rescue, Inc. is a not-for-profit animal welfare organization that most assist those in the broader Schuyler, Steuben, Tompkins and Chemung County areas who cannot afford veterinary care for their animals. They also run a foster program and adoption service for unwanted dogs and cats looking for their forever homes.

Any questions please see Pani Joan

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Paradise;

It has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross!

The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished;

For You my Savior, did come and cry to those in hell:

Enter again into Paradise!

CAMP NAZARETH FAMILY CAMP

JUNE 3– JUNE 5, 2016

“...AND I BY MY WORKS WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH”

JAMES 2:18

DON'T LET ORTHODOXY BE YOUR FAMILY'S SECRET IDENTITY

*OUR FAMILY'S ORTHODOXY IS BOTH **PUBLIC** AND
PRIVATE...SOMETIMES THE FAMILY HAS TO BE LIKE
SUPERMAN AND SOMETIMES LIKE CLARK KENT*

***COME AND DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR
FAMILY AND HELP ONE ANOTHER GROW IN CHRIST!***

*VISIT CAMPNAZARETH.ORG,
EMAIL CAMP_NAZARETH@ACROD.ORG
OR CALL THE CAMP @ 724-662-4840
FOR REGISTRATION*

***O LORD AND MASTER OF MY LIFE, TAKE FROM ME THE SPIRIT
OF LAZINESS, MEDDLING, AMBITION AND VAIN TALK.***

***BUT GIVE ME A SPIRIT OF PRUDENCE, HUMILITY,
PATIENCE AND LOVE.***

***YES LORD AND KING GRANT ME TO SEE MY OWN SINS AND
FAULTS AND NOT JUDGE MY BROTHER.***

FOR YOU ARE BLESSED FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN!



CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Month of APRIL NANCY COONS

Month of May NANCY GABEL

SPRING CARD SALE - Starting April 3!



Dozens of styles to choose from of Orthodox Iconography and beautiful Russian folk art greeting cards for Pascha, Mother's Day, weddings, baptisms, get well and blank. For sale at only **\$1.50 each**; more than 50% off their retail price and no shipping costs.

See Helen Revelas in the church hall after Divine Liturgy to purchase

Brought to you by the Ladies Altar Society

FAMILY DAY RAFFLE

JUNE 5, 2016

Tickets are here!

Try your luck and you may be the lucky winner of \$10,000.00!

Tickets are only \$20 each

See Pani Joan during coffee social and get your ticket today!



CAMP NAZARETH

ANNUAL FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016

10:00am—DIVINE LITURGY

LUNCH/PICNIC FOLLOWING LITURGY

MENU

PRIME RIB SANDWICH, BARBEQUE CHICKEN, POTATO SALAD, PASTA SALAD, TOSSED SALAD, CHIPS/DIP, HOMEMADE DESSERTS, DRINKS

VEGETARIAN OPTION:
VEGETABLE PRIMAVERA

ADULTS: \$10.00

CHILDREN UNDER 13: \$6.00

CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE

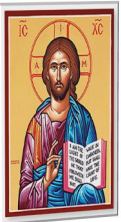
**FAMILY PRICE: \$30.00 (INCLUDES
2 PARENTS & ALL CHILDREN
UNDER \$13)**

FROM FATHER'S DESK....

- If you would like to meet with Father, please call him @607-962-5285 to arrange a time and place which is convenient for you.
- **Emergency Sick Calls:** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him @ 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone @ 607-377-0587.
- **Our Mailing Address is:**
7 Chatfield Place East Painted Post, NY 14870
- **Confessions** are heard after Vespers on Saturday, after any weekday or Lenten service or by calling Father for an appointment.
- **Marriages** are solemnized on Saturdays. Consult Father at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the Church.
- **Baptisms** are normally scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult Father for scheduling. Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith and the other a practicing Christian.
- **Church Funerals** are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their Spiritual and Financial obligations to the parish otherwise burial is from the funeral home.
- If you would like to schedule a Panachida for your loved one please call Father at 962-5285



The Church does not permit cremation.



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

His Grace, Bishop GREGORY; Protopresbyter Frank Miloro;
Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Kenneth Bachofsky
Protopresbyter Elias Kozar; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban;
V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Raphaela;
Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mat. Anna Kozar; Pani Helen Shutack;
Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno;
Eleanor Adzima; Amelia Falcon; Stan Lewek; Julio & Judith Falcon; Michael & Delores Kundrat;
Mary Kolson; Lyudmyla Hayova; Kathy Preston; Helen Coons; Anna Soroparu;
Marge Morse; Victoria Kozey; Child Zachary Spaulding; Child Michael Cicvak; Mary Benyo;
Joan Shaw; Nancy Bleznuck; Karen Fuller; Mertus Family; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues;
Denise Topichak; Rebecca Cooper; George Officer; Linda Benza; Carol Pierson;
Baby Madeline; Helen Chernak; Michael Matzkevich; Karen Kluchonic; Marlene Wheet;
Michael Herrlich; William Paslawsky; Kathleen Petrochko; Isaac & Nadia Murad Family;
Marie Kuchta & Family; Mae Mary Shonak; Vickie Parker; Sandy Pujari-Harrian

All members of our Armed Forces serving our country at home and abroad



DO YOU BELIEVE?

What a question! Of course you believe.

Perhaps more accurately the question should be asked: “How *strongly* do you believe?”

Today’s Gospel reading centers around this question. This Fourth Sunday of Lent Scripture fits into the Lenten scheme of things as we get closer to Pascha. Remember that there is no resurrection for us without faith. The Resurrection is not academic. It is real. Easter is for believers only.

And so in this Gospel reading today from Mark (9:17-31), we meet a desperate father perhaps in his early 40’s with his teenage son. The boy is possessed by a devil, in fact since he was a baby. This dad is looking for a miracle for his boy. Three of the apostles were not there-neither was Jesus initially.

This is noteworthy: from your reading of the New Testament, have you noticed that in the three years of Jesus’ ministry there was an unusual amount of demon activity in the area of Judea and Galilee. Do you know why? It’s because God was present walking among His people in the Person of Jesus Christ! Jesus walked from city to city preaching. As his feet touched the ground, demons were released from hell to fight Him! The powers of hell battled against the presence of God! It was these same satanic-induced demons that had completely taken control of the teenager in today’s Scripture.

The boy’s father was looking for a miracle. He pleaded with the apostles to make the miracle happen, but it did not happen. There was just not enough faith on that day, at that moment.

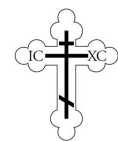
Question. What is the measure of your faith today, right now?

Taken from FORTY-EIGHT DAYS TO THE “GREAT DAY”, Book #5
authored by Protopresbyter Frank Miloro, Chancellor



ALL SOULS SATURDAYS

Saturday June 18, 2016 @ 9:00am



St. Mary's Orthodox Church – Corning, NY

Easter Bake Sale – April 24, 2016



Thank you for supporting our organization. Please complete the order form below! Funds raised from the bake sale will go to support the Altar Society's Mission Projects. Thank you for your order!

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
Walnut Roll	\$12 each		
Poppy Seed Roll	\$12 each		
Apricot Roll	\$12 each		
Walnut Cookies (kolachkies)	\$6 doz.		
Raspberry Cookies (kolachkies)	\$6 doz.		
Apricot Cookies (kolachkies)	\$6 doz.		
Mixed (walnut, raspberry & apricot) Kolachkies	\$6 doz.		
Paska (plain)	\$10		
Paska (raisins)	\$10		

Order Cut-Off Date: April 13th

Please submit order form to Carole Herrlich: caroleherrlich@aol.com **(607-962-6165)** Or Nancy Gabel: wheelin65@roadrunner.com (607-292-6448)

OR
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Your order will be available for pickup at Church Hall on APRIL 24th (Palm Sunday)

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____ Order Total:
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