

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: Saint John of the Ladder

March 31, 2019

Sat	30-Mar	4pm Vigil Divine Liturgy +Thomas Akien by Cindy Hills
Sun	31-Mar	10am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of St John Climacus
Wed	3-Apr	7pm Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
Fri	5-Apr	7pm Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
Sat	6-Apr	4pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun	7-Apr	10am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of St Mary of Egypt

No Memorial Candle Donation This Week

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Epistle	Hebrews 6:13-20 (Sunday) - Ephesians 5:9-19 (St. John)
Gospel	Mark 9:17-31 (Sunday) - Matthew 4:25-5:12 (St. John)

30-Mar John Baycura, 31-Mar Kathy Moyta, 6-Apr John Pocchiari, 7-Apr Cory Milkovich
3-Apr Annabelle Bistrar, 5-Apr John Baycura

Ronald Borsuk, Abbot Leo, Irene Bobby, Michael Uram, Joseph Pocchiari, Teresa Milkovich, Marie Maxim, Sharon Galida, Margaret Sheptack, Robert Saper, Doloras Halahurich, Betty Homa, John Homa, Mike Fizer, Jerry Tarcha, Anna Habil, Martha Sapar, Marilyn Popik-King, Art Lazar, Mike Dancsin, & Helen Meaders.

Attendance: Sat. 3/16 — 24; Sun. 3/17 — 67; Collection — Mar. 16th — 17th \$2,300.

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Announcements

Knitting with Diane: Wed. April 3: 11:00 am Parish Center

Greater Pittsburgh Protopresbytery Penitential Vespers Time: 4:00 PM

Sun., Mar. 31- St. Gregory Nazianzus, Upper St. Clair, Pa Homilist: Fr. Deskevich

Sun., April 7- St. John The Baptist Church, Lyndora, Pa Homilist: Msgr. Duker

BUS TRIP!!! Please keep your calendar clear for Sunday, June 2, 2019, as we are planning a parish trip to Phipps Conservatory on that day. Details will be in the next bulletin!

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday starting at 9 a.m. to help make nut rolls.

Parish sympathies to Kathy Moyta, Parish sympathies to Kathy Moyta, on the passing of her Aunt Sr. Martha Elizabeth Moyts, OSBM, who entered Eternal Life on March 11 at Mt. St. Macrina in Uniontown. May her memory be Eternal.

Signup sheets are on the bulletin board for our Seder Meal on April 11th starting at 6 p.m. You do not need to bring anything, we just need to know how much food to prepare, thank you.

There will be an Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the G.C.U. on Palm Sunday, April 14th after the morning liturgy. More info to follow. Bring your baskets. Open to all parish children 12 and younger.

Church Fathers Speak ““More can be obtained by the unified prayer of a few than by the disunited supplication of many.” Cyprian

Test Your Knowledge: Which of the following is not true about services during the great fast?

- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy is celebrated on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Divine Liturgy is celebrated on all days except Wednesday and Fridays.
- We recite the Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian at most services.
- Most services have prayers with kneeling and frequent prostration.

Last Week's Answer: The Feast of the Annunciation commemorates the day the Angel Gabriel Told Mary that she was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus.

Confession: A priest asked his congregation: What is the most important thing about confession? The first response was to confess your sins. The second was to be contrite. The third was the examination of conscience. Finally, a child lifted her hand and said, "It's what Jesus does." That is the most important thing and what we should focus on. The "Confession" is only a part of the sacrament of Reconciliation not the whole part. Reconciliation is what Jesus does. He removes the barriers we place between ourselves, our community and our God." **TIPS FOR RECONCILIATION: 1. Focus on what's important** - what Jesus does. **2. Name it reconciliation** - that means you've got to do more than confess. You've got to try to

change. **3. Know what you want.** The sacrament is the proclamation of reconciliation with God and with the Church. **4. Don't use the sacrament as a substitute.** Confessing "I beat my spouse" is not substitute for getting counseling. **5. Talk about sin, not guilt.** Sin is not just about "breaking the rules." Sin is the failure to grow. Sin is our failure to respond to God's love. **6. If you don't think you have anything to confess, just ask the person sitting next to you at church, at home, or at work or school.**

When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls. **St. Faustina**