

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:16-30)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And 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!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."



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March 18, 2018

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Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

Commemoration of John Climacus, Author of "The Ladder"

Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem; Martyrs Trophymos and Eukarpos of Nicomedia and those
with them; Nikolai (Velimirovic), Bishop of Zhicha who labored in America

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the
three- day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our
Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy
deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou
hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father
John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT IGNATIUS IN TONE FOUR

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, you succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God you
found the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the
Word of Truth without error, you defended the Faith to the very shedding of your blood.
O, Holy Martyr among bishops, Ignatius. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT) IN TONE EIGHT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast
delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou
alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto
thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

CALENDAR

Saint John Climacus, Sunday, March 18

7:55 am Orthros
9:00 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School,
Coffee Hour, Antiochian Women's Meeting
6:00 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers at
Holy Trinity Greek Cathedral
1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix

Monday, March 19

5:45 pm Confession
6:15 pm Jesus Prayer
6:30 pm Great Compline

Wednesday, March 21

5:45 pm Confession
6:15 pm Jesus Prayer
6:30 pm Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy with discussion
on Appendices 1-5 of *Great Lent*

Thursday, March 22

9:00 am Church cleaning

Friday, March 23

5:45 pm Confession
6:15 pm Jesus Prayer
6:30 pm Compline with Akathist Hymn to the
Mother of God

Saturday, March 24

4:15 pm Confession
4:45 pm Jesus Prayer
5:00 pm Great Vespers

Feast of the Annunciation, Sunday, March 25

7:55 am Orthros
9:00 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, Prayer
Group, Annunciation luncheon hosted by
the Antiochian Women (details in bulletin)
11:00 am Parish Council
6:00 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers at
Saint John the Baptist Romanian Church
3749 W. Behrend Drive, Glendale

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeter(s)

Lorraine Hamaker and
Tillie Berger

Epistle Reader

Tresa Stapleton

Collectors

Claudia Beatty, Betty Kehrle,
Patricia Allen and Tillie Berger

Ushers

John Benza, Ralph Clair,
Ron Berger, Matthew McDaniel

Coffee Hour Host(s)

The Coles Family and
Monica Kiilehua

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeter(s)

Sheri Finlayson

Epistle Reader

Erin Tabor

Collectors

Lorraine Hamaker, Sheri Finlayson

Coffee Hour Host(s)

Antiochian Women Annunciation
luncheon. Details in bulletin.

View the complete calendar at:
saintig.org/calendar

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JOIN US

Great Vespers: Saturdays at 5:00 pm

Orthros: Sundays at 7:55 am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays at 9:00 am

New Here?

Welcome to Saint Ignatius. We're glad
you're here and would love to meet you.
Please join us for coffee hour following
Divine Liturgy.

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is
given only to those baptized and
Chrismated into the Orthodox Faith. After
the dismissal, everyone is welcome to
come forward to receive a blessing,
venerate the cross and have the
antidoron (blessed bread).

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, we offer
Prayers of Thanksgiving for receiving the
Body and Blood of Christ. These prayers
help us reflect on the mystery we have
just received and prepares us for our
transition back into the "world."

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

Mar 19- Emily Ann Kwiatkowski

Mar 19- Eric Burns-Binion

Mar 20- Shara Torrez

Mar 22- Christina Hannah

Mar 22- Brandon Skocypec

Happy Birthday

Mar 20- Chris & Linda Pedersen

Our Building Prayer

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord, grant all our petitions that are for our unity, salvation and eternal life. Have mercy on Saint Ignatius and grant us the faith to rely on you for what we need. If it is your Holy will, grant all the funds and everything necessary for a proper Orthodox Church in Mesa for your glory and that of your Only-begotten Son, Our Sweetest Lord Jesus, and your Life-creating Spirit. Establish St. Ignatius firmly upon your Divine Word and grant us grateful hearts.

For Thou are a great God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pascha Flowers Remembrance

Pascha Flowers Remembrance: Donations are being accepted to support the purchase of plants and flowers to decorate the church during Pascha. If you would like to donate in recognition of or in memory of your loved ones, please complete the form available this Sunday after church. Forms are in the Narthex. Please complete the form by printing names clearly. Jill K. Benza will be accepting both your form and donation during coffee hour for the next few weeks. Last day for donations is Sunday, March 25. Names will be recognized at the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy.

March 25th Annunciation Luncheon

Annunciation Luncheon hosted by the Antiochian Women as both a fellowship event and fundraiser. Donations are requested to support the Antiochian Archdiocese National Project for the Antiochian Women, *Vocations in the Life of the Church*. All donations will go directly to this effort. Thank you for your continued support of the Antiochian Women of St. Ignatius and the work being completed at the national level. For information regarding this event contact the Antiochian Women's President, Jill N. Benza, at 480-688-9353 or benza1026@hotmail.com

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GREAT LENT

FASTING

From the second through the sixth weeks of Lent, the general rules for fasting are practiced. Meat, animal products (*cheese, milk, butter, eggs, lard*), fish (*meaning fish with backbones*), olive oil and wine (*all alcoholic drinks*) are not consumed during the weekdays of Great Lent. Octopus and shell-fish are allowed, as is vegetable oil. On weekends, olive oil and wine are permitted. No restriction is placed on the amount of food during the meal, though moderation is always encouraged in all areas of one's life at all times.

Fish, oil and wine are allowed on the Feast of the Annunciation (*March 25*) and on Palm Sunday (*one week before Pascha*). On other feast days, such as the First and Second Finding of the Head of Saint John the Baptist (*February 24*), the Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste (*March 9*), the Forefeast of the Annunciation (*March 24*) and the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel (*March 26*), wine and oil are permitted.

PARISH WIDE LENTEN BOOK CLUB

Great Lent by Father Alexander Schmemmann is our parish-wide Lenten reading. Discussion is every Wednesday following Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy.

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

We have added more opportunities for confession. Father James continues to hear confessions before every evening service. Father Basil will also be hearing confessions on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Last day for confession is Wednesday, March 28.