

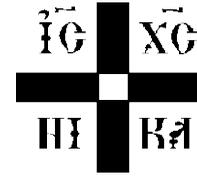
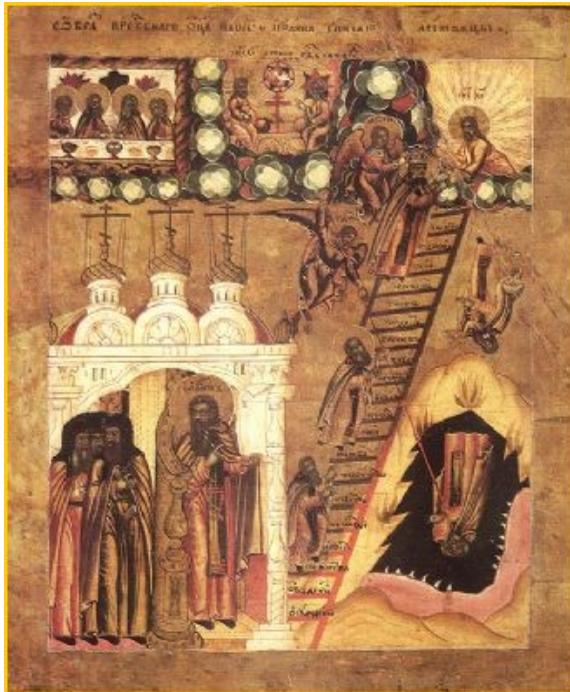
## Week Schedule

**Saturday** Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions following Vespers

**Sunday** Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

**\*\*See Lenten Calendar for daily services\*\***

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).



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Call to arrange sacraments, services,  
instruction, counseling, home visits, sick  
calls.

### **Troparion (Tone 4)**

When the women Disciples of the  
Lord learned from the Angel the joy-  
ous message of the Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the Apostles:  
"Death is overthrown! Christ God is  
risen, // granting the world great  
mercy!"

### **Troparion (Tone 1)**

O dweller of the wilderness and an-  
gel in the body, you were a wonder-  
worker, O our God-bearing Father  
John. You received heavenly gifts  
through fasting, vigil and prayer,  
healing the sick and the souls of  
those drawn to you by faith. Glory to  
Him Who gave you strength! Glory  
to Him Who granted you a  
crown! // Glory to Him Who grants  
healing to all!

### **Kontakion (Tone 4)**

The Lord truly set you on the heights  
of abstinence, to be a guiding star,  
showing the way to the universe, // O  
our father and teacher John.

**April 3 2011**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 4.**  
**St. John Climacus (of The Ladder).**

### **Prayers for The Faithful and Departed**

Dn. Peter Skoog, Michael and Lena  
Robovitsky, Albert and Catherine  
Kavalkovich, Ronnie and Lorraine  
Kavalkovich, Patricia Schmidt, Frank  
Woeste-Meyer, McCartney family, pa-  
rishioners and clergy, Helen Riley,  
Kavalkovich family and friends, William,  
Edward, Kenneth, John, Marc, Alex, An-  
astasia, James, Joseph. **May God Grant  
Them Many Years!**

Mary Spack, Paul Kavcsak, Michael,  
Mary, Maxim, Anna, Stephen Spack,  
Robovitsky family members. **May Their  
Memories Be Eternal!**

### **Epistle Reading**

#### **Hebrews 6:13-20**

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 Reading**

#### **Mark 9:17-31**

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."

### **Welcome to our Visitors!**

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Church Telephone Number**

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced on the machine.

#### **Easter Flowers**

Debbie Kavalkovich has started collecting orders for Easter flowers. Please see her if you would like to place an order.

#### **Sunday Mission Vespers Service**

Today's Mission Vespers service is at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Wilmington, DE, at 4:00p.m.. The address is **1406 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, DE 19809-1824** .

#### **Annual Fish Fry**

The Brotherhood of St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church at 1855 Middletown Rd (Rt.352), Gradyville, PA is sponsoring a Fish Fry, Friday April 8 from 4:00PM till 8:00PM. Tickets \$8.00 for children 10 and under, \$10.00 for adults. Menu includes fish, perogies, coleslaw, dessert and a beverage. For more information or tickets call the Church at (610) 459-5310 or email [ghubiak@comcast.net](mailto:ghubiak@comcast.net).

#### **Parish Statistics for March 27, 2011**

**Attendance:** 34

**Income:** \$1563.50

**Expenses:** \$585.66

**Surplus: \$977.84**