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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 8. THE
ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY,
THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. St.
John Climacus (of *The Ladder*).**

Troparion (Tone 8)

You descended from on high, O Merciful
One. You accepted the three-day burial
to free us from our sufferings.//O Lord,
our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion (Tone 4)

Today is the beginning of our salvation,
the revelation of the eternal mystery!
The Son of God becomes the Son of the
Virgin
as Gabriel announces the coming of
Grace.

Together with him let us cry to the
Theotokos: “Rejoice, O Full of Grace,//
the Lord is with you!”

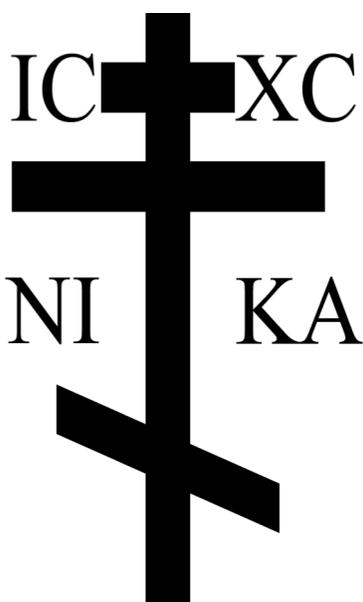
Kontakion (Tone 8)

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts!
We, your servants delivered from evil
sing our grateful thanks to you, O
Theotokos. As you possess invincible
might set us free from every
calamity//so that we may sing; “Rejoice,
O unwedded Bride!”

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Living: Lena Robovitsky, Bobby,
David, Nina, Anna McCartney,
Veronica McCafferty, John Donohue,
Ronnie and Lorraine Kavalkovich,
Linda Saia, Alex Kavalkovich, Pat and
June Gerasimoff, Patricia, Patricia,
William, Marc, William, Catherine,
Albert, Kavalkovich friends and family.
May God Grant Them Many Years!

Departed: Rdr. Leonty Macalush,
Fred LeRoy, Irene Kavcsak, John and
Julia Drimak, Julia Brasko, Rosialy,
John, William, Anne, Vito, Bridget,
Helen, Andrew, Marion, Patrick, Fred.
May Their Memories Be Eternal!



Upcoming Services

Wed.	Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Canon, 6:00 p.m.
Friday	Akathist, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Great Vespers, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy</i>

Hebrews 2:11-18

For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Luke 1:24-38

Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people. Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end. Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible. Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Announcements

Readers, Coffee Hour, and Church Cleaning

Please consider volunteering for any of the above. The church needs help especially with cleaning and coffee hour. Sign-up sheets are downstairs on the bulletin board.

Centennial Team

Please see Debbie Kavalkovich if you would like to serve on the team preparing for our centennial next year.

Pascha Flowers

Please see Debbie Kavalkovich for Pascha flower orders.

Weekly Financial Statement (02.26.12)

Attendance: 37

Money In: \$2178.00

Money Out: -\$1857.81

Net Total: \$320.19

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).