



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, March 10 Fourth Sunday of Great Fast/St. John Climacus, venerable

Readings: Heb. 6:13-20; Mk: 9:17-31

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for + Michael Senko, given by Michael & Vicki Senko.

Supplications will be offered for+ Nancy Spikula, given by Maria, Olga Perkun & Anna Merritt.

Wednesday, March 13 Translation of the Relics of Nicephorus, Patriarch

Readings: Gen. 17:1-9; Prov. 15:20-16:9

6:30 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts /Confessions

Lenten Mission

Thursday, March 14 Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Readings: Gen. 18:20-33; Prov. 16:17-33

6:30 P. M. Anointing of the Sick – Holy Unction/Confessions

Lenten Mission

Saturday, March 16 Akathistos Saturday

Readings: Heb. 6:9-12; Mk: 7:31-37

5:00 P.M. NO Great Vespers

6:30 P.M NO Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, March 17 Fifth Sunday of Great Fast/St. Mary of Egypt, venerable

Readings: Heb. 6:13-20; Mk: 9:17-31

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

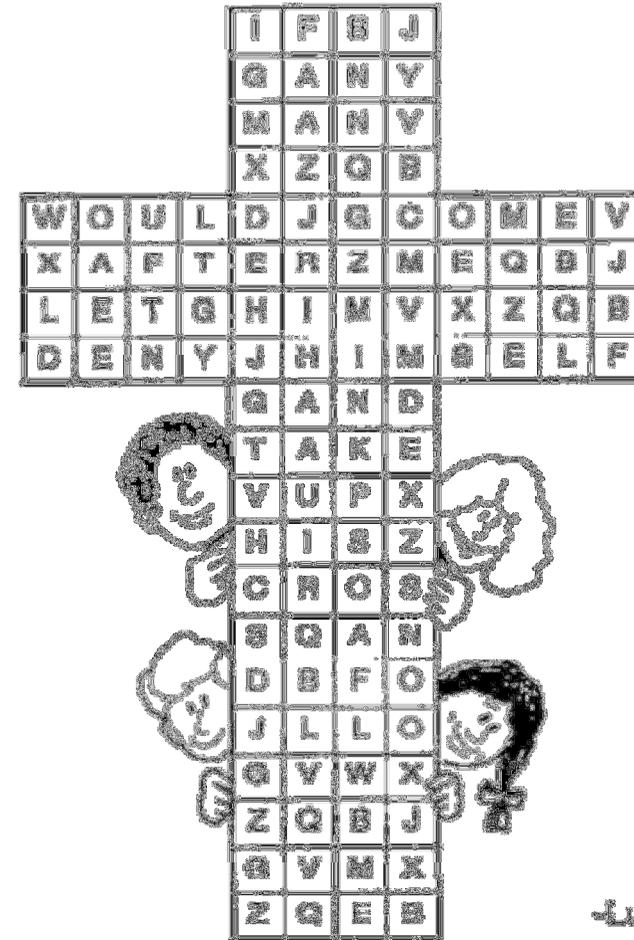
Supplications will be offered for +Olech & Peter Baran , given by Anna Baran & family.

Supplications will be offered for+ Stephania Myshisin (Bilyk), given by family.

Cross out all these letters to find what Jesus said:

BJGVXZQ

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-Luke 9:25



Our venerable father John of the Ladder

Our holy father John of the Ladder is a Saint whom we commemorate every year on the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast (also on March 30th.) He lived in the late 6th and early 7th centuries. He was tonsured a monk at the Monastery of Saint Catherine at Mt. Sinai. Most of his life was spent completely by himself in continuous prayer at the place where, according to tradition, God had spoken to Moses by the burning bush and later had given to him the Law. During the last years of his life our venerable father John was the archimandrite-abbot of St. Catherine's Monastery, where he wrote his famous work "The Ladder of Divine Ascent", which caused him to be known as St.

John "of the Ladder." In this book he teaches how we can become spiritually and morally perfect. Our Lord Jesus Christ taught in the Sermon on the Mount: "You must be perfect - just as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). This is a command not only for the apostles or for monks, but also for all Christians. How can we become perfect? Put simply it is to "live just as Jesus did" (1 John 2:6). Christian perfection is growth in love, holiness, and goodness – through Jesus Christ Our Savior. May the life and the writings of Saint John Climacus, whom we commemorate on the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast-Lent, both enlighten and inspire us in our own pilgrimage towards the Glorious third day Resurrection!!!

The Monastery at Mount Sinai

St. Catherine's Monastery is an Orthodox monastery on the Sinai Peninsula at the foot of Mount Sinai in Egypt. It is one of the oldest Christian monasteries in the world which incorporates the burning bush seen by Moses. Above the monastery is Mount Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments from God. The monastery's actual name is the Monastery of the Transfiguration, but it later became associated with St. Catherine of Alexandria, a 3rd century martyr whose head and hand were brought here for safe keeping in the 10th century. St. Catherine's Monastery became a major pilgrimage destination in the Byzantine Era and it still is today. The holiest part of the monastery is the large living shrub that is said to be a direct descendent of the very burning bush that was seen by Moses. The Chapel of the Burning Bush was built with its Altar situated above the roots of the bush and incorporates the 4th-century chapel built by Empress St. Helena. The chapel is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. In 2002, the area centering on St. Catherine's Monastery was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO because of Mt. Sinai's importance in three major world religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam), the natural environment of the area and St. Catherine's historic architecture and art.

March 10, 2013

Fourth Sunday of the Great fast

Our venerable father John of the Ladder (Climacus)

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Announcements:

Today: Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

On this Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast we commemorate our venerable father John of the Ladder (Climacus), who is the author of the ascetical writing "The Ladder of Divine Ascent". St. John of the Ladder was the archimandrite (abbot) of St. Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai and he stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God's Heavenly Kingdom.

This week: St. George's Parish Lenten Mission

Plan to come for our Parish Lenten Mission 2013 which will take place this year on Wednesday & Thursday, March 13-14, 2013. On Wednesday evening, March 13th, we will celebrate at 6:30 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. Following this Service, Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions. On Thursday evening, March 14th, we will celebrate at 6:30 p.m. the Anointing of the Sick – Holy Unction. This evening will be led by Sister Mary Virginia, O.Carm. (Corpus Christi Carmelites), convent of Lady of Protection, St. George's Byzantine parish in Aliquippa. Following this evening we will have Lenten refreshments in the Church hall.

Great Lent Project-Food Bank Drive!

We would like to continue to collect the food for Focus on Renewal (Father's Ryan Center) on McKee's Rocks. Please be generous.

Refreshments

Following the Lenten Mission on Thursday evening, March 14th, we will offer Lenten Refreshments for the faithful in our Church hall. We will need your help in preparing and offering these refreshments. If you would like to help out, please let Fr. Ihor know following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you.

St George Easter Kolbasa Sale - Our parish is selling kolbasa for the Easter Season.

The price is \$5.00 per pound and order forms are available in the Church vestibule for placing orders. Payment must accompany your order.

The kolbasa will be available for pickup on Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday) after the Divine Liturgy. Special thanks to Nick and Kathy Mikovitz for organization of this fundraiser.

Easter Pascha sale.

Please, use the sign-up sheet in a vestibule, if you would like to order Pascha for Easter.

Please remember **our parish Easter dinner, Svyachene**, will be held on Sunday, April 6. Tickets will be available very soon from our usual sellers. We also ask you to consider making a donation for the Chinese auction.

If anyone would like a copy of the **Annual Financial Report**. Please sign on the sheet in the vestibule and a copy will be sent to you.

Central Deanery Vibrant parish Pilgrimages – The remaining pilgrimages sponsored by the Central Deanery on the Postoral Letter by His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav: "The Vibrant Parish – a place to encounter Christ" are scheduled for March 24, 2013 at Holy Trinity Ukrainian catholic Church in Carnegie, Pa. Fr. Monsignor George Appleyard will present a talk on a formation of the Passion Gospels and particular emphasis of the four evangelists. Saint Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church will host such event on May 5, 2013.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$1602.00** Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity. As was announced last Sunday: **Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity!**

Collection- May God bless you...

Total for Sunday, March 3, 2013 was **\$2830.38**

(Collection - \$1569.00, Loose, candles & other - \$1126.00)

Easter candy's profit - \$135.38 Thank you!

Anonymous donation: \$1000.00 Thank You!

Another Donation! The Northside Community Development Fund made a very generous contribution to our church in the amount of **\$300.00**. The donation was made in honor of our very good parishioner, Debbie Label, for work in assisting the Fund to grow and grant loans to individuals and businesses on the Northside.

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our holy church!



Are YOU ready for our Lenten Mission 2013?

My friends....a Parish Mission is for ALL the faithful. In the history of the Church, so called popular mission are series of instructions, sermons, and devotions conducted in a parish for the spiritual welfare of the people. No one will be forcing you to attend this special event in our parish. But the opportunity is here for you to experience personal growth, spiritual refreshment and invigoration. This is a great opportunity for all of us to receive that spiritual cleansing especially during this Lenten Season in preparation for Pascha-Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. One evening will be dedicated to the sick and infirm.

As your parish priest I ask you again to please mark your calendars for these special days during which we are ALL called into a deeper relationship with Our Heavenly Father. Stay tuned for more information next Sunday!