



# ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Mar. 13

**4<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday**

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 11: 2-15

**8:30 A.M. Panachyda/Sorokousty**

**4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Arnold, PA)**

**6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)**

Sunday, Mar. 14

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Lent /St. John Climacus**

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+**Ivan Salo (101<sup>st</sup> Birthday Anniv.),** given by **Andy Salo**

Thursday, Mar. 18

**Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete**

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

**7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (McKees Rocks)**

Saturday, Mar. 20

**Akathistos Saturday**

Readings: Heb. 9:24-28; Mk. 8:27-31

**8:30 A.M Requiem Divine Liturgy followed by Panakhyda**

**6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)**

Sunday, Mar. 21

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Lent /St. Mary of Egypt**

Readings: Heb. 9:11-14; Mk. 10:32-45

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Florian Kuczycki,** by **Mary Beth Parks**

Jesus spoke to 2 other men on the road about following Him.

Write a word to fit each definition.  
Transfer the letters to the lines below.

worn on feet

1 2 3 4 5

travel by foot

6 7 8 9

pal, companion

10 11 12 13 14 15

cast a ballot

16 17 18 19

container for drinking

20 21 22

precious jewel

23 24 25

not little

26 27 28



14 3 3 14 4 6 2 3 22 21 18 1

2 12 5 2 7 14 15 18 17 18 2 4

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1 19 11 16 12 20 13 27 14 18 2 24

9 12 14 23 15 3 25

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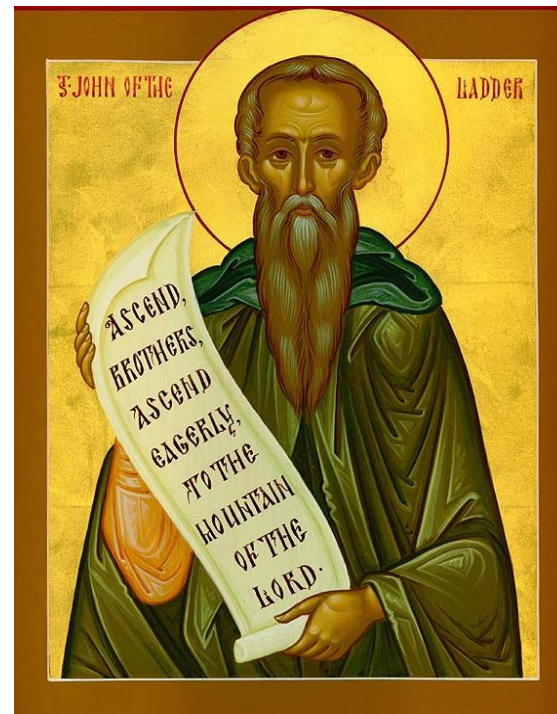
## ***Our venerable father John of the Ladder***

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 30<sup>th</sup>.) He lived in the late 6<sup>th</sup> and early 7<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> century martyr whose head and hand were brought here for safe keeping in the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Mar. 14, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast: St. John Climacus, Tone 8; our Venerable Father Benedict of Nursia (547)**

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*(Small white book)*

## **Announcements:**

### **Making Easter Bread-Paska**

This year again we will prepare our delicious Easter Bread-Paska. In order to preserve this wonderful tradition we are very much in need of your help. In the Church vestibule we have time slots that indicate the time we need your help. I ask that you please offer your time on **Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**, to continue this wonderful tradition of making Paska Bread.

The price per a loaf this year is \$10.00. In the Church vestibule we have a sign-up sheet for placing your orders. I ask you to write down your name and amount of Paska Bread (plain or raisin) you wish to order. You may pick-up your order on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy.

### **Message from our Bishop Bohdan:**

A year has passed and we continue to struggle with the coronavirus pandemic. Each and every one of us knows Covid-19 victims, their families, the sick, health care workers, volunteers and all those on the front line during this perilous time. During the Great Fast, we ask all of our Ukrainian Catholic parish communities in the United States of America to gather in liturgical prayer for the victims of the Covid-19 pandemic. We ask you to celebrate with the participation of our beloved faithful, the **Requiem Divine Liturgy for the souls of the victims followed by the Panakhyda Service on Akathistos Saturday, March 20, 2021.**

## St. George Kitchen News

### Soup Sale

This week, we have vegetable & mushroom barley soup (\$7.00 per quart) available for sale. We are still looking for volunteers to help. Please check the sign-up sheet in the vestibule for available dates.

### Pyrohi

Pyrohi are available for sale today. Frozen varieties (jalapeño, loaded baked potato, half and half) are ready for sale. There are fresh potato/cheese. For March 18 & 19, there will be potato/cheese. To guarantee that you get your order, please call the church hall and leave a message with your order.

Our total income from last week's sale was \$1,722.00. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

### Scholarship

The Education Board of St. George's is happy to announce that students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University should be aware of the availability of the Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund. The Fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne University. For more information and application forms please contact the parish office. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by Sunday, May 2nd, 2021.

**Scholarship from Ukrainian Technological Society:** Application online forms are opened on the website: [www.utspgh.org](http://www.utspgh.org)

### Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of February 28, 2021 was **\$1,191.40 + Pyrohy: \$1,778.00**

(Collection: \$850.00, Loose & candles: \$44.00, Soup sale: \$42.00, candy: \$255.40)

The grand total for Sunday of March 7, 2021 was **\$2,070.00 + Pyrohy: \$1,722.00**

(Collection: \$1535.00, Loose & candles: \$24.00, Soup sale: \$161.00, Online donation: \$350.00)

**Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!**



### *ON SPIRITUAL READING*

*Remember that no one can simultaneously think about two subjects. If you occupy your mind with good thoughts (reading spiritual books or studying some worth-while subject), the bad ones will not be able to linger in your mind.*

*- Saint Innocent of Alaska*



### *ON CONTROLLING THE TONGUE*

*Guard the tongue for it is like a majestic stallion. For if you put a bit in its mouth and teach it to walk in order, it adapts to this and is satisfied. But if you let it run wild, it becomes the vehicle of the devil and his angels.*

*- Saint John Chrysostom*



### **PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM**



*O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power, and idle chatter. (Prostration)*

*Instead, grant to me Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble mindedness, patience, and love. (Prostration)*

*O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins, and not to judge my brother. For You are holy, now and ever and forever. Amen. (Prostration)*

