

March 31, 2019  
Fourth Sunday of Lent, St. John Climacus



**SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Glory to Jesus Christ ~ Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! ~ Slava Na Viki!  
Propers for this Sunday: pg. 141, Tone 4 and pp. 226-227

**Divine Services for the Week:**

**SUN., MAR. 31** **FOURTH SUNDAY of the LENT, SAINT JOHN CLIMACUS**

8:00 A.M.

*Holy Rosary*

8:30 A.M.

**DIVINE LITURGY**, *Blessing of Icons*

+ **Pete Yanchik**, offered by Yanchik family

**THUR., APR. 4**

**GREAT CANON of ST. ANREW of CRETE,**

7:00 P.M.

**Matins with Canon**

**FRI., APR. 5**

**FIFTH FRIDAY OF LENT**

7:00 P.M.

**LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS**

*St. Mary: Wed. April 3  
7:00 P.M.  
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy*

*The Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts takes precedence over all other Lenten devotions.*

**SAT., APR. 6**

**AKATHISTOS SATURDAY**

10:00. A.M.

**AKATHIST to the MOTHER of GOD**

**SUN., APR. 7**

**FIFTH SUNDAY of the LENT, ST. MARY of EGYPT**

8:00 A.M.

*Holy Rosary*

8:30 A.M.

**DIVINE LITURGY,**

+ **Joseph Haber**, offered by wife Alice and family

**Fifth Week of the Great Fast Services**

In the fifth week of the Great Fast, the Church sings the Great Canon of Repentance of Saint Andrew of Crete. This service will be on **Thursday, April 4 at 7:00 P.M.** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be on **Friday, April 5.** Saturday of the fifth week of the Great Fast prescribes the Akathist Hymn. The Akathist Hymn will be on Saturday, **April 6 at 10:00 A.M.** Plan on making these devotions for your Lenten Journey. **Remember, it is never too late to participate in the Great Fast!**

**Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:**

April 6: John Chabala

**Wedding Anniversaries This Week:**

None for the Week

**Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins**

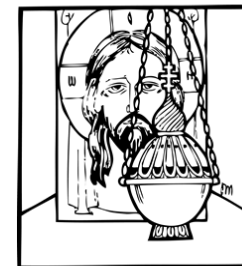
**HOME** – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

**Hunter's Care Home** (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

**West Hills Health & Rehab Center** (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Margaret Klacik

**Beaver Meadows** (5130 Tuscarawas Rd, Beaver, PA 15009) - Paul Valiga, Angie Yuhasz

**Epistle Readers** – March 31: Jo Ann Hersh – April 7: Jo Ann Hersh  
**Ushers** – March 31: F. Hersh/M. Bobanic – April 7: E. Maruhnich/R. Mudron  
**Troica Holders** – March 31: R. Dzumba – April 7: M. Bobanic



**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP**

**March 31 – April 6, 2019**

*Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:*

**Mary Salamon**

*(Health and God's Blessings)*

Offered By:

A friend



“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.”  
(2 Cor 9:7)

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### Altar Servers Needed!!!

We are in need of altar servers to help out as needed. Any men of the parish of ANY age who would like to contribute are asked to speak to Erik Fetkovich or put your name in the M.A.P. Box. You will be shown what to do. Let us consider this part of our Action Plan of Social Ministry. Are you looking for a way to volunteer or to extend your volunteering in our parish? Then we need you! Please consider stepping up to help in this vital ministry! **Every single person makes a difference.**

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*Invite others to Church. We are in challenging times. Every single person makes a difference.*

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*We are taking donations throughout the year for our annual Flea Market. Any time you have an item to donate, please leave it in the Center.*

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### 14<sup>th</sup> EGGstravaganza



St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Uniontown will hold its 14<sup>th</sup> EGGstravaganza on Sunday, April 7 from 12:00 noon – 5:00 P.M. Egg artists will demonstrate and sell eggs. There will be a market place with Pysanky supplies, Easter items, Easter crafts, basket covers and other ethnic items. Videos showing Pysanky making and hands on workshops for those interested in learning to make Pysanky will be available. There are many other displays and demonstration planned. A Bake Sale will have a variety of items including long rolls (nut, apricot, poppyseed, and cottage cheese) A Lenten Lunch menu will be available for purchase. Admission is free. For more information call: 724-438-6027 (M-F 9am-3pm, leave message) Come and “Experience the Tradition”!

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### St. Gregory Kielbasa Sale

St. Gregory Church is selling homemade kielbasa at \$6.50 per pound. It will be delivered to St. George on Saturday, April 13. If interested, an order sheet is in the Center.

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**A sign-up sheet is now in the Center to donate altar candles for Pascha (Easter). Please sign-up by next Sunday.**

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Glory to Jesus Christ ~ Glory Forever!

### St. George Patronal Feast Day Celebration

A *Patronal Feast* is the occasion on which a parish annually honors the saint who was chosen as the Patron Saint of the parish. All parishioners should attend as we celebrate in honor of our Patron, St. George the Great Martyr. There will be a Divine Liturgy on our Patronal Feast Day, Tuesday, April 23, (time to be announced). The following Sunday, April 28, will be a parish brunch following the Sunday Divine Liturgy to complete the celebration (time to be announced). More details will follow in next week’s bulletin.

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### Two More Lenten Bible Studies with Soup Supper Left



If you haven’t come to our Bible Study yet, there are two more left for you to attend. Plan to join us **TODAY** and **NEXT SUNDAY** at **5:00 P.M.** for spiritual reflection, fasting supper, and fellowship. *This Bible study is the ideal companion for our spiritual journey through the Great Fast.*

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### Lenten Library

As the Great Lenten Fast continues, we remind all parishioners that resources are available to support your individual journey. **These resources are available at the Church Store display in the Center.**



The Holy Week and Pascha Schedule will be listed in next week’s bulletin so you may start arranging your schedule to be present for the Divine Services available and put God first. Stand by the Cross of Christ!

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### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Eparchy of Parma and Assembly 2019

The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Creation of the Eparchy of Parma on Sunday, June 23 with a Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 3:00 P.M. at the Cathedral of St. John. **Each parish is expected to send three representatives** of whom will also attend the Assembly.

#### Assembly 2019:

The Assembly will reconvene on Monday, June 24 beginning with Divine Liturgy at 9:00 A.M. at the Cathedral of St. John and will conclude at 3:00 P.M. The purpose of this Assembly will be to continue to assist in developing and implementing a strategic plan for rejuvenating our parishes. Anyone who would like to attend these events, please speak to Jo Ann Hersh.

***Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast***  
***St. John Climacus***

***Why is St. John called “of the Ladder”...***

***What is this Ladder?***

Being a monk at the monastery of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai, our venerable father John wrote a book outlining the stages of the spiritual life. He based his entire work on the image of a ladder of thirty rungs, stretching from earth to heaven. Each rung described a step in the pursuit of virtue and the spiritual life. Since it was first written, The Ladder of Divine Ascent has been an essential part of the formation of monastics, and a mainstay of ascetic spirituality. However, the Ladder is not just for monks and nuns because all Christians are called to make an ascent to the heights of heaven. For this reason the Church places the commemoration of Saint John and his Ladder on the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, as the faithful continue their ascent with the Lord to Golgotha and through Golgotha to His Heavenly Kingdom.

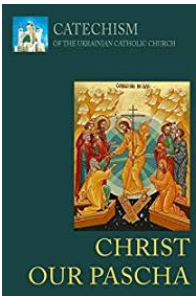


The 30 Steps of the Ladder of Divine Ascent:

- Steps 1–4: renouncement of the world and obedience to a spiritual father
- Steps 5–7: penitence and affliction as paths to true joy
- Steps 8–17: the defeat of vices and acquisition of virtue
- Steps 18–26: avoidance of the traps of asceticism (laziness, pride, mental stagnation)
- Steps 27–29: acquisition of stillness or peace of the soul, of prayer, and of dispassion
- Step 30: the union of faith, hope, and love

***Excerpts from Christ Our Pascha:***

***Tradition of the Holy Fathers of the Church.*** The unified conciliar thought of the Fathers defined the content of faith. Thanks to this, the faith endured for centuries without error and was professed in the fullness of truth. The definitions of faith provided by the ecumenical councils acquired the status of dogmas, and they became the unchangeable teachings of the Church. Through these dogmas, the Fathers delineated the true profession of the Mysteries of God, defending the Tradition from erroneous interpretations. The transmission of faith continues to this day through the ministry of bishops, the successors of the apostles. We referred to this ministry as the “Teaching Office” (in Latin, Magisterium) of the Church, when bishops transmit with one mind, always and everywhere, that which they have received from the apostles.



**Confession**

With the Lenten Season upon us, it is time to remember the need for confession. With this in mind, confession will be available before and after Church services on Sundays and Fridays.

*"The lessening of evil, breeds abstinence from evil; and abstinence from evil is the beginning of repentance; and the beginning of repentance is the beginning of salvation; and the beginning of salvation is a good resolve; and a good resolve is the mother of labors. And the beginning of labors is the virtues; and the beginning of the virtues is a flowering, and the flowering of virtue is the beginning of activity. And the offspring of virtue is perseverance; and the fruit and offspring of persevering practice is habit, and the child of habit is character. And good character is the mother of fear; and fear gives birth to the keeping of commandments in which I include both Heavenly and earthly. And the keeping of the commandments is a sign of love; and the beginning of love is an abundance of humility; and an abundance of humility is the daughter of dispassion; and the acquisition of the latter is the fullness of love, that is to say, the perfect indwelling of God in those who through dispassion are pure in heart, for they shall see God. And to Him the glory for all eternity. Amen"*

*(from Step 27)*



**PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM**

***To be said daily during the Great Fast***

Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter.

(Prostration)

Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love.

(Prostration)

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen.

(Prostration)

*When you hear that your neighbor or your friend has denounced you behind your back or indeed in your presence, show him love and try to compliment him.*

Ladder of Divine Ascent, Step 22

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**E.C.F.coordinator: Jo Ann Hersh**  
**Facilities Supervisor: John Poiarkoff**

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation.....Before and after Liturgies  
Holy Mysteries of Initiation.....Contact the church office  
Holy Mystery of Anointing .....Ask prior to surgery or serious illness  
Holy Mystery of Marriage .....Contact the church office eight months prior to wedding  
Religious Education Classes.....September through May, following Sunday Divine Liturgy  
Pirohi Sales ..... 2nd Friday of each month, Sept. through May  
St. George Ladies’ Guild & Men’s Club..... Everyone welcome to participate

***God has entrusted St. George Church to us; its future is in our hands.***