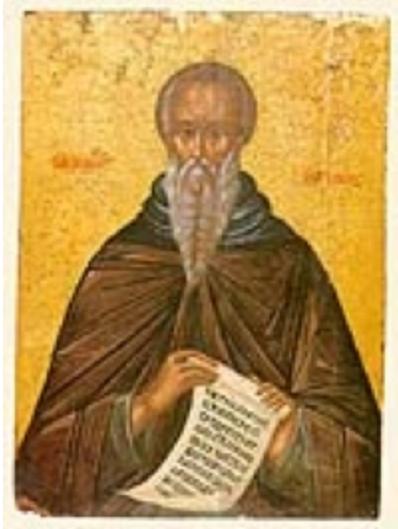


# St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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Sunday, April 3rd, 2022 4th SUNDAY OF LENT St. John Climacus



## Hymns for Today

### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION TONE 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

### TROPARION St John Climacus Tone 1

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, you were a wonderworker, 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 through you grants healing to all!

### KONTAKION St. John Climacus 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!

### Epistle: 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 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: 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;

*DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive the Holy Sacrament through prayer and fasting. If you have questions please let us know!*

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.”

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#### This Week’s Schedule

##### **THIS WEEKEND**

##### **Sunday, March 27th:**

Hours @ 9:15 AM; Divine Liturgy @ 9:30

##### **Wednesday, April 6th**

Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m.

Confessions at 5 p.m.

##### **Thursday, April 7th**

Canon of St. Andrew 6:00 p.m.

##### **NEXT WEEKEND**

##### **Saturday, April 9th**

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Confessions to follow

##### **Sunday April 10th:**

Hours @ 9:15 AM; Divine Liturgy @ 9:30

#### **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**Living:** Shut-ins and ill: Matushka Paula Soucek, Fr. Theodore Orzolek, Mike Jadick, Bernie Elko, Rose Krenitsky, Margaret Pregmon, Dr. David Lezinsky, Fr. John Nightingale, Stella Krenitsky, Marie Buranich, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Sandra Pritchky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchky, Nadia Macheska, Sandy Batton, Paula

Stavisky, Al Pritchky, Dr. Eli Stavisky, Evelyn Bunevitch.

#### **Recently Departed:**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Services:** Please note that with the assignment of Fr. Michael as our full-time priest, we will be returning to a normal schedule of services. **Great Vespers** will return this coming Saturday at 5:00 pm. The Holy Week schedule will be announced next week.

**Email Change:** Fr. Michael Shepherd’s new email is: [frmichael@stmichaelof.org](mailto:frmichael@stmichaelof.org) His cell phone is 570-229-4829.

**Visit of Archbishop Mark:** to our parish on Sunday, April 10th, 2022. Please be here to greet him, and to thank him for assigning us Fr. Michael!

**Save this date:** April 16, 2022, for a Minooka cemetery clean-up. More details to follow.

**Pierogi Project:** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th. Workers will be needed! A limit of 200 dozen will be made. They are \$8.00/dozen, and pickup is Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. Any questions, contact Sandra Condon.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to Saint John Klimakos, the author of The Ladder of Divine Ascent. In this book the Igoumen of Saint Katherine’s Monastery on Mount Sinai bears witness to the great effort which is required for entry into God’s Kingdom (Matthew 10:12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is difficult since it is “not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ...” (Ephesians 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, as the Lord has said, only “he who endures to the end will be saved” (Matthew 24:13).