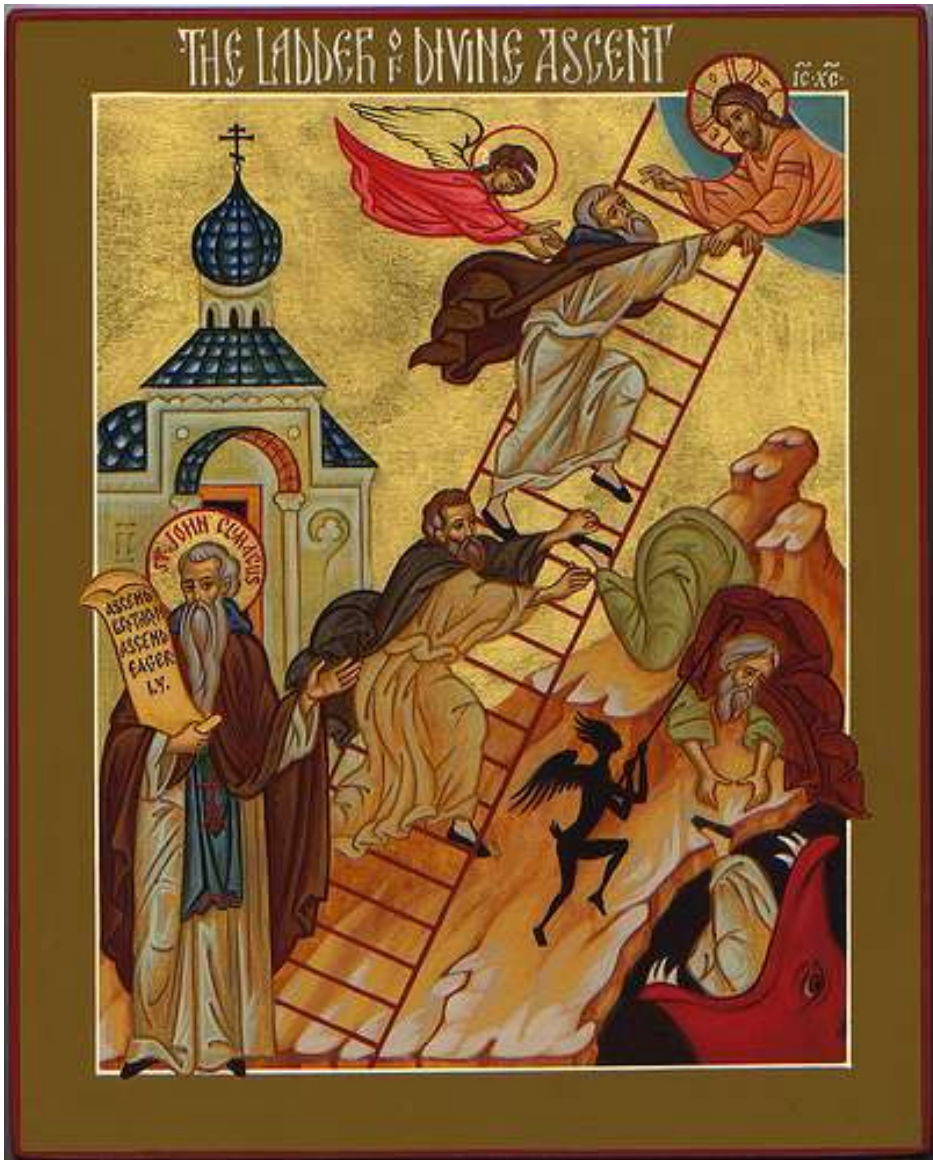


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**SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday:**

Rosary 8:30 am

Matins 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10 am

Vespers, 4:00 pm

**Saturday:** Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**Weekday:** Monday & Tuesday  
6<sup>th</sup> Hour 12 noon

Wednesday & Friday  
Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

**Holy Days of Obligation**

**Check the bulletin or call the office**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 10 am – 4 pm

Thursday & Evenings by appointment.

**Parish Advisory Board Members:**

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,  
Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap

**Parish Finance Council Members:**

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

**Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):**

9:30-9:50 am on Sundays, after weekday Liturgies, or  
by appointment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:**

Must be arranged three months in advance.  
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

**Mystery of Crowning (Matrimony):**

Must be arranged six months in advance  
(Pre-Cana requirement)

**Anointing of the Sick** on Sundays before  
hospitalization

*For emergencies, call immediately.*

**Eastern Christian Formation Program:**

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for  
45 minutes

**Theosis:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

6 pm Potluck Dinner

7 pm Bible Study

**Knights of Columbus** meet the first Monday of the  
month at 7:00 pm

**March 15, 2015**  
**Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**St. John Climacus**  
 Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20; Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

<b>Today</b>	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sabinus &amp; Pappas Martyrs</b>	
March 16	Readings: Genesis 13:1-18; Proverbs 14:27-15	
	12 Noon	6 <sup>th</sup> Hour
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Alexis, Man of God Venerable</b>	
March 17	Readings: Genesis 15:1-15; Proverbs 15:7-19	
	12 Noon	6 <sup>th</sup> Hour
	6:15 pm	CAFE meeting at UNM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Cyril of Jerusalem Archbishop</b>	
March 18	Readings: Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20-16:9	
Abstinence	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</b>	
March 19	Readings: Genesis 18:20-33; Proverbs 16:17-33	
	7:00 pm	Matins
		Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete with prostrations
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Venerable Fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery</b>	
March 20	Readings: Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 16:17-33	
Abstinence	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy followed by meatless potluck
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Akathistos Saturday</b>	
March 21	Epistle: Hebrews 9:24-28; Gospel: Mark 8:27-31	
	9:00 am	Akathist
		Knights of Columbus Retreat
	11 am – 4: pm	Pysanky class
	1 – 3 pm	Women's book club meeting at Cindy Loescher's
	5:00 pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th Sunday of the Great Fast/Mary of Egypt</b>	
March 22	Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14; Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Matins
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family
	Eternal Lamp:	Open
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers

***Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm;  
O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those  
who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their  
Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine!***

Fr. George Reamulto  
Fr. Julian Gnull  
Fr. Alberto Villalobos  
Fr. Anthony Romero  
Fr. James Lane



Roy Smith  
Sven & Barbara Svensson  
Michele Koetter  
Abraham Haddad  
Lillian Murphy  
Stephen Horner  
Demetrius Yackanich  
Jenny Ford  
Marilyn Fore  
Robert Hasaka  
Frank & Martha Arden  
Pricilla Hughes  
Sharif Rabadi

Paola Terlaza  
Henry Zuggger  
John & Margie Disque  
Phillip Fall  
Walter Jakymiw  
Olga Bodnar  
Frances Brannan  
John Deflice  
Kristoff Rajala  
Jordan Smith  
Marge Merrills  
Theresa Doherty  
Maggie Batsel

Carla Matthes  
Laura Dominguez  
Robert Zadel  
Joseph Koetter  
Mary Nell Preisler  
Jackie De Paolis  
Donny Terry  
Mary Murphy  
Lorraine Hubbell  
Quintin Santamaria & Family  
Heather Mattax  
Larry Bennett  
William Frank

***Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful  
weapon against sin, and for healing. **The Sorrowful  
Mysteries are said every day until Pascha.*****

*If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions,  
and join us on Sunday at 8.30 am.*



### ***Intentions of the Rosary***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East

### ***Holy Father's Intentions for March***

**Universal:** That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

**Evangelization:** That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

*Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group*

**The carillon system** has been repaired and bells are ringing again. The bells ring daily at noon and 6 pm, with "call to prayer" and a hymn to Our Lady. The bells also will ring again before and during the Divine Liturgy.

**Congratulations to Ed Loescher**

Ed has recently been named as a recipient of the Lumen Gentium award by the Dominican Ecclesial Institute (D+E+I). The award, translated as Light of the Nations, recognizes individuals in the Archdiocese who are active and dedicated to adult faith formation.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Trojca</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Counter</b>	<b>Host</b>
3/22	Christy MacMurchadha	Christy Talamante	Irene Bradley Luba Kmetyk	Cindy Loescher Barbara DeLap	Wells

**Barbara's Hall Report:**

Thanks to Marilyn Fore and Barbara DeLap for making a big vat of pulled pork for sandwiches. And lots of potato chips! Everything was delicious. We are at Mid-Lent. Pascha is almost here! Think now what you want to bring for the Pascha Brunch we have here at Church after the blessing of the baskets.

**The Mission Society** Easter Cards are available again this year. Each beautiful card is \$2, and are sold in packets of five. The income will benefit Father Artur's home eparchy, the Eparchy of Mukachevo. This is the original Byzantine Catholic eparchy, where our Church was founded in central Europe.

The cards have a space for you to fill out an intention and sign your name, and each packet has an envelope to use to remit the money and intentions to us. These intentions will be prayed for by Bishop Milan Sasik, CM, on Easter Sunday, April 12 (Old Calendar) at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

The income from these cards goes to projects in the Mukachevo Eparchy, which continues to build new churches and chapels to serve the growing Greek Catholic population. While eastern Ukraine faces warfare, and all of Ukraine suffers economic decline due to this unfortunate war, the needs of the Greek Catholic Church in Transcarpathia continue.

When Subcarpathian Rus' was annexed to Soviet Ukraine by order of Stalin in 1945, the re-named Zakarpattia Oblast saw its traditional Church, the ancient Greek Catholic Church, driven into a life in the underground where people worshipped in secret in private houses, apartments, barns, cemeteries, and forests. The priesthood and sacramental life survived through the intrepid efforts of Venerable Alexander Khira, secret bishop, and dedicated clergy and laity.

The Church emerged in 1991, to the great surprise of the Soviet authorities, vindicated in the public's mind by its suffering. The collapse of Soviet rule was accompanied by an orgy of corruption that included having court orders to return confiscated churches simply ignored and worship being celebrated outside in many places, in hot summer or freezing winter. Bishop Sasik has engaged in a campaign of construction of churches, parish houses, convents and monasteries, and schools.

Please encourage your relatives, friends, co-workers to buy our cards and to spread the joy of Jesus' Resurrection by helping the resurrection of the Byzantine Catholic Church's mother eparchy! Send your orders to us *today* using the enclosed form and envelope. May God bless you for your generosity. Please pick up your set today in the hall!

**We have** three embroidered Basket Covers in store to be used on Easter Sunday. If you need one, you better get it now! Cost is \$55

**Check out** the beautiful glass display case donated by the DeLaps - it replaces the table with glass shelves that allow you to see items easily instead of rummaging on the wooden shelves. In the coming weeks we will have new Resurrection icons, and we have ordered more prayer books.

**OLPH Women's Book Club** will meet Saturday, March 21 from 1 - 3 pm @ Cindy Loescher's house. Bring tea sandwiches or other light snack to share. We will be discussing Lent blessings from the book: "Our Paschal Pilgrimage" by Most Reverend Basil Losten (available in OLPH gift shop \$10) Contact Lara Davis (710-1181) for more info.

**Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete**, Thursday, 7 pm - this is one of the great classics of Eastern theology, filled with odes that deal with the theme of repentance. No other service compares to this dialogue between St. Anthony and his soul, juxtaposing his sinfulness with the abundance of God's ocean of mercy.

A "canon" is an ancient Byzantine style of service, with odes containing theology written in poetic form in the original Greek. This canon goes through themes of honest self-examination, the desire to change one's life, the reality of death and personal judgment by God, praying in supplication, looking at examples from the Bible of people who were sinners who changed their lives, as well as those who refused to heed God's call and so were punished. It concludes with the reading of the life of Saint Mary of Egypt.

### **Eastern Catholic On Line Classes for Laity**

We now have a formation program available for our Catechists! In collaboration with the other Eastern Catholic Churches in the United States, we are launching a joint program to meet your needs and make the highest quality catechist formation affordable (FREE), convenient, and totally faithful to our Eastern Catholic tradition.

Since our parishes are quite spread out, we will be making use of the latest in web conferencing technology\* to offer our first live and fully interactive on-line formation course. Our first class will offer a teacher's introduction to Level 7 of the God with Us series and will be open to catechists and aspiring catechists of all ages and levels.

If you are not computer savvy, don't worry, we are here to help you. We will help to ensure that you are up to speed and ready to participate fully in the class.

Details can be found on the attached flyer and registration can be completed by visiting:

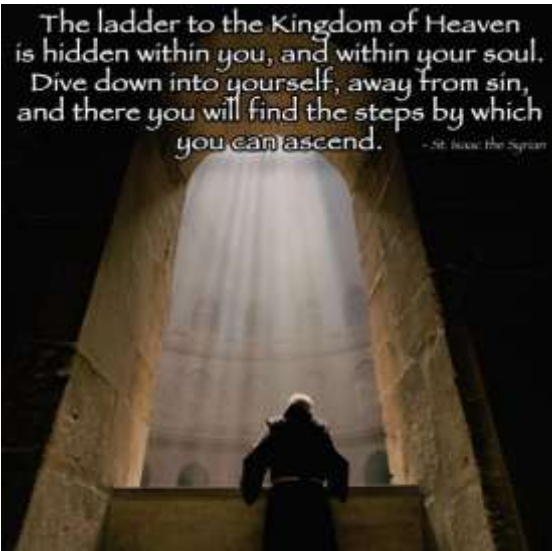
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Registration is limited, so please do not delay in completing the application.

If you have any questions about registration, you can contact Sister Marion and Cindy Corbett at the phone number on the flyer.

For questions about technology, you can contact Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo at (703) 504-8733 [2].

## Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: The Sunday of Saint John Climacus



John came to the *Vatos* Monastery at Mount Sinai, now Saint Catherine's Monastery, and became a novice when he was about 16 years old. He was taught about the spiritual life by the elder monk Martyrius. After the death of Martyrius, John, wishing to practice greater asceticism, withdrew to a hermitage at the foot of the mountain.

In this isolation he lived for some twenty years, **constantly studying the lives of the saints and thus becoming one of the most learned Church Fathers**. When he was about seventy-five years of age, the monks of Sinai persuaded him to become their hegumen (superior or abbot). He acquitted himself of his functions as abbot with the greatest wisdom,

and his reputation spread so far that, according to the *Vita*, **Pope Gregory the Great** wrote to recommend himself to his prayers, and sent him a sum of money for the hospital of Sinai, in which the pilgrims were wont to lodge.

Of John's literary output we know only the *Ladder of Divine Ascent*, composed at the request of John, Abbot of Raithu, a monastery situated on the shores of the Red Sea, and a shorter work *To the Pastor* (Latin: *Liber ad Pastorem*), most likely a sort of appendix to the *Ladder*. **The *Ladder* describes how to raise one's soul and body to God through the acquisition of ascetic virtues. Climacus uses the analogy of Jacob's Ladder as the framework for his spiritual teaching. Each chapter is referred to as a "step", and deals with a separate spiritual subject. There are thirty Steps of the ladder, which correspond to the age of Jesus at his baptism and the beginning of his earthly ministry.**

Within the general framework of a 'ladder', Climacus' book falls into three sections. The first seven Steps concern **general virtues** necessary for the ascetic life, while the **next nineteen** (Steps 8-26) give instruction on overcoming vices and building their corresponding virtues. **The final four Steps** concern the higher virtues toward which the ascetic life aims. **The final rung of the ladder**—beyond prayer (προσευχή), stillness (ήσυχία), and even dispassion (ἀπαθεία)—is love (ἀγάπη).

Originally written simply for the monks of a neighboring monastery, the *Ladder* swiftly became one of the most widely read and much-beloved books of Byzantine spirituality. This book is one of the most widely-read among Eastern Christians, especially during the season of Great Lent. It is often read in the trapeza (refectory) in monasteries, and in some places it is read in church as part of the Daily Office on Lenten weekdays, being prescribed in the Triodion.