

# **SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS**

**April 11, 2021**

**Saints Commemorated today:** Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum; Pharmuthios the Anchorite and Guthlac the Hermit of Crowland

## **EPISTLE READING**

**Hebrews 6:13-20**

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 9:17-31**

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

## **ENTRANCE HYMN: 3RD TONE**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let things on earth be glad, for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm; He hath trampled upon death by death. He hath become the first-born of the dead. From the bowels of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

## **FOURTH MODE**

As the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.



## **PALM SUNDAY PLAKI LUNCHEON**

Continuing our long-standing tradition of hosting the Palm Sunday luncheon, the Good Samaritans are happy to announce there will be a Plaki Luncheon this year on **April 25**, it just will look a little different. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, we will be hosting a carry-out only luncheon. We will take advance orders that are prepaid via the form included in this bulletin: **\$20** -Plaki, Mashed Potatoes, Skothalia, Vegetable, Salad. Dinners must be ordered and prepaid by Sunday, April 18.

We apologize, but we will not have the capability of taking same day orders or collecting money at the time of pick up. All dinners will be packaged in takeout containers, and will be ready to pick up at the back doors of the Good Samaritan Cultural Center. We will have signs posted. Thank you for your support and understanding. We all are hopeful next year's luncheon will be back to normal, and we can all be together again.

## **PHILANTHROPY AT ST ANDREW**

We welcome Catherine Leonakis to Philoptochos! Very excited to have her in the group, and very blessed to have gained 5 new members over the last couple months. If you're interested in joining the group and helping us execute Saint Andrew's philanthropic ministry, please notify the church office, or send us an email [here](#) or call 574-404-1184.

Our April commitments to metropolis and national Philoptochos are as follows:

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) - the humanitarian aid agency of Orthodox Christians, providing food, shelter, economic self- sufficiency and hope to those in need around the world.

Philoptochos partners with IOCC to serve as first responders to major world disasters through and for education, health, and major necessities.

The Metropolis Philanthropy Fund - considered "the heartbeat" of Philoptochos. A fund into which all local chapters donate annually which provides financial aid to Orthodox Christians within our Metropolis, navigating challenging life circumstances.

We continue to accept donations for Dress for Success, our first annual Lenten almsgiving project. As you spring clean your home, consider bringing in any gently used clothing items you have which comprise a woman's professional business outfit - suits, skirts, pants, tops, cardigans, belts, jewelry, etc. Think office and interview attire. Collection bins are in the church foyer. Deadline is Pascha.

We are also continuing the work on our Operation Classroom project which is to organize and beautify the child care room at the Brown Community Learning Center. We are in need of the following items: 5 bean bags, super hero dolls, small/short children's table with 4-6 short chairs, 2 regular tables with 2-4 chairs, fireproof window covering for 1 window, coloring books and toys. Deadline for these donations is April 11.

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the support of Hellenic College / Holy Cross seminary last Sunday. We greatly appreciate your generosity with this annual collection and all of the Saint Andrew philanthropic projects.

## **PROSFORO COMMITTEE**

We are in need of parishioners willing to join the Prosforo Committee. If needed, we will do an instructional class for anyone who would like to join but is not sure how to prepare the Prosforo. Generally it means making the Prosforo for four Sundays during the year (2 every six months) and occasionally making extra for weekday Liturgies. The more who sign up the less often each individual will need to cover a Sunday. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.

Jesus is the Bread of Life Who offers Himself for our salvation. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you have no life in you; he who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53-54).

## DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Discretionary Fund is to assist local parishioners (individuals, and families) that have encountered financial hardship. If you would like to help please contact Father John or make donations payable to the Discretionary Fund.

## VISITING SAINT ANDREW?

People of different religious affiliation or tradition are always welcome at the liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodoxy or have specific questions, please set up a time to speak with Father John.

## YOUR PRAYERS HELP...

“...I was sick and you visited Me...” St. Matthew 25:36. “Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies have mercy, forgive and heal thy servants.” The following brothers and sisters in Christ need your constant prayers and love, recovering at home or ill at home/hospital: Vasilios Spentzos (home) and Nick Limberopoulos (home).

In nursing homes or home bound: Artemis Hoke (Westgate Garden), and Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, George Mighion, Chris Strafford, Pete Arvan. If you are not serving in the pangari today, please join everyone in the Sanctuary.

Today's Epistle Lesson will be read by an Altar Boy.

**Sigrid Thanos** prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

**MEMORIAL:** A 40-day Memorial for Aphrodite **Pappas** is offered this morning by her loving family. May Her Memory Be Eternal

## THIS WEEK

Friday April 9	Salutations	6:00pm
Saturday April 10	Divine Liturgy	9:30am
Saturday April 10	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 11	Sunday of St. John of the Ladder	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Monday April 12	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Tuesday April 13	Parish Council	7:00pm
Wednesday April 14	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Thursday April 15	Compline & Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	6:00pm

Friday April 16	The Akathist Hymn	6:00pm
Saturday April 17	The Akathist Hymn	9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday April 17	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 18	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy

### LOOKING AHEAD

Monday April 19	Great Compline	6:00pm
Tuesday April 20	Discoveries in Orthodoxy: Exploring Holy Week	7:00 pm via Zoom
Wednesday April 21	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday April 24	Lazarus Saturday	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday April 24	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 25	Palm Sunday	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sunday April 25	Bridegroom Matins	6:00pm
Monday April 26	Holy Monday Presanctified Liturgy	9:00am
Monday April 26	Holy Monday Bridegroom Matins	6:00pm
Tuesday April 27	Holy Tuesday Presanctified Liturgy	9:00am
Tuesday April 27	Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Matins	6:00pm
Wednesday April 28	Holy Wednesday Holy Unction	3:30pm
Wednesday April 28	Holy Wednesday Matins of Holy Thursday	6:00pm
Thursday April 29	Holy Thursday Vesperal Divine Liturgy	9:00am

Thursday April 29	Holy Thursday Matins of Holy Friday and Passion Service	6:00pm
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Royal Hours	8:30am
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Descent from the Cross	2:00pm
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Matins of Holy Saturday and Lamentations	6:00pm
Saturday May 1	Holy Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgy First Resurrection	9:00am
Saturday May 1	Holy Saturday Canon & Great and Holy Pascha at Midnight	11:15pm
Sunday May 2	Great and Holy Pascha-Anastasi/Resurrection Service	12:00am
Sunday May 2	Great and Holy Pascha Agape Vespers	12:00pm

**Easter Love donations needed:**

St. Kassiani Icon Frame (\$65) and Mystical Supper Icon Frame (\$65)

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## Carry-Out Palm Sunday Plaki Luncheon

### April 25, 2021

Pickup available immediately following the Divine Liturgy  
Good Samaritan Cultural Center

**PLAKI DINNER \$20**

Plaki • Mashed Potatoes • Skorthalia • Vegetable • Salad

Reserve your meal today by filling out the form below.  
Dinners must be ordered in advance and paid for by Sunday, April 18, 2021.

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Please drop in church mailbox or mail to Good Samaritans 52445 N Ironwood Rd. South Bend, IN 46635  
Questions call church office 574.277.4688 or email [goodsamaritans1926@gmail.com](mailto:goodsamaritans1926@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your continued support!