

## Troparion & Kontakion

Commemorated on March 29

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, The Ladder of Divine Ascent. The abbot of St Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai (6th century) stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God's Kingdom (Mt.10: 12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Eph 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, according to the Lord, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Mt.24:13).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
TOTAL BUDGET		
<u>YEARLY Needs</u>	<u>MONTHLY Needs</u>	<u>QUARTERLY Needs</u>
\$99,000	\$8,250	\$24,750
<u>ACTUAL YEARLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL MONTHLY COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>ACTUAL QUARTERLY</u>
1st. Qtr. \$29,846		\$29,846
2nd. Qtr. \$37,956	FEB 2009 \$8,110	\$ 8,110

### Holy Spirit Orthodox Church - Wantage, NJ

**Archpriest Samuel Kedala, Rector**

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# Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Wantage, New Jersey

March 29, 2009



Sunday of Saint John Climacus

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## Sunday, March 29, 2009 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

**TODAY. .... Mission-Vespers 4:00 pm-Clifton, NJ**

**Wed. .... 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
at St. Dumitru Romanian Monastery, Middletown, NY  
Concelebrated by Orthodox priests of Hudson Valley Clergy Asso.  
Lenten Refreshments Following Service**

**Fri. .... 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

**Saturday ..... 7:35 Hours, 8am Divine Liturgy- 6:00 P.M. Vespers/Private Confessions**

**Sunday ..... 9:15 am Church School - 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy**

### Today's commemorated feasts and saints...

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. St. John Climacus (of The Ladder).** Hieromartyr Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, Martyr Cyril the Deacon, of Heliopolis, and others who suffered under Julian the Apostate (ca. 364). Ven. John, Anchorite, of Egypt (4th c.). St. Eustathius the Confessor, Bishop of Bithynia (9th c.).

**Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle) Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle, Saint)**

**Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel) Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Gospel, Saint)**

### BULLETIN

**Thank you to the Engelsman family** in addition to **Alexandra Gutu** for their generous donations for the flowers for the Holy Cross.

**Thank you to John Clauson** for his generous donation to our Church for it's ongoing work. May our Lord repay abundantly.

**Thank you to Elena Pavel** for her work on repairing Father Samuel's Vestments. Many Years!

We need a still volunteer to be the **Sunshine Committee chairperson**. The person would be responsible for sending out cards or flowers to those who are ill or unable to attend Church. See Tim Kachur or any member of the parish council if you would like to volunteer.

**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM:** Now through April 14, 2009 at locations throughout the County. Trained VITA volunteers offer FREE assistance with filing basic state and federal tax returns, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Homestead Rebates for those who earned \$50,000 or less in 2008, regardless of age. 973-579-0555 e-mail seniorservices@sussex.nj.us See Bulletin downstairs.

**Thank you** again to **Maria Higginbotham** and **Matushka JoAnne** for cleaning our Church these past weeks May God repay.

**Thank you to Olga Maio** who hosted the **Coffee Social** last week. **Ana and Richard Tiencken** will host this week. Next week the Coffee Social will be hosted by **Joanne Hosbach**. Check the **NEW Coffee Social Assignment Sheet** for your assigned Sunday. A new assignment sheet has been prepared. If you cannot make your date, please switch with someone who has a more convenient day for you. *You are not obligated* to participate. If you cannot participate see Matushka JoAnne.

**TODAY, March 29 – Lenten Mission Vespers** will be served at Holy Assumption Church in **Clifton, NJ** beginning at 4:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. The homilist and celebrant will be **His Beatitude Metropolitan JONAH**.

**Deanery Lenten service schedules** are posted in the church narthex and in the Parish Hall. The services are open for all to attend and are followed by fellowship and refreshments. Next Sunday's service will take place at the **Holy Apostles Church, Saddlebrook, NJ**. The homilist will be our **Fr. Igor Ksnyuk**.

See **CAROL BENDA** to purchase cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

### **WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS**

Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

Please **keep the following people in your prayers:** Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Corinne Matthews, child Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Alexander, the infant Logan Eugene, Matushka Vera Yuschak, Jean Holowach, Louis Vagias, Mike Flood, child Ella Jane, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, Ana Tienken, Mary Itzla, Linda Braxton, Galina Radechenko, Lynne Goodwin, Virginia Goodwin, John Kirpan, Doris Livanos, Renee Krukovsky and her soon to be born child, Inga Urotadze and her soon to be born child, Annie Kedala and her soon to be born child. Alberta Green, Father Nicholas Yuschak and Mary Bachik.

### Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **Joanne Hosbach** for the Health, Salvation and **Happy Birthday** of **John Frances** **Seven day vigil candles** are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published. If you would like something in the monthly bulletin have it e-mailed or brought to Fr. Samuel two weeks prior to the first of the month it is to be published in.