

## St. John Climacus – Commemorated on March 18

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).

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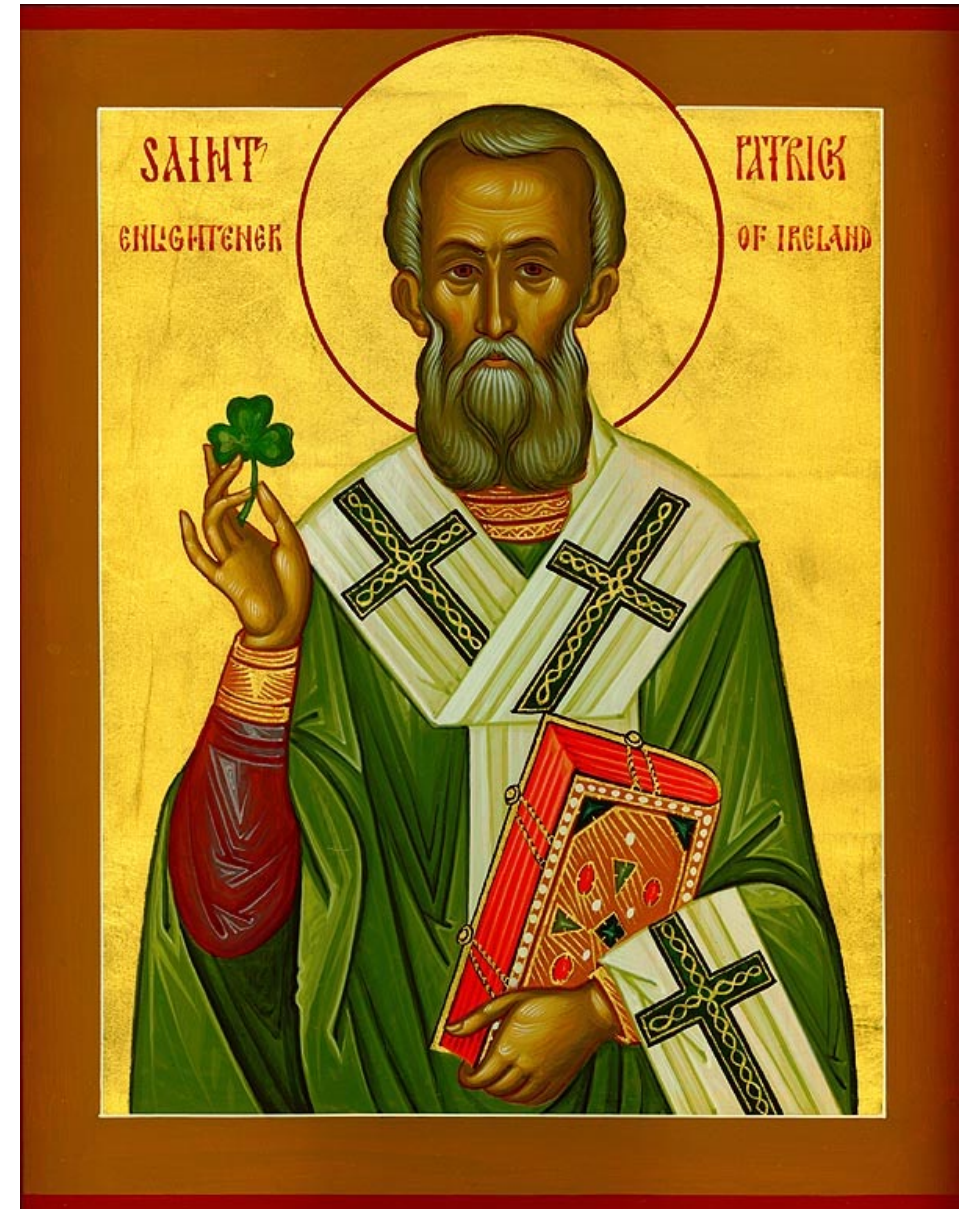
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**Sunday, March 18, 2007**

Today ..... 4:00 PM Lenten Mission Vespers-Holy Assumption Church-Clifton, NJ  
Wed..... 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**at St. Gregory Church, Wappingers Falls, NY**

Combined with Clergy of Different Orthodox Jurisdictions-Followed by Refreshments

Fri. .... 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts-our Church

Sat..... 6:00 pm Vespers - Private Confessions

Sunday ..... Church School 9:15 AM, Hours 9:40 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am-

4:00 PM Lenten Mission Vespers-Annunciation Church, Brick, NJ

**Today's commemorated feasts and saints... FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT -  
Tone 7. St. John Climacus (of The Ladder). Repose of St. Nicholai of Zhicha (1956).**

St. Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem (386). Martyrs Trophimus and Eucarpus of Nicomedia  
(ca. 300). Ven. Aninas of the Euphrates.

Hebrews 6:13-20, Ephesians 5:9-19 (Saint) – Mark 9:17-31, Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Saint)

## **BULLETIN**

The memorial service this morning was offered on behalf of the **Engelsman Family** in Blessed Memory of their father and grandfather Newly Departed servant of God **+Michael** (Apanasow). The burial service will be held this evening at Holy Trinity Church, Randolph, NJ at 6:00 PM. Presanctified Liturgy tomorrow morning 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity, Randolph, followed by burial in Jackson, NJ. May his Memory be Eternal!

No one hosted last weeks fellowship hour. **No one** is signed up for future Coffee Socials. Please **sign-up downstairs** if you can help with hosting one.

**The Mission Vespers Service** will take place this afternoon at Assumption Church, Clifton, NJ. **His Beatitude Metropolitan HERMAN** will be the main celebrant. The **St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir** will be singing the responses and the homily will be delivered by **Archpriest Michael Dahulich, Dean of Saint Tikhon's Seminary**.

Remember that you **must** participate in the sacrament of **Holy Confession** in this period of Great Lent. Father Samuel will be available before and after each service to hear your confession. Try to partake of this great sacrament early in the Great Fast so that you may more fully participate in the services with a cleansed

mind and soul.

Our Food Certificate (card) chairperson **Loren Chwan** will be offering the Food Cards at this mornings Coffee Social. Buy your food cards today. **Great for Gifts.**

**A Basket in the Vestibule** downstairs is for collecting foodstuffs for the needy of the Sussex Borough and the surrounding areas. The sign attached to the basket describes the items needed. Please buy an extra can, box or food item listed so that the needy can be fed.

**Sunday School begins at 9:15 AM** every Sunday morning.

There is a **Car Removal Program** that has been offered to our parish. If anyone knows of someone who has an old car or junker that is sitting around and they would like to get rid of it, let us know. It will be towed away at no expense, our Church will receive \$100.00 and the owner will receive an tax deduction for the value of the vehicle (more money will be given to the Church if it has more value).

**Please Help and remember** to send in your **weekly donation or pledge** even when you have **not attended Church** on a Sunday. Our Church depends on your weekly contributions to pay our obligations. Thank you.

**PLEASE PURCHASE gift 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 keep the following people in your prayers: Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Frank Higginbotham, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Pat Nauditt, Chaplain Fr. Peter Daratsos, Stefan Szemetylo, Christopher, infant Ella Jane, Corinne Matthews, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Lynne Goodwin, Loren Chwan, Don McGuire and Valentina Bobrowsky.

## **SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES**

By the **Kedala Family** in Blessed Memory of **+Michael** (Apanasow)

**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.