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ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Epistle Readings

Hebrews 6:13-20
Ephesians 5:9-19

Gospel Readings

Mark 9:17-31
Matthew 4:25-5:12

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Troparion (St. John of the Ladder)

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body! You were a wonder-worker, 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 (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (St. John of the Ladder)

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.

Memory Eternal, Mengiste Semayat Yawareselen, Večnaja pamjat †

May God grant rest eternal in blessed repose to the souls of the departed on the anniversaries of their falling asleep: John Vitko, Sr.; Altar Server Christopher, Hossana Aberra's father, Haile; Sue Mezines' father, Basil; Helene Watts' father, Sam Tatalovich; Barbara Lane's mother, Lillian; James D. Karabin; Neda Mastilovic; Sophie and Mary Danuta; and Karin Beachy.

Welcome to all guests via livestream and in person today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John or Deacon Stefan. Please come again!

Sacrament of Confession

Fr. John will hear confessions from 6:00-6:30PM before Presanctified Liturgies, 4:00-4:30PM before Saturday Vespers, and by appointment. Please confirm your time with Fr. John in advance: john.vitko@gmail.com, 925-667-6451.

St. Luke Annual Assembly

The participation of faithful parishioners at last week's meeting was gratifying, a positive indication for the future of our community. Ron Kecman was re-elected to serve as Board of Trustees President along with Hunter Whitestone (Vice President), Elizabeth Minahan (Treasurer), David Lumovich (Financial Sec.), Christopher Little (Secretary) and Trustees Mark Mamula, Colin Chung and Diana Kinker. Re-elected to the Audit Board are Barbara Lane (Chairman), Olin Bidy and Mark Damjan. God bless our St. Luke Servant Leaders.

Sisterhood Lenten Soup Social

Last Sunday's luncheon and charity fundraiser revealed the generosity of the volunteer chefs who prepared the eight Lenten soups, homemade bread, salad and desserts, and everyone who donated monetarily to New Hope Housing. Contributions totaled \$640 plus \$500 from the Sisterhood for a total of \$1140! God bless all the kind and giving hearts.

Sisterhood Monthly Meeting - Today

Women of the parish are invited to join the meeting after Coffee Hour to plan for Pascha.

Two-Week Service Schedule

Wednesday, April 17	7PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Lenten Potluck Fasting for Communion begins after the midday meal.
Thursday, April 18	7PM Great Canon of St Andrew, Life of St. Mary of Egypt
Sunday, April 21	10:30AM Fifth Sunday of Great Lent – St. Mary of Egypt
Wednesday, April 24	7PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Lenten Potluck
Saturday, April 27	10:30AM Divine Liturgy - Raising Lazarus from the Dead 2:30PM Palm Sunday Vespers, Blessing of Pussy Willows
Sunday, April 28	10:30AM Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday

Professional Music Lessons

Choir Director Serge Romanchak is graciously offering free music lessons to anyone interested in learning more about church music and singing.

Orthodoxy 201 Resumes after Pascha

The next group study will focus on Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's "For the Life of the World". New copies of the book are available in Fr. John's office at the discounted price of \$13.