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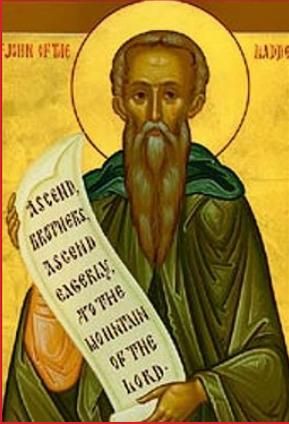
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Welcome visitors! If you are visiting with us for the first time, we greet you in the Holy Name of Christ, our Saviour, and hope you will join us in fellowship after worship. We are genuinely pleased to have you with us today. We must remind you that while the Orthodox Church prays for the unity of all, we do not practice “open Communion.” Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting, and regular confession should approach the chalice.

For questions, please contact Fr. James Purdie.  
Blessings.

# St. John Climacus of Sinai, Author of “the Ladder”



Saint John of the Ladder is honored by Holy Church as a great ascetic and author of the renowned spiritual book called THE LADDER, from which he is also called “of the Ladder” (Climacus).

John went to Sinai when he was sixteen, submitting to Abba Martyrius as his instructor and guide. After four years, Saint John was tonsured as a monk. For nineteen years Saint John progressed in monasticism in obedience to his spiritual Father. After the death of Abba Martyrius, Saint John embarked on a solitary life, settling in a wild place called Thola, where he spent forty years laboring in silence, fasting, prayer, and tears of penitence.

Concealing his ascetic deeds from others, Saint John sometimes withdrew into a cave, but reports of his holiness spread far beyond the vicinity. Visitors from all walks of life came to him, desiring to hear his words of edification and salvation. After forty years of solitary asceticism, he was chosen as igumen of Sinai when he was seventy-five. Saint John governed the holy monastery for four years. Toward the end of his life, the Lord granted him the gifts of clairvoyance and wonderworking.

St. John wrote the incomparable LADDER, a book of instruction for monks who wished to attain spiritual perfection. The saint called his work THE LADDER, for the book is “a fixed ladder leading from earthly things to the Holy of Holies...” The thirty steps of spiritual perfection correspond to the thirty years of the Lord’s age. When we have completed these thirty steps, we will find ourselves with the righteous and will not stumble. THE LADDER begins with renunciation of the world, and ends with God, Who is love (1 John 4:8).

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THE  
**ANTIPHON**

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**RESURRECTIONAL  
APOLYTIKION IN TONE  
THREE**

Let the heavens rejoice  
and the earth be glad,  
for the Lord hath done a  
mighty act with His own  
arm. He hath trampled  
down death by death, and  
become the first-born  
from the dead.

He hath delivered us from  
the depths of Hades,  
granting the world the  
Great Mercy.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST.  
JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE  
EIGHT**

The barren wilderness  
thou didst make fertile  
with the streams of thy  
tears; and by thy deep  
sighing thou hast given  
fruit through thy struggles  
a hundredfold.

Accordingly, thou hast  
become a star for the  
universe, sparkling with  
miracles. Therefore, O  
righteous Father John  
Climacus, intercede with  
Christ God to save our  
souls.

**TROPARION OF ST. BASIL  
THE GREAT IN TONE ONE**

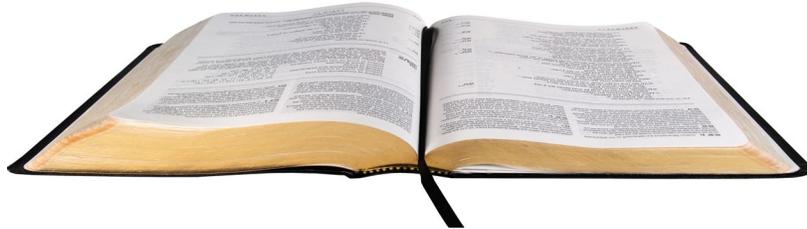
In all the earth that  
received thy sayings, thy  
melody did resound, O  
righteous father, through  
which thou didst go about  
and proclaim, as worthy  
of God, the nature of  
creatures, cultivating the  
character of mankind, O  
thou of kingly Priesthood,  
Basil. Wherefore, plead  
thou with Christ God to  
save our souls.

**KONTAKION FOR  
SUNDAYS IN GREAT  
LENT (AND AKATHIST  
SATURDAY)  
IN TONE EIGHT**

To thee, the Champion  
Leader, do I offer thanks  
of victory, O Theotokos,  
thou who hast delivered  
me from terror; but as  
thou that hast that power  
invincible,

O Theotokos, thou alone  
can set me free: from all  
forms of danger free me  
and deliver me, that I may  
cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride  
without Bridegroom.

# THE EPISTLE



***The Lord will give strength to His people.***

***Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord glory and honor.***

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)**

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying,

“Surely I will bless thee, I will multiply thee.” And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation.

So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel,

He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul,

both sure and steadfast, and entering into “that which is within the veil,” where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf,

having become a High Priest “forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

THE  
**GOSPEL**

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**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:17-31)**

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him,

“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 Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.”

And Jesus 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 Jesus, 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?”

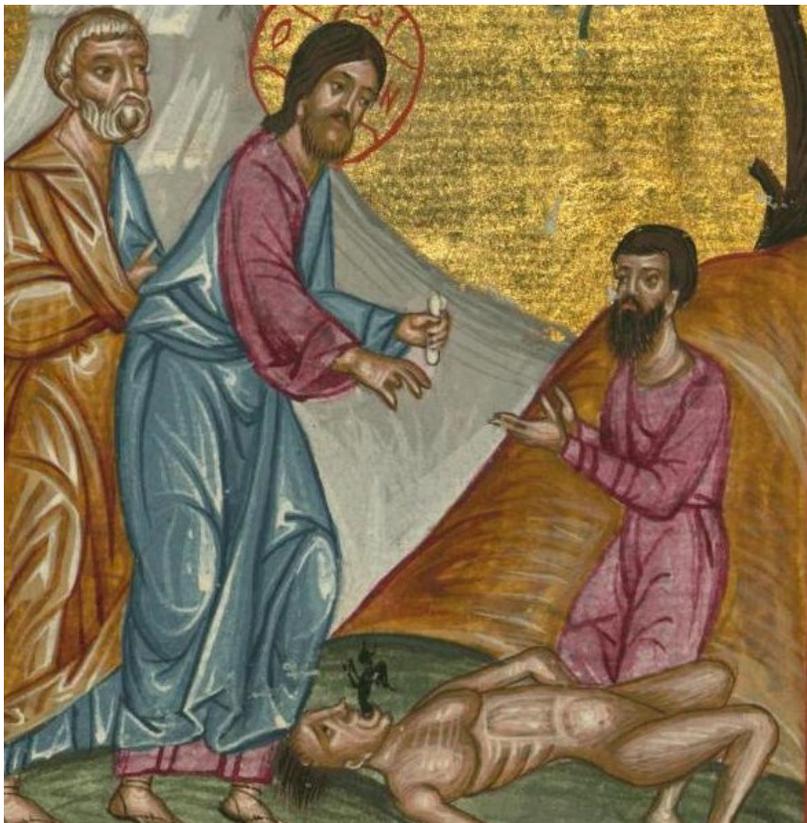
And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him;

but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us.”

And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, 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 Jesus had entered the house,

His Disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

And Jesus 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 Jesus would not have anyone 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 after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”

# OFFERINGS

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