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Sunday Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am. Confession: Sunday @ 9:15 am or by appointment

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## Sunday, March 10, 2024 - Sunday of our Father John Climacus Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Codratus of Corinth and His Companions

*The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of* ✠ **Kimble Pope** (Rima Antous); ✠ **John Pselio** (Rima Antous) *and for the health and salvation of* **Sr. Victoria Michalenko** (Birthday) (Sr. Mary Ann); **Joseph Michalenko** (Birthday) (Sr. Victoria)

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**Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20:** Brethren, when God made His promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater to swear by, He swore by Himself, saying, “I will surely bless you, and will surely multiply you Gn.22: 14).” And so, after patient waiting, Abraham obtained the promise. For men swear by one greater than themselves, and an oath given as a guarantee is the final settlement of all their disagreements. Hence God, meaning to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the firmness of His will interposed an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to deceive, we may have the strongest comfort — we who have sought refuge in holding fast the hope set before us. This hope we have as a sure and firm anchor of the soul, reaching even behind the veil where our forerunner Jesus has entered for us, as He became a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Gospel: Mark 9:17-31:** At that time one of the crowd came to Jesus and bowed to Him saying: “Master, I have brought to You my son, who has a dumb spirit; and whenever it seizes him it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth; and he is wasting away. And I told Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” And He, answering him, said, “O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me.” And they brought him to Him; and the spirit, when it saw Jesus, immediately threw the boy in convulsions, and he fell down on the ground and rolled about foaming at the mouth. So, He asked his father, “How long is it since this has come upon him?” And he said, “From his infancy. Oftentimes, it has thrown him into the fire and into the waters to destroy him. But if You can do anything have compassion on us and help us.” But Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to the man of faith.” At once the father of the boy cried out and said with tears, “I do believe; help my unbelief.” Now when Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, go out of him and enter him no more.” And crying out and violently convulsing him, it went out of him, and he became like one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him and he stood up. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And He said to them, “This kind can be cast out in no way except by prayer and fasting.” And leaving that place, they were passing through Galilee, and He did not wish anyone to know it. For He was teaching His disciples, and saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and having been killed, He will rise again on the third day.”

**St. Ann Prayer List:** *Please remember in your prayer the sick, the suffering, those isolated and alone, those in prison, and the forgotten, and especially for the servants and handmaids of God:* Georgette Ayoub, Carmen Balesh, Marilyn Baiad, Sharon Ballard, Jeffrey Davis, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Clara Kane, Stephen McGrath, Jillian Michalenko, William Michael, Doreen Parrella, Victoria Scalora, Gregory Sideleau, Claire Sirgy, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega.



# Daylight Saving Time is back. Spring forward one hour this Sunday



**Choir Practice for Lent and Holy Week:** This Sunday, March 10, and Sunday March 24 @ 9:00 am.

**Saturday Morning Study During Lent:** The Sunday Lenten Gospels. Each Saturday in the hall at 11:00 am.

**Falafel Fridays this Lent!** Larry Haddad will be making his fabulous Falafel wraps (or Falafel salad plate) starting at 6:00 pm. Only \$10! Every Friday through Greet Lent.

**Next Sunday 3/17 - Reading of the Life of Mary of Egypt – Reading begins at 8:45 am.** The story of Mary’s life is so powerful that it is inserted into the liturgical prayer of Orthros in the Byzantine Churches. An amazing story of redemption, conversion, love, and Eucharistic amazement. Don’t miss it!

### Lent Service Schedule - 5:00 pm

- Mondays: Great Compline except 3/25
- Wednesdays: Presanctified Liturgy
  - Fridays: Akathist Hymn
  - Saturdays: Great Vespers

### Special Lenten Observances

- 3/25: Feast of Annunciation: Divine Liturgy @ 5:00 pm.
- Parish Lenten Retreat: Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 pm: *The Future of Humanity Passes by Way of the Family: the Future of the Family by Way of the Woman*

## Sunday, March 17, 2024 - Sunday of Mary of Egypt Commemoration of our Holy Father Alexis, the Man of God

**Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 (Reader: Mary Hajj); Gospel: Mark 9:17-31**

*The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠ Fahima Karam (Nuhad Haddad); ✠ Laura Karam (Nuhad Haddad) and for the health and salvation of Mary Delfico*

### Sunday Collections:

2/11/2024	2/18/2024	2/25/2024	3/3/2024
Reg: \$1,471	Reg: \$1,231	Reg: \$1,320	Reg: \$785
Spec. Coll: \$35	Spec. Proj: \$213	Clergy Ret: \$50	Fuel/Elec: \$226
Akathist Flowers \$80	Fuel/Elec: \$5	Spec. Proj: \$25	Easter Flowers: \$25
Fundraising: \$900	First Offering: \$5	Fundraising: \$300	Fundraising: \$30
	Clergy Ret: \$5		Spec Proj Honor Roll: \$8,000
	Fundraising: \$150		

### Special Project Honor Donors for 2024

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### Holy Communion and Sacramental Guidelines

**Eucharistic communion** is available to all Catholics of any ritual Catholic Church, including all Eastern and Latin Catholics who have received the sacraments of baptism and chrismation (confirmation), as well as similarly situated members of the Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church. This is also valid for members of other Churches which in the judgment of the Apostolic See are in the same condition in regard to the sacraments as these Eastern Churches. Those conscious of grave sin and those civilly married but without the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, and those in non-sacramental unions, should not approach to receive Holy Communion. If you have any question about this please discuss it Fr. Tom

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**Confession:** Before or after any service, or by appointment.

**Baptism & Chrismation:** Contact Fr. Thomas to arrange the required baptismal instruction.

**Crowning (Matrimony):** Contact parish at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange interview & instruction.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact Fr. Thomas for home or hospital visit.