St Sophia’s
Greek Orthodox Church
Syracuse, New York

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday, March 26, 2023
Sunday of St. John Climacus
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St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20

Psalm 75.11,1

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from
St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
Προς Ἐβραίους 6:13-20

Προκείμενον. Ἡχος πλ. δ'.
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 75.11,1

Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραήλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Ἐβραίους 6:13-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραὰμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχεν ἐμεῖς ὁμόσαι, ὤμοσεν καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων, Ὁ μὴν εὑρομαιν εὐλογησω σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε. Καὶ οὕτως μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχεν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἀνθρωποὶ μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὀμνύουσιν, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὅρκος. Ἐν αὐτῷ περισσότερον βουλόμενος ὁ θεός ἐπιδείξαι τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἣν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν, καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος. Ὄπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσῆλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδεκ ἀρχιερεύς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.
Sunday of St. John Climacus

The Gospel
According to Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "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 your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he 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 him, 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 you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "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 he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he 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 he would not have any one 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 when he is killed, after three days he will rise."
Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 9:17-31
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀνθρωπός τις προσήλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ λέγων, διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σε, ἐχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον, καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ῥήσει τῷ υἱῷ μου, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται καὶ εἴπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἤσχυναν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· ὦ γενεά ἄπιστος, ἔχεις ἁπάντως ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἔνας πόλεμος ἐν τοῖς ἁγίοις μετατρέπει καὶ εἴπετε· παῖδιόθεν. καὶ καταλαβὼν καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκφυεῖον αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· ὅτι ἔχεις ἁπάντως ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἴνα ἕως ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· ὦ γενεά ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἑσπάραξεν αὐτόν καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκφυεῖον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· ὅτι ἔχεις ἁπάντως ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἴνα ἕως ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἑσπάραξεν αὐτόν καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκφυεῖον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· ὅτι ἔχεις ἁπάντως ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἴνα ἕως ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἑσπάραξεν αὐτόν καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκφυεῖον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· ὅτι ἔχεις ἁπάντως ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἴνα ἕως ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἑσπάραξεν αὐτόν καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκφυεῖον αὐτοῦ.
Church Services & Events for Today & the Upcoming Week

**Today ~ Sunday of St. John Climacus**
8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
6:00 pm Lenten Vespers
St. Luke’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church

**Monday—March 27, 2023**
5:30 pm Jesus Prayer Group

**Tuesday—March 28, 2023**
10:00 am Bible Study

**Wednesday—March 29, 2023**
6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday—March 31, 2023**
9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 pm Akathist Hymn

**Saturday—April 1, 2023**
10:00 am Confession Day
5:00 pm Great Vespers
Sunday—March 26, 2023

Trisagions
Eleni Kane (5 Years)
Alexander Karousos (19 Years)
Kalomira Karousos (21 Years)
George Potamianos (25 Years)

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL
JOIN US TODAY
FOR COFFEE HOUR

Members Volunteering To Serve Coffee Hour

A special thank you to the following members of our community who have volunteered to donate their time to serve coffee today:

Lula Kiser & Zafiria Kozanitis
Please Join Us!

2023 PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN VESPERS

Schedule of Services
6:00 pm on Sundays
followed by a Fasting Meal

Today—March 26, 2023
Sunday of St. John Climacus
St. Luke’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church
3290 Warners Road ~ Warners, NY 13164

April 2, 2023
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
St. George Macedonian Orthodox Church
5083 Onondaga Road ~ Syracuse, NY 13215

PLEASE ATTEND TODAY

General Assembly Meeting
DANCE PRACTICE

Dance Practice began on Sunday, February 5th after church. Please reach out to the appropriate dance instructor with questions:

Elementary Group - grades 2-5
Clemente Vigliotti 315-558-7965
Stavros Vigliotti 315-558-8258

Middle School Group - grades 6-8
Penny Meskos 315-559-9632
Dafni Kiritsis 315-395-0331
Tina Intze 315-569-2405

High School Group - grades 9-12
Athena Tzetzis 315-447-0787
Paulie Gasparis 219-588-2439
Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθείσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ’ ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἔλευθέρωσον, Ἰνα κράζω σοι· Χαίρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

LENKEN
DAILY REFLECTIONS
are available at
frdavidsmith.com
GOYA
PITA
SALE

The GOYA will be selling Spanakopita and Tiropita and donating the profits to High School Sunday School Teacher, Michael Shepherd.

Presale will begin on April 9 at coffee hour or by contacting Mia Potamianos at (315) 430-1701 or email mpotamianos@ithaca.edu until Friday April 21.

GOYA will be selling a full pan for $150.00 and half a pan for $75.00 with presale. The pick up will be on April 23 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

GOYA will also be selling single slices of pita at church on April 23rd during coffee hour for $5.00 per piece.

GOYA will be baking 9:00 am on April 22nd.

ALL HANDS ON DECK !!!

Special thanks to the Pita Ladies who will be assisting.
EASTER BASKET RAFFLE
Raffle Tickets Available for Purchase
Sunday, March 26—Sunday, April 2—Sunday, April 9
$1—One Ticket, $5—Six Tickets, $10—Fifteen Tickets
Drawing will be held on April 9, 2023

PHILOPTOCHOS
PHILANTHROPY - FELLOWSHIP - FAITH IN ACTION

TSOUREKI SALE
Sunday, April 9th after Church
$8 Per Loaf

KOULOURAKIA SALE
Sunday, April 9th after Church
$8 Per Dozen
Fr. Angelo Maggos will be available for those who wish to have Confession in Greek.

Join us for

CONFESSION DAY

April 1st, 2023
10am to 1 pm