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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK**



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**WEEKLY BULLETIN
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023
SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS**

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METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT

Sunday of St. John Climacus
St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews
6:13-20

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.
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.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 6:13-20

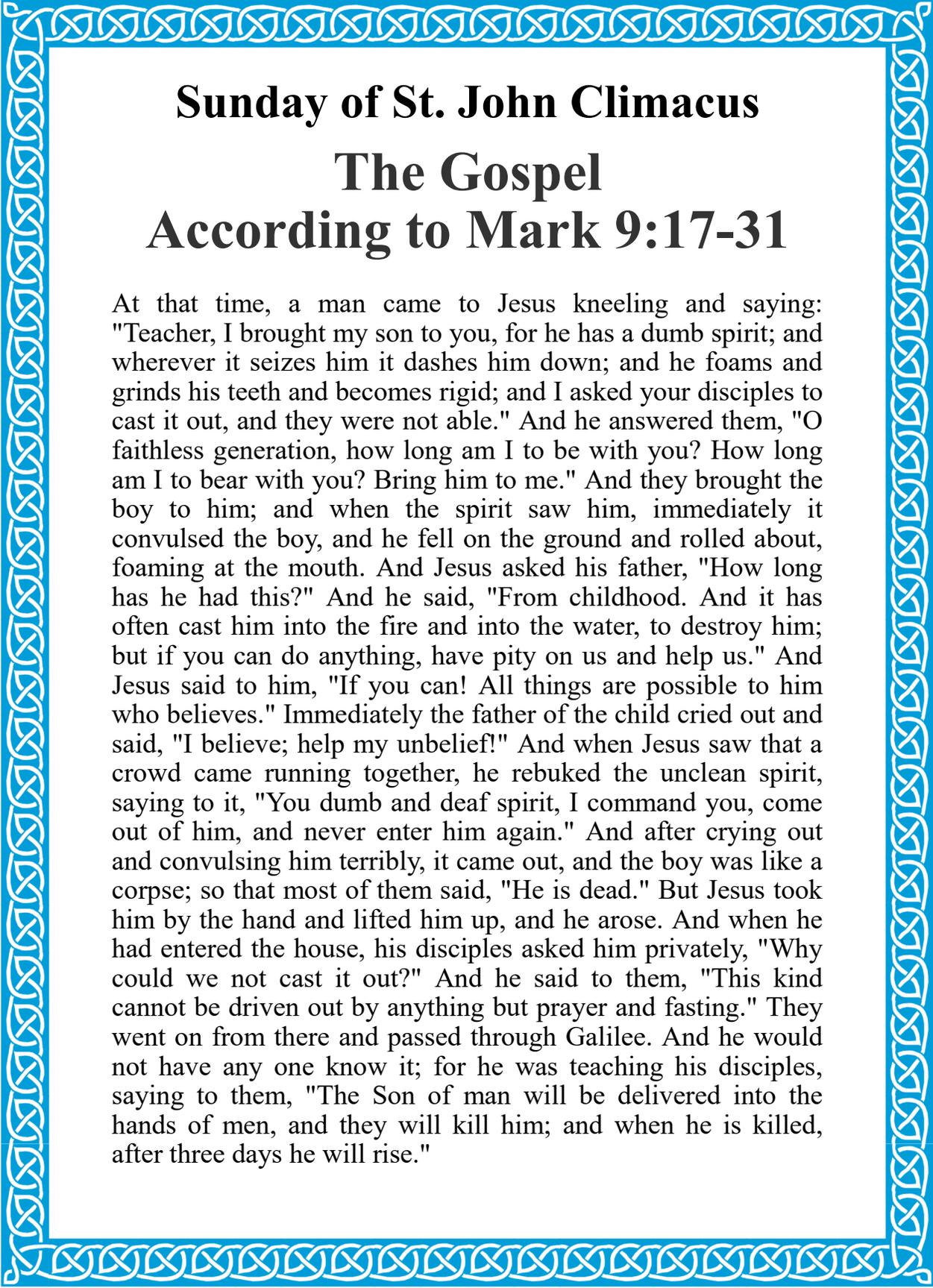
Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 75.11,1

Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

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

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 6:13-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραάμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχεν μείζονος ὁμόσαι, ὥμοσεν καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων, Ἡ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε. Καὶ οὕτως μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχεν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὁμνύουσιν, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὄρκος. Ἐν ᾧ περισσότερο βουλόμενος ὁ θεὸς ἐπιδεῖξαι τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν, καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος· ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσηλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἀρχιερεὺς 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 Μάρκον 9:17-31 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ λέγων, διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σε, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον. καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλάκις αὐτὸν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράζας ὁ πατήρ τοῦ παιδίου μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· πιστεύω, κύριε· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος, ἐπετίμησε τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ· τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγὼ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἔξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράξαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράξαν αὐτὸν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτόν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτόν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτόν κατ' ἰδίαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελθεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ἐξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν ἵνα τις γνῶ· ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται.



***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

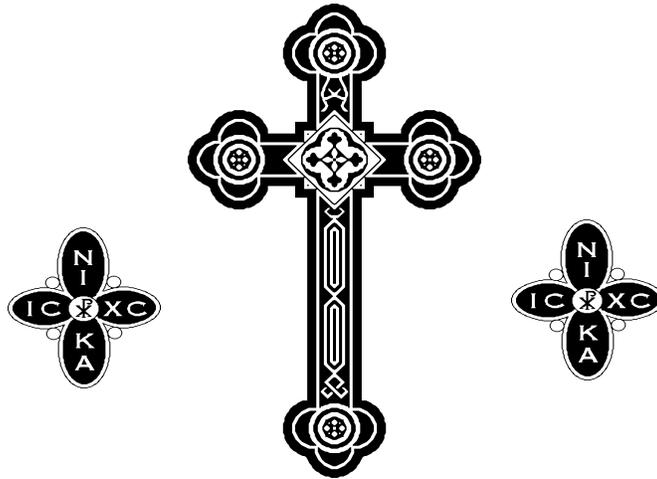
6:00 pm Akathist Hymn

Saturday—April 1, 2023

10:00 am Confession Day

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday—March 26, 2023



Trisagions

Eleni Kane (5 Years)

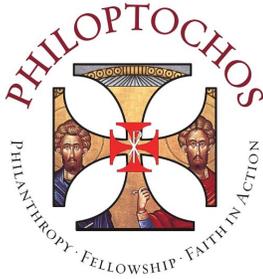
Alexander Karousos (19 Years)

Kalomira Karousos (21 Years)

George Potamianos (25 Years)



MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL



***Philoptochos
Syracuse Chapter
Holy Cross***



***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



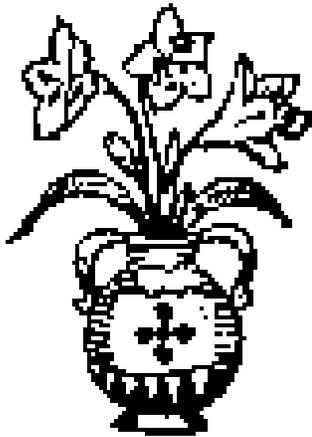
Schedule of Services
6:00 pm on Sundays
followed by a Fasting Meal



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:

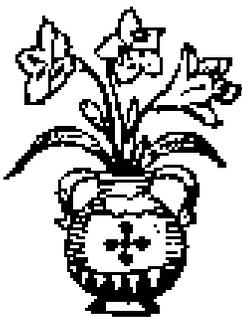
Elementary Group - grades 2-5
Clemente Vigliotti 315-558-7965
Stavros Vigliotti 315-558-8258

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



Τῆ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῶ τὰ νικητήρια,
Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν
εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις
σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ
κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων
με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἵνα κράζω
σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.



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*LENTEN  
DAILY REFLECTIONS*

*are available at*

*[frdavidsmith.com](http://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](mailto: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

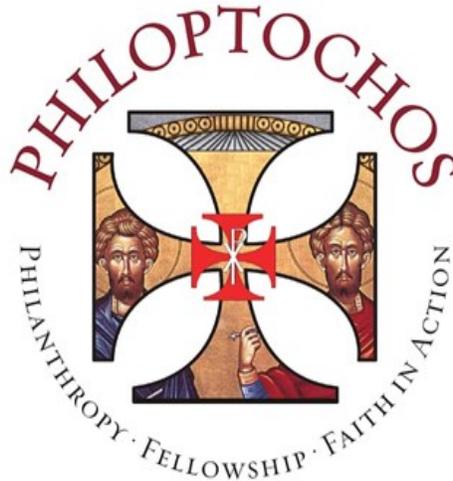
# ***EASTER BASKET RAFFLE***

*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*



## ***TSOUREKI SALE***

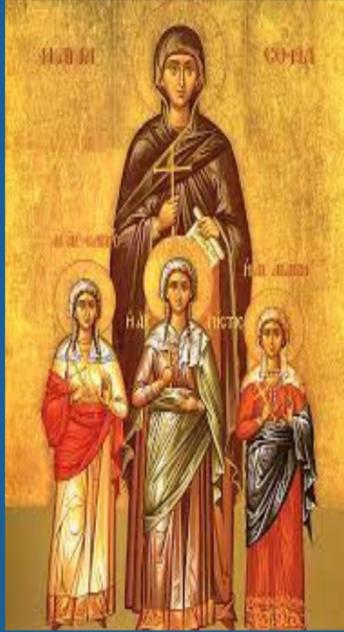


*Sunday, April 9th  
after Church  
\$8 Per Loaf*

## ***KOULOURLAKIA SALE***

*Sunday,  
April 9th  
after  
Church  
\$8 Per Dozen*





Join us for

# CONFESSION DAY

April 1st, 2023

10am to 1 pm

Fr. Angelo Maggos  
will be available  
for those who wish to have  
Confession in Greek