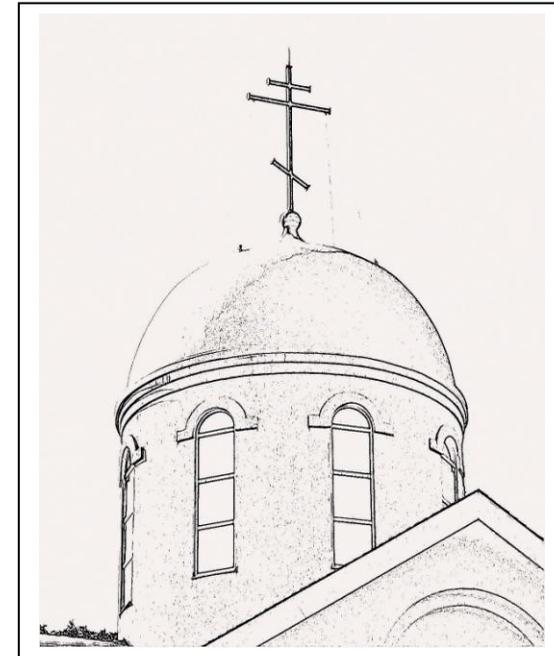


## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)** Brethren: When God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus he, 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.

**Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)** At that time, one of the crowd came to Jesus, and bowing before Him he said, "Teacher, I brought my son to Thee, 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 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 He 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 Thou canst! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out with tears 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 shall be delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill Him; and when He is killed, after three days He shall rise."

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

**Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!**

**Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos**

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April 14, 2013

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT**

**St. John Climacus (of the Ladder)**

**Tone 4.** *St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655). Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius of Vilnius (Lithuania—1347). Martyr Ardalion the Actor (4th c.). Martyr Azades the Eunuch and 1,000 Martyrs of Persia (ca. 341).*

**Today's Readings:**

*Epistle:* Hebrews 6:13-20 and Ephesians 5:9-19

*Gospel:* Mark 9:17-31 and Matthew 4:25-5:12

**Upcoming Week Service Schedule:**

**Today – 4:00pm** Deanery Lenten Vespers in Manville

**Wednesday – 7:00pm** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Thursday – 7:00pm** Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete/Life of St. Mary of Egypt

**Friday – 9:30am** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Friday – 7:00pm** Akathist to the Theotokos

**Saturday – 9:30am** Divine Liturgy

**Saturday – 7:00pm** Vespers

**Sunday – 10:00am** Divine Liturgy

**Sunday – 4:00pm** Deanery Lenten Vespers in Glen Gardner

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

*Epistle:* Hebrews 9:11-14 and Galatians 3:23-29

*Gospel:* Mark 10:32-45 and Luke 7:36-50

**Coffee Hour Teams:**

*Today* – May Team    *Next Sunday* – Kozak Team

**Special Prayers**

We pray for **all** our fellow parishioners, but we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Among them are: **Julia Katko, Helen Alexander, Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Carl Dittinger, Diane Monteverde, Carol Menzel, Daria Riegler, Daniel Riegler, Walter Romanofsky, Anastasia Petrow, Millie Podolak, Anna Hlinka, Ann Marie Gahr, and Tara Escalona.**

**Welcome** to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after today's services for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. Please sign our guest book before you leave, tell your friends and family members about us, and bring back one or two of them on your next visit!

**TODAY** is the deadline for submitting **plant orders for the Church School fund-raiser.** Please submit your orders to **Cathy Berger** at Coffee Hour today.

**TODAY** – The **Lenten Mission Vespers** for our area will be served at **Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Manville.** His Grace, Bishop Michael, will be presiding at this service. All are invited to attend and enjoy lenten refreshments after the service. A schedule of future Deanery Mission Vespers throughout Great Lent is posted on the parish bulletin board in the narthex.

**TUESDAY, April 16** – The **Parish Council** meets at 6:30pm in the parish rectory.

**WEDNESDAY, April 17** - The **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** is served at 7:00pm. An **agape pot-luck meal** follows the service. If you plan to attend, please bring along a Lenten dish for all to share. **If you plan to receive the Eucharist** at this service, please refrain from eating and drinking during the day to the degree you are able.

The upcoming week is the **Fifth Week of Great Lent.** This week is full of opportunities for us to experience our Lenten walk in very specific ways. The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is celebrated as usual on Wednesday evening and Friday morning. On Thursday, the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete is once again served with the addition of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt which is read in the midst of the Great Canon. The Akathist to the Most-Blessed Theotokos is served Friday evening, and the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is served on the Saturday of the Akathist to the Most-Holy Theotokos.

**SUNDAY, April 21** – The **St. Catherine Society** meets in the Parish Hall after Coffee Hour. All are invited.

**Sunday, April 21** – A presentation dealing with the subject of **bullying** will be hosted by the Brick Clergy Association at 2pm at **Brick Presbyterian Church.** This timely and important event will be free, and all are invited to attend. A flyer for the event is posted in the Parish Hall.

**Great Lent** is the ideal time to avail oneself of the **Sacrament of Confession.** Father Gary will hear confessions after every Vespers and Akathist service. If you would prefer to come to the sacrament prior to the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, please notify Father Gary as early as possible so that this may be accommodated.

*Many Years!*

**Birthdays this week:**

*Monday* – James Petrides

*Wednesday* – Debbie Anderson

**OUTREACH**

- **Food Pantry donations** are *always* accepted. Place non-perishable food items in blue bin in the narthex
- **Clothing donations** are accepted on the last Sunday of each month. Place donations next to the food pantry bin.