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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT. St. John Climacus (of *The Ladder***).** Ven. Benedict of Nursia (543). St. Theognostus, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Russia (1353). Rt. Blv. Great Prince Rostilav (Michael), Prince of Kiev and Smolensk (1167). St. Euschemon the Confessor, Bishop of Lampsacus (9th c.). The "**FEODOROVSKAYA**" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 6.13-20 Ephesians 5.9-19

"The Lord said "I will bless you, and I will multiply you." Speak to one another in psalms and spiritual songs, singing in your heart to the Lord,

GOSPEL: Mark 9.17-31 Hard things can be healed "by nothing but prayer and fasting." Matthew 4.25-5.12 The Beatitudes – "Blessed are the pure, they shall see God."

LENTEN SERVICES: Please remember to return this evening when we host the Mission Vespers service at 5pm. A big thank you to all who will be bringing Lenten dishes to share at the meal afterwards. We will have the opportunity to host the faithful of St George's Church on Friday, March 19th for Presanctified Liturgy.

PIEROGIE MAKING: All hands on deck! By 4:15 on Friday afternoon, we had completely sold out of pierogies! This is good news. To replenish the stock, we will be making more this coming weekend, and postponing the Church cleaning.

SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Donations and pledges are now being solicited for the Scholarship we offer to St Tikhon's Seminary. Please complete the form found in the newsletter if this is something you are called to do, and return it to the Candle Desk.

THREE WEEKS TO GO! While Great Lent is difficult and long, it is meant to change us. How are you doing on the Lenten Challenge? Are you striving to make at least three good Lenten decisions? Have courage, and know that the reward for your efforts is great.

BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Any item that you would like included in the Bulletin should be in to the Parish Office by Thursday Evenings. Items for the Newsletter are due on the 25th of the month.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: If there are any events missing from this list, please see Father James or call the Rectory at any time. Birthdays: Helen Homyk and Lesia Roback. Anniversaries: None. Namesdays: Edmund Mamrosch.

PANIKHIDA: Please continue to remember in your holy prayers all of the departed. We will be serving the memorial service for all of our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection, among them Joanne Hawrylchak (1978), Leo Foley (1981), Martha Karpowich (1988), Mary Popka (1993), Helen Spytko Penalis (1996) and Stephania Hollick (2000). May their memory be eternal!

On Repentance That Leads to Joy

Repentance seems to be a concept most sorely misunderstood in our modern day. It has come to mean sorrow, or regret for sin; an acknowledgement of wrong and the heartfelt feeling of penitence by which it is accompanied. But while these are certainly valid and essential elements of repentance, they are far from capturing the full depth of the Fathers' understanding of this act. Repentance in the patristic (Orthodox) tradition is not something relegated to the emotions—a mere sorrow or grief, no matter how intense or sincere. It is instead a full and active course upon which the whole human person engages; a true act of changing one's mind or purpose. We see in this very definition an element that pushes beyond the emotional: sorrow, mourning, all are integral parts of true repentance, but they must be of the character that prompts change in the repentant person. One must go from grief 'and sin no more'. Repentance is an act of change, where the pin-prick of compunction inspires man to move out of his sinfulness, and into a more Godly life.

- Mark Steenberg, editor of Monachos.net

The Lord's praises were always on your lips, O holy Father John. With deep wisdom you searched the Scriptures, which teach us to deny ourselves. You became rich in the blessings of grace, overthrowing the craftiness of the devil.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Confessions are heard before Liturgy, and before and after Vespers.

Mondays: Parish Office Closed

Wednesday March 17:5 PM Matins and Canon of St Andrew

Thursday, March 18: 7 PM Parish Council Meeting

Friday March 19: 4-6 PM Pierogi sales

6 PM Presanctified Liturgy at St George's, Utica

Saturday, March 20: 9 AM Pierogie Making

Sunday, March 21: 9 AM Sunday School; 9:30 Divine Liturgy

5 PM Mission Vespers in Ballston Spa

Holy Week Schedule will be made available in the coming weeks.

In Memory of
Tillie Leve
By
Anna Herko