



THE PROTOMARTYR



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**Glory to Jesus Christ
St. John OF THE LADDER**

**Glory Forever!
Tone 7**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — tone 7. 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. Eusebius the Confessor, Bishop of Lampsacus (9th c.). The “**FEODOROVSKAYA**” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19 (Saint)

GOSPEL: Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Saint)

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Monday, March 15	Parish Council Meeting 7:30 PM
Tuesday, March 16	Daily Vespers 7:00 PM / Inquirer's Class 7:30 PM
Wednesday, March 17	Confessions 6:00 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM <i>Agape meal following the service</i>
Thursday, March 18	Daily Vespers 7:00 PM / Bible Study 7:30 PM
Friday, March 19	Akathist to the Theotokos 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 20	Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM <i>Sunday School Lenten Project (Grades Pre K – 2) 1:30 PM</i> Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confessions
Sunday, March 21	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

“Gifts of Love” Collection: This year's "Gifts of Love" was transferred to the month of March and is earmarked for Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). The OCF will be collecting donations today after the Liturgy.

Pascha Lilies & Pussy-Willow Donation: with the feast of Pascha approaching, we ask all our parishioners to consider sponsoring lilies for the decoration of our Cathedral. There is a sign-up sheet in the candle donation book. The cost of each plant is \$10. Also, we ask our parishioners who have access to pussy-willow trees to cut some branches and bring them to the church before Palm Sunday. Thank you!

BABKA ORDERS are due today to Connie Skvir. If you did not get a form last week, please see Connie or Michele Decker today to place your order. Only a limited number will be sold on the day of the sale.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, March 28. We need your help to bake Easter related items as well regular bake sale goods. If you don't bake, consider a donation. Profits benefit our Church. Please see the flyer being distributed and volunteer your help. It will be greatly appreciated! See Michele Decker or Connie Skvir for details.

Souper Bowl Sunday: Thank you to all who contributed to this OCF project. 55 canned goods were collected and will be delivered to St. Tikhon's Seminary. The \$136 collected will go to Philabundance. A special thank you to the Sisterhood for their \$100 contribution.

ST. STEPHEN'S OCF CHAPTER MEETING - The next regularly scheduled meeting of St. Stephen's OCF, Chapter #82 of the F.O.C.A., will be held on Saturday, March 20. All members are asked to attend and any interested guests are always welcome. Members are asked to bring a Lenten pot luck snack to share. We will be discussing the upcoming Colonial District Bowling Tournament which will be held in Trenton.

Clean-up Day: We will be holding our regular clean-up day to prepare our Cathedral for the services of Holy Week and Pascha. Please mark Lazarus Saturday, March 28 and come to help us with various clean-up projects around our parish. Thank you.

Sunday of Orthodoxy and Mission Services of Great Lent: Following is the schedule of Mission Vespers services that will be served every Sunday of Lent at 4 PM at various churches in the Philadelphia area. Our parishioners should make a special effort during this Lenten season to attend these services to spend time in prayer and fellowship with other Orthodox Christians in our area.

<p>March 14, Sunday of Saint John Climacus St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church 4th & Fairmount Sts. Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>March 21, Sunday of St Mary of Egypt St. Herman's Orthodox Church 1855 Middletown Rd, Gradyville, PA</p>
<p>March 28, Palm Sunday St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Service at 5 PM at new church location: 506 Starh Rd., Elkins Park, PA</p>	

The Visit by Wonderworking Icon “She Who is Quick to Hear”: St. Herman's Orthodox Church in Gradyville is inviting all our parishioners to attend a special Mission Vespers service where there will be present the icon of the Theotokos “She Who is Quick to Hear” from St. Tikhon's Monastery. For more details and to read about the history of the icon, please see the bulletin board downstairs.