

✂ANNOUNCEMENTS ✂

- Conflict in the Holy Land & the Ukraine Please continue to pray for peace in the Ukraine & Israel.
- Sign-up sheets To sign up for Coffee Hour & Prosfora Talk to Gracie if you questions. The Lenten/Pascha sign-up sheet is also in the hall beside the kitchen.
- The Women's Group is collecting baby blankets to send to the Orphanage in Mexico. Drop off your donations in the box beside the bookshelf until May 5.
- Food for Hungry People Alms Boxes are available in the Narthex and should be returned by St. Thomas Sunday May 12.
- Spanakopita Sales are Live! Our youth are taking orders for Spanakopita to help fund camp. Order online or pick-up a form in the Narthex.
- Agape Vespers Egg Hunt We are accepting donations of candy. See Dora for additional information.
- Parish Donations Other than cash or writing a check the church accepts donations via Venmo, PayPal and Square through website. If you wish to contribute to our new building you can specify your donation as being for the Temple Fund or Building Fund.

✂ LOOKING AHEAD ✂

**Wednesday May 8** Culvers' Share Night —Summer Camp Fundraiser  
**May 22-24** Parish Garage Sale hosted at the Woynicks. Please bring items to Church or to the Woynicks by Sunday May 19. Contact Sonya for additional information.

**June 2-5** SS.Peter & Paul Youth Camping Trip, ages 8 & up

**June 12-15** Parish Life Conference in Beaumont, TX.  
 Met. Saba will be attending

**June 24-18** SS.Peter & Paul Vacation Church School, ages 4-12  
 Teens are welcome to help as counselors

**Camp St. Raphael:** Session 1: June 23 – June 29

Session 2: June 30 -- July 6

Session 3: July 7– July 13

**EOYC Summer Camp** July 28– August 3

**Notice:** Sunday services are streamed on our YouTube page. Following services they are edited down to only the homily and do not remain up on the internet. You may appear in the live stream while it is active but the video will not remain on the internet.

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**April 14, 2024**

**Sunday of St. John Climacus**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:**

Our usual Sunday service is the Divine Liturgy. While all are welcome to attend this service, we ask that you refrain from coming to receive Holy Communion unless you are of the Orthodox Faith and have properly prepared through prayer, fasting and the Sacrament of Confession.

<b>Sunday April 14</b>	<b>St. John Climacus Sunday</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> Orthros and Sunday School
	<b>10:00 AM</b> Liturgy followed by Coffee Hr.
	<b>5:00 PM</b> Lenten Vespers at Ss. Peter & Fevronia, Merriam, KS
<b>Monday April 15</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b> Gt. Compline
<b>Tuesday April 16</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b> Lenten Daily Vespers
<b>Wednesday April 17</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b> Pre-com. Prayers/Presanctified Liturgy & Soup Supper
<b>Thursday April 18</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b> Small Compline with Great Canon/Life of St Mary of Egypt
<b>Friday April 19</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b> Small Compline, Akathist Hymn
<b>Saturday April 20</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b> Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene, Manhattan
	<b>4:45 PM</b> Catechism Class
	<b>5:45 PM</b> 9th Hour and Great Vespers
<b>Sunday April 21</b>	<b>Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> Orthros and Sunday School
	<b>10:00 AM</b> Liturgy followed by Coffee Hr.
	<b>5:00 PM</b> Lenten Vespers at Ss. Dionysios, Overland Park. KS
<b>Monday April 22</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b> Gt. Compline
<b>Tuesday April 23</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b> Lenten Daily Vespers
<b>Wednesday April 24</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b> Pre-com. Prayers/Presanctified Liturgy & Soup Supper
<b>Thursday April 25</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b> Great Compline

*Ss. Peter and Paul is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America.*

#### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 4)**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

#### **APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS (Tone 8)**

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

#### **KONTAKION FOR THE SUNDAYS OF LENT (Tone 8)**

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

#### ***The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (6:13-20)***

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.” And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into “that which is within the veil,” where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest “forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

#### ***The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (9:17-31)***

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “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 Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And Jesus 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 Jesus, 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 Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, 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 Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And Jesus 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 Jesus would not have anyone 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 after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”

