**Sunday, April 11th**

- **7:00 AM** Early Liturgy
- **8:15 AM** Orthros
- **9:30 AM** Divine Liturgy
- **10:45 AM** Sunday School (9-12th grade)
- **7:00 PM** Summer Camp Registration opens for 12th Grade

**Monday, April 12th**

- **7:00 PM** Great Compline
- **8:15 PM** Parish Pick-up Basketball

**Saturday, April 17th**

**Family Lenten Retreat**

10:45 AM Guided Discussion
11:15 AM Wrap-up Discussion
11:30 AM Closing Comments

Zoom registration link: tinyurl.com/GOMoP

**NEW SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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Support parishioner Jonathan Speros as he attempts to do 1,000 pushups in one hour to raise funds for Project Mexico and the St. Innocent Orphanage. At 50 cents per pushup, Jon has set a goal to raise $500 for Project Mexico. Watch Jon do his pushups live on the Annunciation YouTube Channel at 1:00 PM today!

Support Jon online at: https://siss.networkforgood.com/projects/128473-jonathan-speros-s-fundraiser

**SUMMER CAMP**

“Summer Camp 2021.”GRACE”

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Registration FOR 12TH GRADE

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Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum; Pharmuthios the Anchorite

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Anastasius, the abbot of Sinai, once said: “He who prays like John, ends his days as John. He who prays like the others, remains as they are.”

John was a great theologian, scholar, and teacher. He wrote many important works on asceticism, including The Ladder of Divine Ascent. This book is still read by Orthodox Christians today. It is a guide to the spiritual life and a commentary on the sayings of the desert fathers. John’s works have been translated into many languages and are widely read by Orthodox Christians around the world.

John Climacus passed away on February 11th, 2021.

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Tickets have been mailed! Additional tickets are available from the church office.

SAVE THE DATE — Saturday, May 15, 2021

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Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles. O John, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery of ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin and Gabriel proclaims this gift from God. Together with him we cry out to You, O Theotokos: “Hail thou full of grace, the Lord is with you.”

To our Protectress, to our Leader victorious, we as a people, give thanks to you, our liberator. For you we ascribe victory, O Theotokos. And as our God, for the salvation of our souls.

The hymn entry would be the same as before: Let heaven rejoice, and let things on earth be glad, for the Lord has worked powers with His arm He has trampled upon death by death; He has become the first born of the dead. From the bowels of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

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