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St. Mary's Saturday 3:00 PM

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*Wisdom from St. John Climacus*

"To admire the labors of the saints is good; to emulate them wins salvation; but to wish suddenly to imitate their life in every point is unreasonable and impossible."

"A servant of the Lord is he who in body stands before men, but in mind knocks at Heaven with prayer."

"To judge others is a shameless arrogation of the Divine prerogative; to condemn is the ruin of one's soul."

"In all your undertakings and in every way of life, whether you are living in obedience, or are not submitting your work to anyone, whether in outward or in spiritual matters, let it be your rule and practice to ask yourself: Am I really doing this in accordance with God's will?"

"The Christian is one who imitates Christ in thought, word and deed, as far as is possible for human beings, believing rightly and blamelessly in the Holy Trinity."

"Let your prayer be completely simple. For both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase."

"Do not say, after spending a long time in prayer, that nothing has been gained; for you have already gained something. And what higher good is there than to cling to the Lord and persevere in unceasing union with Him?"

"Some people with a hot temper do not worry about it and ignore the remedies that would heal them. They forget, unfortunately, what is written: 'Surely anger kills the fool, and jealousy slays the simple,' (Job 5:2)."

"A charitable and sensible mind takes careful note of whatever virtues it sees in anyone. But a fool looks for faults and defects. And of such it is said: 'They have searched out iniquity and expired in the search.' Do not condemn, even if you see with your eyes, for they are often deceived"

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST MEMORY OF OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS



*Icon of the Ladder of Divine Ascent*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**St. John Climacus**  
**Tone 4**

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clare, Pennsylvania. We greet and welcome you to our Church. Our Church is a holy place. Our Church is where we get together in Jesus' Name. It is holy because we come here to worship, to be nourished in faith through Sacred Scripture and preaching, to open our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves to a life of holiness and service to the Lord and others. The church building itself reflects this faith and calls us to enter into communion with God. We invite you to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to experience our worship and to live a life dedicated to the service of God and one another in Jesus' Name.

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**March 30 – April 5, AD2025**

**Vigil of Sunday**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	<b>H&amp;B Madeline Dinich</b> req. by Carol & Dave Dinich*
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Health and Blessing of the Parishioners*</b> (Livestream)

Monday	9:00 a.m.	<b>No Divine Service Today*</b>
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Lenten Hour*</b>
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	<b>Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts*</b>
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lenten Hour*</b>
Friday	3:00 p.m.	<b>Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts*</b>

**Vigil Liturgy**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	<b>+Gloria Kovach</b> req. by Marie Wanchick*
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\*St. Mary

\*SS Peter & Paul

**Epistle Readers:** 4/2 – Laura Mitchell; 4/6 – Marie Wanchick; 4/13 – Judy Kostura; 4/15 – Gail Burgess; 4/16 – Paulette Murphy; 4/17 – Dolores Kramer; 4/18 – Beverly Kostishak; 4/20 – Jennifer Keer.

**Breakfast with Father: Will resume after Pascha.**

Pastoral Note:

**Candle Offering**

**Fourth Sunday of Great Lent**

**9:18** And wheresoever he taketh him, he <sup>f</sup>teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

(f) Vexes him inwardly, as the colic does.

**9:20** And they brought him unto him: and when he <sup>g</sup>saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

(g) As soon as Jesus had looked upon the boy that was brought to him, the demon began to rage in this way.

**9:23** Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, <sup>h</sup>all things [are] possible to him that believeth.

(h) Christ can and will do anything for those that believe in him.

**9:26** <sup>5</sup> And [the spirit] cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

(5) The nearer that the virtue of Christ is the far greater Satan rages.

**9:28** <sup>6</sup> And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

(6) We have need of faith, and therefore of prayer and fasting, in order to cast Satan out of that which belonged to him.

**9:30** And they departed thence, and <sup>i</sup>passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know [it].

(i) He and his disciples together.

**9:31** <sup>7</sup> For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

(7) Christ forewarns us with great diligence so that we should not be discouraged with sudden calamities; but man's slowness to understand is great.

# The Lord's Prayer

*With the Our Father, Jesus both taught us how to pray and gave us a summary of the Gospel*

Observing Jesus at prayer, the disciples asked him for instruction on how to pray (cf. Luke 11: 1). In response, He taught them the *Our Father*, a prayer that is so familiar to us that we often say the words without thought or reflecting on their meaning as they fall from our lips. The *Our Father* is found in Scripture during the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus also introduced us to the values of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5 – 7). The *Our Father* embodies the Beatitudes which is often recognized as the self-portrait of Christ as well as the blueprint for holiness.

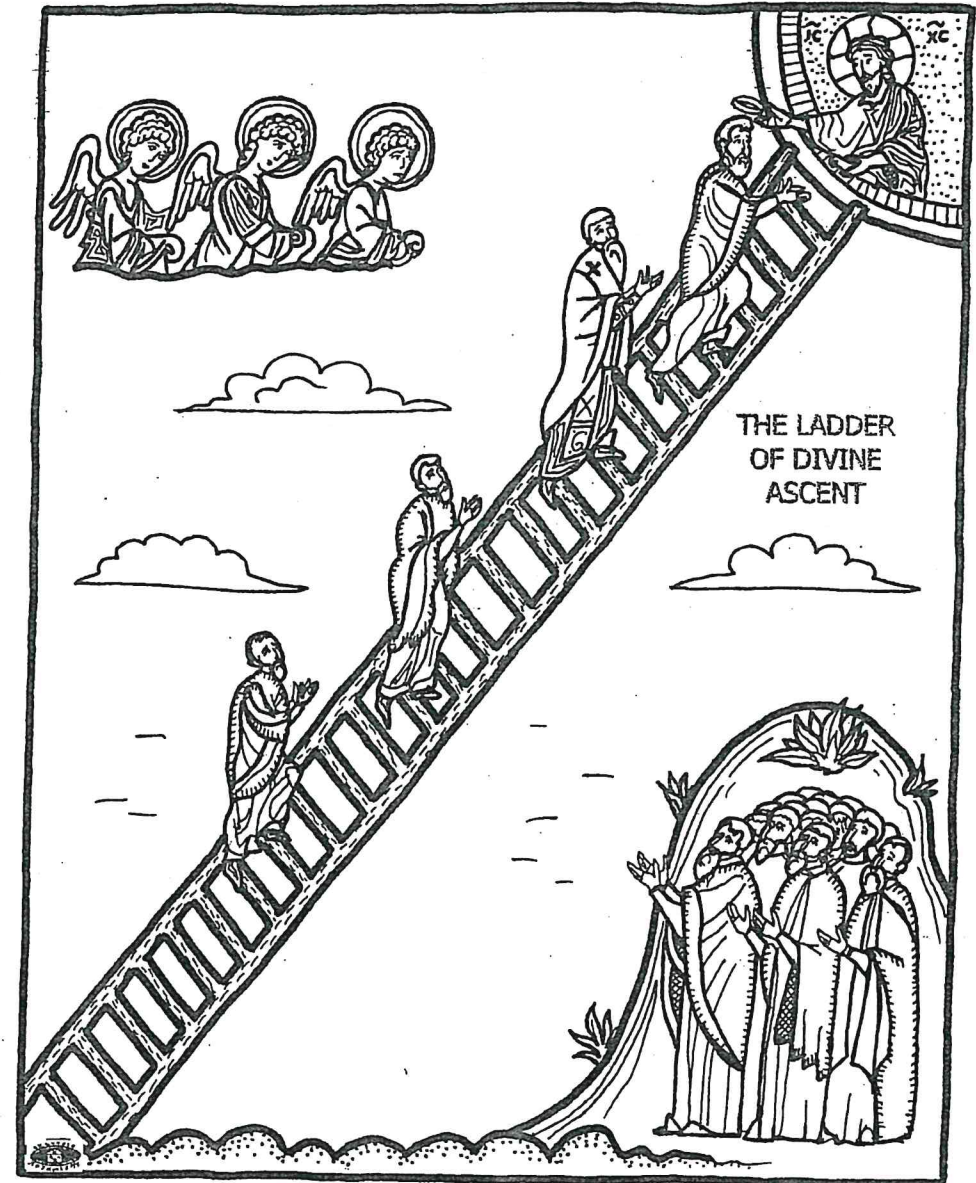
From the earliest times, the *Our Father* was passed on to those who were baptized. Reborn in Christ, as communicants of the Church, we become then capable of speaking to our heavenly Father with the very Word of God. The true home of the *Our Father* is in the celebration of the Eucharist, which totally embodies its seven petitions.

In the *Our Father*, we approach God the Father with simplicity and trust. When the eternal Son became man, He revealed the Father to us. The Holy Spirit joins us to Christ so that we may have knowledge of the Father and become his children. As we call upon God as our Father, the Holy Spirit rekindles our desire to live as his devoted sons and daughters.

Every word counts and has precise value in the *Our Father*, beginning with the simple encapsulating, “our.” To address and call God “our” Father is to affirm our relationship with him. Saying “our” Father, we also say that the Church of Christ is the communion of those who call God their Father. Thus the *Our Father* is implicitly a prayer for the unity of the Church and the unity of the entire human family.

In adding the phrase, “who are in heaven,” we acknowledge the utter grandeur of God, who is not diminished or domesticated when we call him *Our Father*.

After the opening words, come the seven petitions. The first three praise our God for his glory even as we ask to be drawn more deeply into that encompassing glory. The last four ask God to bend down to assist us in our need: “to feed and nourish us, to forgive us, to sustain us in temptation and to free us from the influence and temptation of the evil one.”





# SHIPS AND BOATS



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With very first petition, "hallowed be your name," we ask to be made holy by professing God's name and by making it known to the ends of the earth.

In the second petition, "your kingdom come," we pray for Christ to come in glory at the end of time and also ask to share in the holiness of the kingdom of God. In effect, we are asking to be equipped to build a civilization of love.

The third petition, "on earth as it is in heaven," involves praying for a share in the perfect and loving obedience of Christ, to be Christ-like. We ask the Father to unite our will with that of his Son, just as He has done in the lives of the Ever Virgin and all the saints. We also seek God's plan of salvation be realized in our lives and that we may know and do his will.

The final four petitions relate to our human condition and begin with a prayer for our "daily bread." Here we ask our heavenly Father for what we need while recognizing that we do not live "...on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4: 4. Thus, we seek to be nourished by the living Word of God and by the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

In the fifth petition, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," we ask God to forgive our sins, confident as we are in the power of his forgiving love. As we say these words, however, we bind ourselves to the heart of Christ as we hear him saying, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" Matthew 5: 7. Even God's mercy cannot enter a heart that is hardened by hatred. In opening our hearts to the love of Christ, we find the grace to forgive our enemies. When we do so, we share in divine mercy and the peace of God's kingdom.

By the sixth petition, "Lead us not into temptation," we seek from God his ever faithfulness, to stand by us so that we may clearly know right from wrong, have the graceful strength to persevere in holiness, and be one with Christ who overcame temptation through prayerful devotion.

In the final petition, we pray, "...deliver us from evil." Here we ask to be delivered from the grasp of the evil one who works to harm us both physically and spiritually. We make this prayer not only for ourselves, but indeed, for all within the Body and Bride of Christ, as well as for the world. We pray with confidence because we believe that Christ already conquered sin and death by his own death and Resurrection.

The last word of the *Our Father* is added by the Church, "Amen," by which we express our assent to the prayer Jesus taught us. May our lives also express our assent to this prayer which is itself a compendium of Christian faith.