

# ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SAINT CYRIL, ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM

THE HOLY 1000 MARTYRS; HOLY MARTYRS TROFIMOS, EFKARPIOS AND THEIR COMPANIONS

## Sunday, March 18, 2018

### St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

#### Orthros

Tone: Eight

Eighth Eothinon: John 20:11-20

#### Divine Liturgy

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31 (pg. 142)

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 (pg. 141)

Epistle Reader: Jan Chilimidos

Prophora: Eleni Delis

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Carolyn Crossley & Elaine Wade

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Anna Kallas, Mary LaRiccica, Alexandra Zarkas

Parish Council: Christos Tzelepis, Andy Mitrosilis, Craig Brothers

Memorials: John Perparas, 1 year, Olga, Theodore, Gus & Jim Perparas, James, Irene, Nick & Steve Litsis  
Maja, 28 years

Organ Selections: *Collection*: Berceuse (J. Sibelius) *Dismissal*: Minuetto (J. Sibelius)

Altar Boys Team: Three

Next Week's Team: Four

Parish Schedule for the Week March 18, 2018		
Sunday, March 18	Orthros / Divine Liturgy	9 AM / 10 AM
	Sunday School ( <i>Middle &amp; High School will remain in church</i> )	11:00 AM
	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival	11:00 AM
	Adult Orthodox Studies	11:00 AM
	Stewardship Committee Meeting ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room</i> )	12:00 PM
	GOBL Away Game ( <i>v. St. Anthony at Sierra Madre Middle Sch.</i> )	2:00 PM
Monday, March 19	Compline & Confessions	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 20	YAL Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 21	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Confessions	10:00 AM
	Bible Study & Pot-Luck ( <i>Fotion Fellowship Hall</i> )	11:00 AM
	Boys Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday, March 22	Girls Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, March 23	Pre-sanctified Liturgy & Confessions	10:00 AM
	Greek Language School	11:00 AM
	Akathyst Hymn	7:00 PM
Saturday, March 24	Greek Language School	9:30 AM

**Sponsored Coffee Hour – May their memory be eternal:**

Sponsored in memory of John Perparas by the Perparas family & in memory of Maja by Snezana Damnjanovic & Stefan.

**Resurrection Hymn (Tone Eight):** Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες

*Descending from on high, O Merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from passions in this world. You who are our resurrection and our life, glory unto You, O Lord.*

**A Parish Wedding – Let's Celebrate!**

Fr. Michael and Pres. Maria invite all stewards of St. Katherine to the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony of Thania Mungarro to their son Gabriel on Saturday, April 21 at 3:30PM. Reception (adults only) to follow at the church. RSVP before March 31 online at [www.thaniaandgabriel.wedding](http://www.thaniaandgabriel.wedding) or via text at 310-697-2458.

**Book your Lenten confession without delay:**

Lent and confession go hand in hand. Fr. Michael will hear confessions (by appointment only) after services on Monday evenings and Wednesday & Friday mornings. To book your appointment please call the church office.

**Fasting... YES! Fainting... NO!! Let our Physicians Ministry help protect you from the rigors of the Fast:**

Our Saint Katherine's Physicians Ministry has prepared a very helpful pamphlet on safe fasting practices. Please visit the brochure rack and avail yourself to the great information presented in this "safe fasting" publication.

**Adult Religious Education – Join us in the Fotion Fellowship Hall and learn about your Orthodox Faith:**

Join us after Holy Communion for our weekly Adult Catechism/Orthodox Theology class (during Sunday School hour) with Demetrios Wilson. All are welcome to attend; especially those preparing for baptism/chrisamation into the Holy Orthodox Church. Bible Study (+ bonus vegan potluck) has resumed on Wednesdays after Presanctified Liturgy.

**GOBL Away Game TODAY!**

We wish our basketball teams the best of luck as they travel clear across town to play St. Anthony. **GO TEAMS!!**

**Annual St. Anthony GOYA Volleyball Tournament – Saturday, May12 (9:30AM-5:30PM) – Join us for FUN!!**

We hope to field players across 3 divisions (Jr:12-13yrs., Intermediate:14-16, Sr:17-19). \$25 reg. fee includes awards dinner dance. Team practices set for Sundays 4/15, 4/22 & 5/06 (12:30-1:30pm at Alta Vista Park) and the evening of Fri. 4/27 at church. Contact Archer Deferios: [deferiosfamily@mac.com](mailto:deferiosfamily@mac.com) or Aidan Murphy: [marie.murphy@mac.com](mailto:marie.murphy@mac.com).

**Philoptochos is offering fresh-baked tsourekia for your Pascha table – Pre order yours for only \$10/loaf:**

Order today at the Philoptochos table or contact Carolyn Crossley: [crossleycarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:crossleycarolyn@gmail.com) or 310-483-3591. Make checks out to St. Katherine Philoptochos: memo-Tsoureki. Loaves will be available for pick-up on Palm Sunday.

**St. Katherine Foundation 2018 Scholarship packets still available in the church office:**

Please give yourself enough time to meet the **April 11** deadline (**5PM sharp!**) Awards ceremony will be on May 20.

**Greek Independence Day and Annunciation Luncheon & Program – Next Sunday, March 25:**

The Greek Language Program invites you to a delicious luncheon and spirited program in honor of this "double feast" for the Greek nation. Choice of fish or pasta meal. \$25 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6 and older. To reserve your seats contact Maria Polson at [GreekSchool.StKatherine@gmail.com](mailto:GreekSchool.StKatherine@gmail.com), or Mary Pruitt at [pruitt@usc.edu](mailto:pruitt@usc.edu).

**Palm Sunday Luncheon coming up soon – be sure to RSVP as prices will go up after March 25:**

Palm Sunday is just around the corner (April 1). Reserve your seats soon for this beloved event. Fish Plaki(\$20) or pasta(\$10) meals will be served. Turn in your paid reservations as soon as possible.

**“Kenosis: A Wondrous Ecumenical Arts Happening” – Save the date, Saturday, April 14 (5-10PM):**

Celebrate Bright Week with twenty invited artists and musicians who will share their works inspired by the Akathyst Hymn of Thanksgiving, some from our own St. Katherine parish. Please join us on Saturday, April 14 from 5PM-10PM at “LOFT 2” (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery and Studios - 401 S. Mesa, San Pedro).

**The Information Station:** Tidbits of news and info about local events and other items of interest.

- ***EKOTA – Human Trafficking Film:*** Help support the efforts of Sister Nektaria as she struggles to educate and protect the myriad orphans of Kolkata, India. Reception, film screening & talk at St. Sophia, Sat. 3/24 at 7PM.
- ***Hiking the Holy Mountain:*** Join author John McKinney on Saturday, March 24 (1-3PM) at Sandpiper Books (4665 Torrance Blvd at Anza) as he recounts “*Tales of Monks and Miracles on the Trails of Mt. Athos*”.
- ***St. Sophia's Annual Greek Easter Picnic (Apr. 8–1-7pm):*** Celebrate Pascha and meet up with so many of your old friends. Join us at Brookside Park in Pasadena (adjacent to Rose Bowl). Free parking. Enjoy fabulous food & desserts, live Greek music, dancing & activities for the kids. Adults \$10, children 16 & under free.
- ***Summer Odyssey in Greece – Student Travel Program:*** June 24 to July 9, headed by Dr. Jim Dimitriou and the Hellenic American University. For info visit [www.magellaningreece.com](http://www.magellaningreece.com) or contact Dr. Jim at [ifdplato@aol.com](mailto:ifdplato@aol.com).