

The Fourth Sunday

On this day is commemorated St. John Climacus, abbot of Sinai (sixth–seventh century), who is assigned a special Sunday in Lent because, by virtue of his writings and his own life, he forms a pattern of the true Christian ascetic. St. John is the author of *The Ladder of Paradise*, one of the spiritual texts appointed to be read in church during Lent. His memorial, like that of St. Theodore, has been transferred to the movable from the fixed calendar, where he is remembered on 30 March. The first Canon at Mattins on this Sunday is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30–5): the repentant Christian is likened to the man who fell among thieves.

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Readings

Epistle Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19
Gospel Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 1 Troparion (for St John Climacus)

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted you a crown!// Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

Tone 4 Kontakion (for St John Climacus)

The Lord truly set thee on the heights of abstinence, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe,// O our father and teacher John.



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, March 18th - St. John of the Ladder *Wine & Oil*

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
- Coffee Hour in the parish hall

Monday, March 19th - Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria

- 6:45 AM - Matins

Tuesday, March 20th - Holy Fathers slain at St. Sabbas Monastery

- 6:45 AM - Matins

Wednesday, March 21st - St. James the Confessor *Wine & Oil*

- 6:00 PM - Matins with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and reading of the life of St. Mary of Egypt

Thursday, March 22nd - Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra *Wine & Oil*

- 6:00 PM - Greek Class in Port Townsend
- 7:00 PM - Jesus Prayer

Friday, March 23rd - Martyr Nikon and 199 disciples *Wine & Oil*

- 7:00 PM - Akathistos Hymn to the Theotokos

Saturday, March 17th - Ven. Zechariah the Recluse *Wine & Oil*

- 7:00 PM - Vigil for the Annunciation