

**SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX
SHRINE CHURCH
FLUSHING, NEW YORK**

April 11, 2021

5th Sunday of Great Lent /St. John Climacus

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος γ'.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τοῦ Οσίου. Ἦχος πλ. δ'. . Ταῖς τῶν δακρῶν σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστὴρ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρόσβενε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τοῦ Ναου Ἦχος δ'.

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ σου, ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρόσβενε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἢ Πόλις σ' ἔκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, οὐ Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαίρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Tone 3.

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

For the Devout Man Tone pl 4.

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.

For the Saint Tone 4 A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evident, by the truth of your life and deeds. You were humble and therefore you acquired exalted gifts, treasure in heaven for being poor. O Father and Hierarch St. Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, and entreat Him to save our souls.

Kontakion Tone pl. 4

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. In as much as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Απόστολικό Ανάγνωσμα Εβρ 6:13-20 Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραάμ ἐπαγγελιάμενος ὁ Θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχε μείζονος ὁμόσαι, ὥμοσε καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων· ἢ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε· καὶ οὕτω μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχε τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὁμνύουσι, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὅρκος· ἐν ᾧ περισσότερον βουλόμενος ὁ Θεὸς ἐπιδειξάι τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι Θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος, ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσῆλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ, Ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

Epistle Lesson: Heb. 6:13-20 Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Εὐαγγελίον. Ματθ Θ' 17 - 31 Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ γονυπετῶν αὐτῷ καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σέ, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον. καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· Ὡ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτόν πρὸς με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτόν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτόν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· Πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλάκις αὐτόν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς.

ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῶ· Τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράξας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδίου μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· Πιστεύω, Κύριε· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος ἐπετίμησε τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῶ· Τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγὼ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἔξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράξαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράξαν αὐτόν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτόν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτόν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτόν κατ' ἰδίαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἔξελθεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ἔξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἠθελεν ἵνα τις γνῶ· ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι Ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται.

Gospel reading Mk. 9:17-31 At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "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 your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he 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 him, 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 you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "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 he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he 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 he would not have any one 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 when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Ε Ο Ρ Τ Ο Λ Ο Γ Ι Ο Ν Ο Τ Η Σ Β Ε Ε Κ

MONDAY 4/12

Great Compline 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY 4/14

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6pm

Lenten Supper and Bible Study

THURSDAY 4/15

Great Compline 7:00 pm

FRIDAY 4/16

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:30 am

Akathyst Hymn 7:00 pm

Sanctuary (Greek) Chapel (English)

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 4/12

Μέγα Απόδειπνο 7:00 μ.μ.

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ 4/14

Προηγιασμένη Θ.Λειτουργία 6:00 μ.μ.

Δειπνό Σαρακοστής & Μελέτη Αγίας Γραφής

ΠΕΜΠΤΗ 4/15

Μέγα Απόδειπνο 7:00 μ.μ

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 4/16

Προηγιασμένη Θ.Λειτουργία 7:30 π.μ

Ακάθυστος Ύμνος 7:00 μμ

Κυριον ναο (Ελληνιστί)

Παραεκλήσι (Αγγλιστί)



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HOLY PASCHA LILY DONATION FORM 2021

You are invited to help beautify the Holy Sanctuary for Holy Pascha, by offering a beautiful Lily Plant in "Memory" or in "Honor" of a loved one.

The plants, placed throughout the Church will be a magnificent addition to Saint Nicholas's celebration of Christ's Holy Resurrection. Please note that the names will be commemorated at the Midnight Paschal Liturgy.

An acknowledgement listing the Memorial/Honor Names and their donors will be distributed to the Parish.

PLANT	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
8" Lily	_____	\$25.00 each	\$_____

Please list the names in the following categories and provide one name for each plant donated.

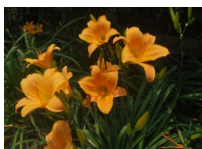
IN MEMORY (please print)

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NAME OF DONOR (please print)



2021

ΦΟΡΜΑ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑΣ ΠΑΣΧΑΛΙΝΩΝ ΚΡΙΝΩΝ

Σας προσκαλούμε να βοηθήσετε να κοσμήσουμε το Άγιο Βήμα για το Άγιο Πάσχα προσφέροντας μια ωραία γλάστρα με κρίνα εις “Μνήμην” η προς “Τιμήν” αγαπημένου σας προσώπου.

Τα άνθη αυτά που θα στολίσουν τον ναό μας, αποτελούν μια υπέροχη προσθήκη για τον εορτασμό της Αγίας Αναστάσεως του Χριστού. Επιπροσθέτως, τα ονόματα θα μνημονευθούν στην Μεσονύκτιον Θεία Λειτουργία του Πάσχα. Ο κατάλογος με τα ονόματα που θα μνημονεύσετε ή τιμήσετε, καθώς και τα ονόματα των δωρητών, θα διανεμηθεί στην Κοινότητα.

Παρακαλούμε όπως συμπληρώσετε την κάτωθι φόρμα Προσφοράς και επιστρέψτε την στο γραφείο της Εκκλησίας.

ΓΛΑΣΤΡΑ	ΠΟΣΕΣ	ΤΙΜΗ	ΣΥΝΟΛΟΝ
8” Κρίνος	_____	\$25.00 εκάστη	\$ _____

Γράψτε τα ονόματα που επιθυμείτε στην κατηγορία της εκλογής σας, με ένα όνομα για την κάθε γλάστρα που προσφέρετε.

ΕΙΣ ΜΝΗΜΗΝ (παρακαλούμε κεφαλαία)

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ΠΡΟΣ ΤΙΜΗΝ (παρακαλούμε κεφαλαία)

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ΟΝΟΜΑ ΔΩΡΗΤΟΥ (παρακαλούμε κεφαλαία)



If there is anyone that would like to donate the flowers that decorate the icon of the Holy Virgin on Friday Evenings during Great Lent, please call the church office.

The donation is \$200.

Εαν κάποιος ενδιαφέρεται να δωρίσει τα λουλουδια που στολίζουν την εικόνα Της Παναγίας εισ τις Παρασκευές Της Σαρακοστής που ψαλλονται οι χαιρετισμοί, δύνασθε να τηλεφωνήσετε το γραφειο της εκκλησίας.

Η Δωρεά είναι \$200.



The Saint Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos Society

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For more information you may contact:

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Amazon Personal Care Items Drive Link

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Use AmazonSmile and select Philoptochos as the charity that will benefit from the Amazon purchases.

STEWARDSHIP

In order to become a True Stewardship Parish, every family must become a steward. We have a good base, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your stewardship commitment in the past. However, that base must increase to 100% participation of the church family by reaching out and encouraging those who do not participate in the Stewardship of Treasure. Our church is blessed with the wonderful ability to offer the spiritual services in the way in which our Lord has taught us. We have families and or individuals who give of their time and talents, yet do not participate in the Stewardship of Treasure. If everyone were to offer just their stewardship of time and talent, we would not be able to keep our doors open to service as our Lord has asked. Without the ability to conduct fundraising events we cannot solely rely on the passing of an offering tray or the selling of candles to manage our yearly budget. The financial health of our Saint Nicholas community is entirely up to us! We are appealing to those of you who receive the Grace and Love of the church through the spiritual and organizational opportunities we offer, but have not participated as stewards. We ask that you please return a portion of your stewardship of treasure, and help our church become that True Stewardship Parish. If we can achieve this goal, we will probably be one of the few in the country to do so. Lastly, If Christ posed this question to you.... how would you answer? What did you do with My Church under Your watch given all of the gifts I gave You.

Please remember our St. Nicholas Shrine Church of Flushing in your Will or Trust.

Please consider leaving a charitable bequest.

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, gratefully acknowledging Your Mercy and humbly admitting our need, we pledge our trust in You and each other. Filled with desire, we respond to Your call for discipleship by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ. We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of your gifts. As stewards, we receive Your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to You. We pledge to You our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor. Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope and prayer that You who have begun this good work in us will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our goal for 2021 is 100% participation of our Church family by reaching out and encouraging those who do not participate in the Stewardship of Treasure.

SAINT NICHOLAS SHRINE CHURCH STEWARDSHIP FACT:

Our parish's DAILY operating cost is \$3,800.00