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## April 14, 2013

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

St. John Climacus (of the Ladder)

- 9:10am – Hours, Confession
  - 9:30am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
- Epistle: Heb. 6:13-20  
Eph. 5:9-19 (Saint)
- Gospel: Mk. 9:17-31  
Mt. 4:25-5:12 (Saint)

### Schedule of Services

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

6:30pm – Mission Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at St. Mary's Carpatho-Russian Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

9:00am – Matins with Canon of St Andrew

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

6:00pm – Akathist to the Mother of God with prayers for health.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:00am – Divine Liturgy  
6:00pm - Great Vespers

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

9:10am – Hours, Confession  
9:30am – Divine Liturgy

## A Modern Experience in the 10<sup>th</sup> Century

On April 19 we remember Saint Tryphon, Patriarch of Constantinople. He served during the 10<sup>th</sup> century reign of Romanus, who ruled the Byzantine or Eastern Empire.

From his early years, Tryphon wanted only to be a simple monk. He chose to live without anything beyond his basic needs, and became known for his even-tempered approach to life. He didn't argue or debate with people, and his peaceful nature accepted the events of life as the will of God.

Tryphon is notable among the saints because, unlike many, his life did not end in torture and violence. What did happen to him is more like something that happens often in our own day. He was undermined by dishonest people who cleverly manipulated him, taking advantage of his trust and honesty and trustfulness for their own benefit.

Emperor Romanus had a son, Theophylact, and for some reason was determined to appoint him as Patriarch. But because the boy was so young, Romanus asked Tryphon, by that time a seasoned and respected monk, to serve until the boy was old enough to take the position. Tryphon accepted the appointment, perhaps not knowing the emperor's whole plan, and served as Patriarch for three years.

He became greatly loved by the people, who appreciated his modest way of speaking, his kindness and his simple manner of living.

When Theophylact turned twenty, the emperor was eager to have him become Patriarch, and asked Tryphon to step aside. But the monk could see that the young man wasn't ready, and that to appoint him would be harmful to the Church. So he refused to leave the Patriarchate.

Romanus tried to find a way of accusing Tryphon of some wrongdoing, so as to get rid of him, but there simply wasn't

## Intercessory Prayer

**THE LIVING:** Eva Benda, Theodore & Valentina Benda, Terry Cimboic, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Stephen & Lillian Sokol, Faith Verona, Elizabeth Zuber.

**THE DEPARTED:** Mary Angeli, Olga Stecher, Michael Moroch, Peter Kalada, Benedict Benda, Georgette Saba, Matilda Skripak, Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Marianne Benda.

anything he could use. So he turned to a bishop who was willing to gain his favor by taking part in a deceitful plan.

This bishop pretended to be Tryphon's friend, and asked him to write his name and full title as Patriarch on a sheet of paper. The signature was necessary, the bishop told him, to disprove rumors that Tryphon was illiterate and unfit for his high position.

Suspecting nothing, Tryphon did as he was asked. The dishonest bishop took the paper to the emperor, who had him compose and write, above the signature, a statement of resignation. The document was used to depose Tryphon, despite objections from his many followers. He was sent back to the monastery where he had lived years earlier.

The members of the Church in Constantinople then lived through a difficult period of distrust toward the imperial government and their own leaders. Yet Saint Tryphon's humble acceptance of his unjust treatment was an example of Christlike endurance. The people who loved him learned from it, and those who deceived him were shamed by it. To this day in our churches, the humble monk is honored as no corrupt bishop or devious emperor can ever hope to be.



## Today's Memorial Offering

- 7-Day Vigils on the Altar – for good health of Paul, offered by Olga.
- St. John's Cross – in memory of MaryAnn Yendrey, on Anniversary of her Repose – by Mary Macinsky.

- St. Nicholas Cross – in memory of Stephen Pirniak, on Anniversary of his Repose – by Pirniak Family.



## Announcements

❖ The Akathist to the Mother of God with prayers for health this coming Friday will be served in front of Her Hawaiian Iveron Icon, copy of which was presented to our Parish when the original Icon visited our Church for the 90<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. Please come and bring your friends. Lists of names can be submitted during the service.

❖ Lenten Charitable Outreach takes place every Saturday in April at 11am in the Church Hall. If you are able to lend a hand in making sandwiches, it will be deeply appreciated.

❖ Church Bell Fundraiser: As you've probably noticed, one of the bells in a bell tower broke down. The repair will cost around \$800. We kindly ask you to help with this project. May God bless you for your generosity.

❖ NJ Deanery Mission Vespers today (4pm): North: Holy Spirit Church, Wantage, NJ; South: Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Manville, NJ; For more information please see a flyer posted on the bulletin board.

## Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Walentina Szestawicka and to all who celebrate their Birthdays this month. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many Years! Многая Лета!