





**ST. NICHOLAS  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
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Sunday Services  
 Orthros 9:00 AM  
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM  
 Reservations only  
Sunday School- Zoom  
Office Hours During Great Lent  
 Wednesday-Thursday-Friday 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

**April 11<sup>th</sup> 2021**                      **SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS**  
**We commemorate:** Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum. Pharmuthios the Anchorite. Guthlac the Hermit of Crowland

**The Epistle Reading** is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20  
 BRETHERN, 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.

**The Gospel** According to Mark 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."

**ALL CHURCH SERVICES ARE BEING HELD!  
RESERVATIONS ONLY.**

Please call the church office at 603-436-2733 or email [stnicholasreservations@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasreservations@gmail.com). We are also broadcasting via the internet. Please go to: <http://www.stnicholasportsmouthnh.org> and click on Watch Live Broadcast.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>– SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS</b> – <b>10 YEAR MEMORIAL</b> for Konstantinos Birmbas. May his memory be eternal.
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>–GREEK SCHOOL: 4:00-6:30 PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>– OFFICE HOURS: 9:30-2:00 PM</b> – <b>GREEK SCHOOL: 5:00-7:30 PM</b> – <b>PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY: 6:00 PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>– NO OFFICE HOURS: FR. DIMITRI TO BE AT CLERGY RETREAT</b> – <b>ADULT GREEK SCHOOL: 11:30-12:30 &amp; 1:00-2:00</b>
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>–OFFICE HOURS: 9:30-2:00 PM</b> – <b>AKATHYST HYMN: 6:00 PM</b>
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>–LENTEN RETREAT FOR 3<sup>RD</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE. INFO BELOW</b>
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>–SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT</b> – <b>40 DAY MEMORIAL</b> for Evelyn Dovas. May her memory be eternal.

**COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS**

**TSOUREKI (EASTER BREAD – Last day to order!** *If you would like to order Tsourekis, the order form is in the Spirit or contact Hilde: [hildekama@gmail.com](mailto:hildekama@gmail.com) or 603-498-3233*

**LENTEN RETREAT:** *St. Demetrios Church in Saco is sponsoring a Lenten retreat for 3rd-12th graders on Saturday, April 17th from 9-4. Please contact Leon Nicholas at 603-770-9687 to register.*

**GOOD FRIDAY LUMINARIES:** *Please be sure to support this special fundraiser by purchasing a Luminary for Good Friday to light the exterior of our church. Each luminary is only \$10, and we are hoping every family will be able to participate. Please be sure to send your name and payment to St. Nicholas. Requests will be taken through **May 1st** as we have purchased the luminaries in advance. Thank you.*

**FLOWERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND FOR PASCHA:** *If you would like to donate toward the flowers to decorate the Kouvouklion on Good Friday, or for the solea for Pascha, please send checks payable to the Philoptochos and send to Deb Walker, 48 Boxwood Path, Greenwood, NH 03840.*

**SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK:** *Altar flowers for the Sundays after Pascha until Pentecost; Supplies for the Holy Wednesday Unction Service (Oil, flour, cotton balls, Q-tips, baggies); large white bath towel and small white hand towel for Washing of the Feet Service, \$30; White twin sized flat sheet for Holy Friday afternoon service; small Resurrection Candle, \$100; Communion wine, \$60; olive oil, \$20; charcoal, \$50. Please contact the Church office if you would like to donate one of these items.*

**PHILOPTOCHOS FUNDRAISER:** *"Krisanthi's War in Hitler's Greece," a novel about three women who must band together to survive Hitler's occupation of Athens and Rhodes. It describes the lows, but also the highs of life, love, and survival under these very challenging conditions. Contact Hilde Kamakas [hildekama@gmail.com](mailto:hildekama@gmail.com) or (603) 498-3233, Each copy is \$18 and supports the works of the Philoptochos.*