

PARISH BULLETIN

THE LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR THE DEANERY OF PITTSBURGH-2024

**UP COMING CHURCH
SERVICES:**

**APRIL 7.
THE ANNUNCIATION
Liturgy 10:00AM**

**APRIL 14.
4th Sunday of Lent
10:00AM**

**APRIL 21.
5th Sunday of Lent
Liturgy 10:00AM**

**APRIL 28.
PALM SUNDAY
Liturgy 10:00AM**

**MAY 1.
Presanctified Lit. 10:00AM**

**MAY 2.
Great Thursday
Liturgy 10:00AM
12 Passion Gospels 4:00PM**

**70. Anniversary of the
consecration of our Church
building
NOVEMBER 2, 2024.**

March 17th- Forgiveness Sunday- 5:00PM- Holy
Resurrection -Steubenville- Fr. Stevo
Rocknaga(Speaker)

March 31.-2nd Sunday (St. Gregory Palamas)-
5:00PM- St. Nicholas-Monroeville- Fr. Dragan
Vukovic

April 7.- 3rd Sunday (The Cross)- 5:00PM- St.
George- Midland- Fr. Nebojsa Varagic

April 14.- 4th Sunday (St. John Climacus)- 5:00PM-
St. Sava-McKeesport- Fr. Njegos Perkovic

April 21.-5th Sunday (St. Mary of Egypt)-5:00PM- St.
Nicholas- Johnstown- Fr. Stefan Djoric

April 28.-6th -Palm Sunday- 5:00PM- St. Elijah-
Aliquippa- Fr. Rajko Kosic

May 1st- Holy Wednesday(Holy Unction)-7:00PM-
Holy Trinity- Pittsburgh- Fr.Sasa Nedic

Presanctified Liturgy
during the Great Lent;
Wednesdays-10:00AM
&
Fridays-4:00PM
(Please call before coming)

Thank you for having us in
your prayers and for
supporting us financially.
May the Lord grant you
peace & good health.

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St. John Climacus (4th. Sunday of the Lent)

By Very Rev. Michael Ellias

"He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered and said to Him, 'You are the Christ.'" (Mk.9:29)

This Sunday, the forth in our pilgrimage toward Christ's Resurrection, the Church in its wisdom holds up as an example of asceticism a great saint whose life and writings can inspire those who honor him. St. John Climacus, or St. John of the Ladder, was the abbot of St. Catherine's Monastery on Mt. Sinai in the sixth century.

St. John stands as a witness to the spiritual effort that is necessary both for our Lenten journey and for our entrance into the Kingdom of God. The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is "not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of the present darkness" (Eph. 6:12). We must, therefore, take steps to become detached from things of this world and to cling more closely to God alone. Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are our spiritual resources. During Great Lent the Church reminds us to draw our attention away from daily distractions, desires, and passions and to place it once again on our ultimate goal, union with our merciful and holy God.

St. John encourages the faithful in their efforts and reminds us that "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Mt. 24:13). How can we achieve this? We can draw spiritual strength through the sacraments and by humbly practicing the disciplines handed down to us in the Church. If we are to be one with Christ, we must also serve as He served, seeing those in need around us and around the world.

Most Holy God, give us compassion to see and to serve wherever needed, and cleanse our hearts that we may seek only You.