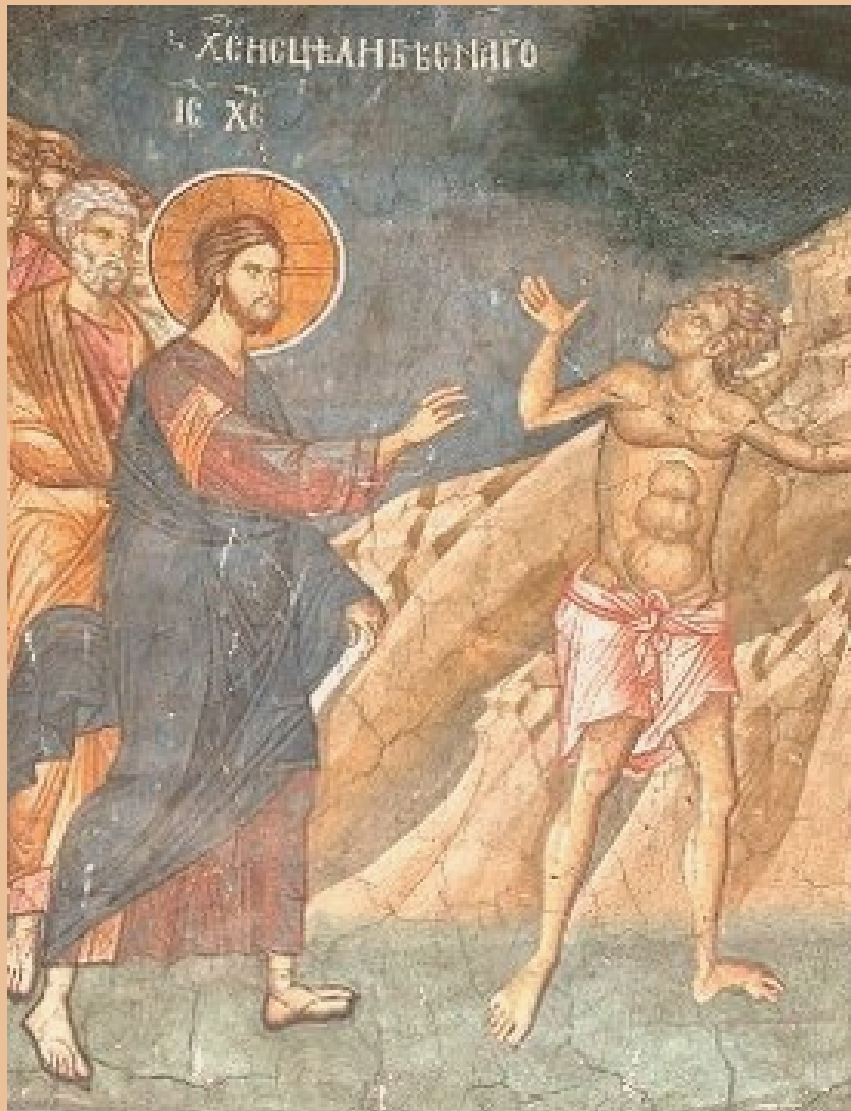


# 4th Sunday of the Great Fast

St. John Climacus

March 19, 2023



# Prayer before Liturgy

THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF OUR HOLY FATHERS, O LORD  
JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US.  
AMEN.

GLORY TO YOU, OUR GOD, GLORY TO YOU.  
HEAVENLY KING, COMFORTER, SPIRIT OF TRUTH,  
EVERYWHERE PRESENT AND FILLING ALL THINGS, TREASURY  
OF  
BLESSINGS AND GIVER OF LIFE, COME AND DWELL WITHIN US,  
CLEANSE US OF ALL STAIN, AND SAVE OUR SOULS, O  
GRACIOUS ONE.

*THROUGHOUT PASCHA, THE FOLLOWING IS SAID IN PLACE OF  
“GLORY TO YOU” AND “HEAVENLY KING.”*

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! BY DEATH HE TRAMPLED  
DEATH;  
AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE GRANTED LIFE. (THREE TIMES)

HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY, HOLY AND IMMORTAL, HAVE  
MERCY ON US. (THREE TIMES)

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.

MOST HOLY TRINITY, HAVE MERCY ON US; LORD, CLEANSE US  
OF OUR SINS; MASTER, FORGIVE OUR TRANSGRESSIONS;  
HOLY ONE, COME TO US AND HEAL OUR INFIRMITIES FOR  
YOUR NAME'S SAKE.

LORD, HAVE MERCY. (THREE TIMES)

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.

# Hebrews

## 6:13-20

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### THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S PROMISE

WHEN GOD MADE A PROMISE TO ABRAHAM, BECAUSE HE HAD NO ONE GREATER BY WHOM TO SWEAR, HE SWORE BY HIMSELF, SAYING, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU AND MULTIPLY YOU." AND THUS ABRAHAM, HAVING PATIENTLY ENDURED, OBTAINED THE PROMISE. HUMAN BEINGS, OF COURSE, SWEAR BY SOMEONE GREATER THAN THEMSELVES, AND AN OATH GIVEN AS CONFIRMATION PUTS AN END TO ALL DISPUTE. IN THE SAME WAY, WHEN GOD DESIRED TO SHOW EVEN MORE CLEARLY TO THE HEIRS OF THE PROMISE THE UNCHANGEABLE CHARACTER OF HIS PURPOSE, HE GUARANTEED IT BY AN OATH, SO THAT THROUGH TWO UNCHANGEABLE THINGS, IN WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT GOD WOULD PROVE FALSE, WE WHO HAVE TAKEN REFUGE MIGHT BE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SEIZE THE HOPE SET BEFORE US. WE HAVE THIS HOPE, A SURE AND STEADFAST ANCHOR OF THE SOUL, A HOPE THAT ENTERS THE INNER SHRINE BEHIND THE CURTAIN, WHERE JESUS, A FORERUNNER ON OUR BEHALF, HAS ENTERED, HAVING BECOME A HIGH PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.

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# Mark 9: 17–31

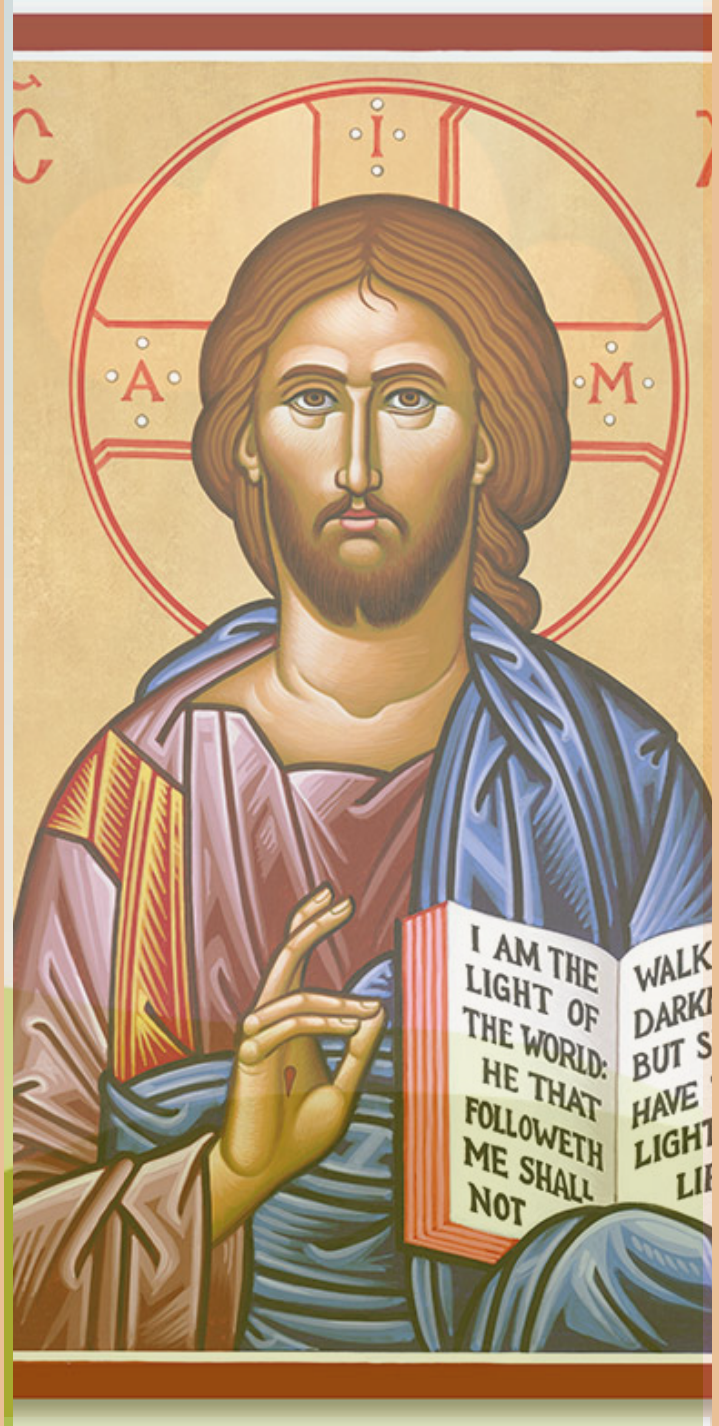
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## JESUS AGAIN FORETELLS HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever 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, but they could not do so." He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" 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 was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer."

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

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## JESUS LOVES YOU

How can you tell that he loves you?



Thoughts?

# 4th Sunday Of The Great Fast Word Search Puzzle

Words run horizontally, vertically, diagonally & even backwards  
Find words as fast as possible to win.

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FORERUNNER      PRAYER      ENCOURAGED      HIGH PRIEST

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# Prayer before Communion

O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.

ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.

O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.

# Prayer for Vocations

**O GOD, GREAT IN MIGHT AND INSCRUTABLE IN WISDOM, MARVELOUS IN COUNSEL ABOVE THE SONS OF MEN, FATHER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS: YOU THE SAME LORD, ENLIGHTEN WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CALL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD! GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO THEIR VOCATION, FOR YOU COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING! GIVE TO THE PARENTS THAT FAITH, LOVE AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE WHICH WILL INSPIRE THEM TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN TO YOUR SERVICE AND REJOICE WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN IS CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN A SPECIAL WAY OF PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION. WE IMPLORE YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOST PURE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY! AMEN!**