

**Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast; Commemoration of St. John of the Ladder (Climacus)**

*The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today.*

**Troparion, Tone 7: (page 29)**

By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

**Troparion, Tone 1:**

O John, our God-bearing father,\* you were shown to be a citizen of the desert,\* an angel in bodily form,\* and a worker of miracles.\* Through fasting, prayers and vigils you received heavenly gifts\* to heal the sick and the souls of those who, in faith, run to you.\* Glory to Him who gives you strength.\* Glory to Him who crowned you.\* Glory to Him who works healing for all through you.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion, Tone 4:**

On the heights of true abstinence,\* the Lord established you as a reliable star,\* giving light for guidance to the ends of the earth,\* O father John, our teacher.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

**Theotokion, Tone 7:**

O all-praised treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you,\* bring us up from the pit and depth of sin,\* for you have saved those subject to sin\* by giving birth to our Salvation,\* O Virgin before childbirth, and Virgin in childbirth,\* and still a Virgin after the childbirth.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 7: (page 33)**

The Lord will give strength to His people;\* the Lord will bless His people with peace.

**verse:** Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God;\* bring to the Lord young rams.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 7:**

The venerable ones will exult in glory\* and they shall be joyful in their beds.

**Alleluia, Tone 7: (page 33)**

**verse:** It is good to give praise to the Lord;\* and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

**verse:** To announce Your mercy in the morning,\* and Your truth every night.

**verse:** They who are planted in the hose of the Lord\* shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**Hymn to the Mother of God: (page 57)**

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race.

Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices.

Glory be to you.

**Communion verse: (page 67)**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.\* Alleluia. **(3X)**