



SAINT WILLIBRORD ORTHODOX CHURCH

*A Missionary Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox
Christian Archdiocese of North America,
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest*

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His Grace Bishop ANTHONY, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of
Toledo and the Midwest

Rev. Fr. Seraphim Schlueter, Pastor



DIVINE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

TONE 4 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

**COMMEMORATION OF JOHN CLIMACUS, AUTHOR OF "THE
LADDER"**

APOSTLES ARISTARCHOS, PUDENS AND TROPHYMOS OF THE SEVENTY

WE at Saint Willibrord Orthodox Church welcome you. We are pleased that you have joined us today in worshipping God, the Holy Trinity.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, you are welcome to receive the immaculate Body and precious Blood of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ if you have properly prepared yourself through prayer, fasting, and recent sacramental confession.

If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to worship with us, ask questions, and learn about our parish and the Orthodox Christian faith. Although you may not receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to receive some of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Apolytikion for St. John Climacus

Tone 8

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Troparion of St. Willibrord

The word of God to the Patriarch Abraham, “Go forth from thy country,” thou hast received as a command for thyself, as the Lord doth ask to leave all things for His sake. As an inheritance He hath given thee a distant land which thou hast won for Him through the labor. Intercede for us, O holy Father Willibrord, that we may become worthy children of the Light.

Kontakion for Sundays in Great Lent (and Akathist Saturday)

Tone 8

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE EPISTLE

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews.
(6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.” And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into “that which is within the veil,” where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest “forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “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 Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And Jesus 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 Jesus, 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 Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, 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 Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And Jesus 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 Jesus would not have anyone 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 after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”

St. Basil Liturgy Megalynarion

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.



CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 16

6:00 PM Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 17

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 19

6:00 PM Akathist to the Theotokos

Saturday, April 20

2:00 PM – Catechumen Class

4:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, April 21

8:30 AM – Matins

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Confessions may be made before or after services or by appointment.

FUTURE PRIEST FUND PROGRESS

2024 Goal: \$15,148.14 | **Year-to-date:** \$2,825.00 | **To-go this year:** (\$12,323.14)

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