



**On Sunday, March 18, 2018 we commemorate:  
Sunday of St. John Climacus  
Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem  
Trophimos & Eukarpion, Monk-martyrs of Nicomedeia  
Edward the Martyr, King of England**



### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον**

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν  
κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης  
τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν,  
Κύριε δόξα σοι.

### **Τοῦ Ὁσίου**

Ταῖς τῶν δακρῶν σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ  
ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους  
στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους  
ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστὴρ τῇ  
οἰκουμένῃ, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν· Ἰωάννη  
Πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ,  
σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### **Troparion of St. George**

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτὴς, καὶ τῶν  
πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός,  
βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, τροπαιοφόρε  
μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ  
Θεῷ θῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### **Κοντάκιον**

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια,  
Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,  
Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ'  
ὥς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ  
παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵνα  
κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

You descended from on high, O compassionate  
One, and condescended to be buried for three  
days, so that from the passions You might set us  
free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to  
You.

### **For the Devout Man**

With the rivers of your tears you made the  
barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from  
deep within, you made your labors bear their  
fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star,  
illuminating the world by your miracles, O John,  
our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God,  
for the salvation of our souls.

### **Troparion of St. George**

Liberator of captives, defender of the  
Poor, physician of the sick, and champion  
Of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George,  
intercede with Christ God that our souls be  
saved.

### **Kontakion**

O Champion General, I your City now  
inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the  
tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from  
the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you  
have power unassailable, from all kinds of  
perils free me, so that unto I may cry aloud:  
Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

## The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20



BRETHREN, 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."

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Orthros: 9:00 AM                  Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM  
Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes, Proistamenos**

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM  
Parish Office closed on Friday**

### **Church Usher Assignment**

<b>Sunday, March 18, 2018</b>	<b>Team D</b> Steve Giakoumis, Antonia Kananis, Gladys Paravalos
<b>Sunday, March 25, 2018</b>	<b>Team A</b> Charlie Koinis, Norina McGowen, Phil McGowen

## **March Events**

Sunday, March 18, 2018	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM <b>Sunday of St. John Climacus – Lenten Mission Vespers</b> <b>St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Troy, NY</b>
Monday, March 19, 2018	6:30 PM Orthodoxy/Bible Study
Wednesday, March 21, 2018	6:00 PM <b>Presanctified Liturgy</b>
Friday, March 23, 2018	6:00 PM <b>Akathist Hymn</b>
Sunday, March 25, 2018	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – <b>Annunciation of the Theotokos</b> 5:00 PM <b>Lenten Mission Vespers</b> <b>St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church – Albany, NY</b>
Monday, March 26, 2018	6:30 PM Greek Language Class
Tuesday, March 27, 2018	10:00 AM Soup Kitchen Prep 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen Serve – sponsored by Eliana Georgelos In Memory of Greg Georgelos and Loula D’Jimas
Wednesday, March 28, 2018	6:00 PM <b>Presanctified Liturgy</b>
Saturday, March 31, 2018	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – <b>Saturday of Lazarus</b> Youth Breakfast and Palm Folding following Divine Liturgy

## **April Events**

Sunday, April 1, 2018	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – <b>Palm Sunday</b> 6:00 PM <b>Bridegroom Service</b>
Monday, April 2, 2018	6:00 PM <b>Holy Monday – Bridegroom Service</b>
Tuesday, April 3, 2018	6:00 PM <b>Holy Tuesday – Bridegroom Service</b>
Wednesday, April 4, 2018	6:00 PM <b>Holy Wednesday – Service of Holy Unction</b>