

# St. John Of the Desert

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## FAST AND ABSTINENCE FOR THE GREAT LENT (2017)

### 1. Fast from Midnight to Noon (No Food)

- March 27 to April 15 on all Monday to Friday

### 2. Abstinence from specific foods

- From March 26 to April 15

### Prayers for the Great Lent (2017)

- March 29 and April 5 - 7pm Presanctified Liturgy
- March 30 Thursday of Repentance - 7pm Service
- April 8 Saturday of Lazarus 9am Divine Liturgy

April 9 Palm Sunday - 10:30am Divine Liturgy, Presentation and Procession

April 11 Great and Holy Tuesday - 7pm Bridegroom Service

April 12 Great and Holy Wednesday - 7pm Repentance & Holy Oil Anointing

April 13 Great and Holy Thursday - 7pm Crucifixion of Our Lord

April 14 Great and Holy Friday - 12pm Vespers/Descent of the Cross and Parish Soup  
7pm Office of the Burial of Christ

April 15 Great and Holy Saturday - 11am Blessing of the New Light and Triumph over death  
8pm Hajmeh/Resurrection Divine Liturgy

April 16 Holy Resurrection of our Lord - 10:30am Resurrection Divine Liturgy

## Collection on Good Friday, marked "Holy Land"

Vatican Information Service recently stated Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, addressed a letter to all bishops worldwide in view of the collection for the Holy Land.

*"Presently, there are millions of refugees fleeing Syria and Iraq, where the roar of arms does not cease and the way of dialogue and concord seems to be completely lost. Senseless hatred seems to prevail instead, along with the helpless desperation of those who have lost everything and have been expelled from the land of their ancestors. If the Christians of the Holy Land are encouraged to resist, to the degree possible, the understandable temptation to flee, the faithful throughout the world are asked to take their plight to heart."*

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers a direct opportunity for parishioners to be witnesses of peace. Their support is a sign of Christian unity, which helps protect the Holy Places and supports Christians in the Holy Land. This annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection unites all Christians with the Holy Land.

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, ..."* Mark 10:14

*"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them."* St. Thomas Aquinas

**Do not forget the hungry!**

(Collection Basket in the Narthex)  
Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

MARCH 26, 2017  
SUNDAY OF OUR FATHER JOHN CLIMAKOS

HEBREWS 6:13-20

MARK 9:17-31

TONE 4

Wednesday, March 29	7:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, March 30	7:00 pm	Repentance Service
Sunday, April 2	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy followed by the Social Hour
		(+) Anton Hattar, (+) George Haddad

**Today, Ladies Guild Meeting**

### Today's Intention

- For the Health and Salvation of Angie Vanderwey by Paul & Shirley Davis
- For the Health and Salvation of Charlie & MaryAnne Collins by Paul & Shirley Davis
- For the Health and Salvation of Deacon Stephanos Helo
- For the Health and Salvation of Sr. Sophia
- Repose of the Soul of Adeeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- Repose of the Soul of Mario Venerusso by Dcn. Marion & Joyce Rimmer
- Repose of the Soul of Tom Garcia by Kh. Simone
- Repose of the Soul of George Haddad by Sami Haddad
- Repose of the Soul of Deacon Tom Hook
- Repose of the Soul of Cecilia by Kh. Simone

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:**

Pauline Hamra, Fadia Loegering, Munther Hattar, Dr. Farouk Habra, Alan Herro, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Rt. Rev. Charles Aboody, Jennifer Rimmer, Paul Davis, Jacques Rainis and Elizabeth Nahhas.

(NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO EXTEND.)

### The language of tears HB GREGORIOS III: Letter for Great and Holy Lent 2017

*Weeping is a language. It is a silent, eloquent and deep expression of a person's intimate feelings. So it is with the tears of the sinful woman, or the tears of Peter. When words are unable to express feelings, then tears gush from the eyes like a spring, in an activity at once physical and spiritual. The eyes weep. The heart weeps. The whole person weeps. Prayer is the most suitable time to express the deepest feelings through tears.*

### Weep with those who weep

*Saint Paul exhorts us in these terms: "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." (Romans 12: 15) How many are they who weep, who mourn, are wounded, sick, suffering, hungry, thirsty, in our society, especially today in our Middle East, weighed down by the yoke of emigration, terrorism, violence, war, takfirism, death and crime.*

***Faced with this world of violence, we need a great fund of tears, as if we were the mothers of Bethlehem who would not be consoled after the massacre of their children, the Innocents.***

### Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 72 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 75 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 23

Tithing: 817.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00

Coffee Collection: 36.00 - Stole Offerings: 24.00 - Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 0.00

Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

### WHILE SHOPPING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

Canned Fruits, Canned Roast Beef, Granola Bars, Jelly, Protein Bars, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce, Water Bottles, Spaghetti, Rice, Dry Foods, Canned Vegetables, etc.

**For all your Gifts, please call St. John of the Desert Gifts at (602) 363-GIFT**

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