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**Sunday, 14 April, 2024
Divine Liturgy Sundays at 9:30 AM
Confessions 8:45-9:15 AM
St. John of the Ladder
Преп. Иоанна Лествичника

** (Pascha / Easter 2024: 5 May) ****

Lenten services This Week			
Wed	Apr 17	6:30 PM	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete / Андреево Стояние
Fri	Apr 19	6:30 PM	Akathist – Похвала Богородицы / Акафист Пр. Бцы.

**The Orthodox Paschal Service will begin at 11:00 PM Saturday night, May 4th.
>> Blessing of Paschal food will be at 10:30 PM Saturday, May 4th. <<**

Paschal flower donation for Plaschanitsa in honor/memory of:

Attention: Friends and parishioners: May of you have inquired about sending donations for flowers for the Plaschanitsa in the same way as you have gotten used to sending your donations – via Pay/Pal or other means, rather than by mailing a check as before.

If you wish to do so, please use our web site: resurrectionskete.org, as before and select the “donate/paypal” button. If you have a space, please add the word “Flowers” and a list of the names to be commemorated.

If you do not see a “memo” line to send your names for commemoration, please send a message to us at rusmnch@msn.com, indicating the flower donation and the names, and we will match up your donation with your commemoration list. Thank you!

Heaven is a Stairway

“Hell is a paved road. Heaven is a stairway.” These are in general the thoughts of the Church Teacher whom we commemorate the fourth Sunday of Lent, St. John Climacus. His title comes from the name of a book he

wrote in which he describes a person’s ascent to heaven as a ladder of moral and spiritual development.

These thoughts also echo the words of our Great Teacher the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who said, “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few” (*Matt. 7:13-14*).

It is good to think of this when we are tempted and discouraged because of the difficulties and barriers that we find in our daily lives. They may be there to teach us useful lessons in order that we could more easily find the way that leads to true freedom for our souls, hearts and minds.

Yes, it seems that difficulties can paradoxically make things easier for us – depending on the goals for which we are striving. Let us be courageous and determined. Sometimes the harder the road the greater the treasures to which it leads us. Let’s aim for heaven. Let’s keep our eyes firmly focused on the splendor of our destination – life in all its fullness. (*from The Orthodox Herald*).