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21 APRIL 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT - SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

At the Divine Liturgy

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 8 Troparion *(St. Mary of Egypt)*

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.//
Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 3 Kontakion *(St. Mary of Egypt)*

Having been a sinful woman,
you became through repentance a bride of Christ.
Having attained angelic life,
you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross.//
Therefore, O most glorious Mary, you are a bride of the Kingdom.

Tone 5 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Epistle

(321-ctr) Hebrews 9:11-14

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

V. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

Gospel

(47) Mark 10:32-45

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following)

Hymn to the Birth-Giver of God

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace:
the assembly of angels and the race of men.
O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,
the glory of virgins,
from whom God was incarnate and became a Child –
our God before the ages.
He made your body into a throne,
and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens.
All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace.
Glory to you!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil
tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Announcements

- **PRAY FOR UKRAINE!** - The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine.. **The next Moleben service will be this Tuesday; 23 April at 6:30 PM IN OUR OWN CHURCH.** We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!
- **REGULAR MONTHLY PARISH BOARD MEETING:** The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Board will take place tomorrow evening, Monday; 22 April at 6:30 PM immediately following the Presanctified Liturgy. All outgoing and newly- elected Parish Board members should attend. As usual, the meeting is open to all interested parishioners.
- **PARISH LENTEN MISSION: This Friday and Saturday, 26-27 April, Fr. Ivan Tchopko will visit our parish to lead us in a Lenten Mission. Fr. Ivan will lead the Mission in English on Friday evening at the Presanctified Liturgy and will hear confessions. On Saturday morning, Fr. Ivan will lead the mission in Ukrainian and also hear confessions. We urge all our parishioners to avail themselves of the opportunity to approach the Sacraments.**
- **CHANGE TO NEW JULIAN CALENDAR-** As directed by the letter of the President of the Consistory, 26 March 2023 His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, dated 23 March 2024, our parish will change to the New Julian calendar this Tuesday, 23 April, the Feast of St.

George. You will find this notated in this week's schedule in today's bulletin. The Feast of St. George will be marked with a Presanctified Liturgy on Monday evening. *Once again, we must stress that the change in calendar ONLY affects those holy days with a designated date. It does NOT affect Pascha or any holy days that are calculated by Pascha.*

- **SISTERHOOD MEETING:** The Meeting originally scheduled for today will be rescheduled for a Sunday after Pascha. Please watch for an announcement.
- **UKRAINIAN - AMERICAN VETERANS KOVBASA SALE -** The local chapter of the Ukrainian-American Veterans are having their annual Paschal Kovbasa Fundraiser. All the proceeds of the sale help fund the activities of the Vets. The price for Krayana Kovbasa \$7/lb., Krakivska \$8/lb, Kovbanosy \$8/lb. and Beet Horseradish \$5 for a container. Please see Nik Fartuch for more information and to place an order.
- **PRAYER BOOKS AND MEMORIAL BOOKS AVAILABLE -** Recently a number of people have requested prayer books for their personal use. We have also had requests for the small memorial books wherein the name of deceased love ones, as well as the living for whom we wish to pray, can be written and submitted to the priest. We are happy to announce we now have a supply of both. Please see Robin Bodnar in the office to purchase.
- **POST-PASCHAL/MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH -** The Men's Group will once again be honoring the mothers and women of our Parish with a traditional Post-Paschal "SVIACHENE"/MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women after Divine Liturgy on 19 May. All women of the Parish are invited. A suggested donation from the men is requested of \$10 to offset costs. RESERVATION IS REQUIRED. Please see Hayden Arp or John Koretski to reserve your place or for more information.
- **READER SCHEDULE:**

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
04-21	John Sokalsky.	Robin Bodnar
04-28	Rich Bodnar.	Hayden Arp
- **COFFEE SOCIAL: Today's coffee hour is hosted by; NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY**
- **Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church: Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyi Dovgan, Fr. Ivan Levitsky, Fr. Bohdan Heleta, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Daniel Milinichek, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, William Radio, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Elsie Moroz, Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.**

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Schedule for this Week

SUNDAY - 21 April - FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT - SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 8:27-31

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

5 PM - Pasiya Service

Monday; 22 April - The Holy Martyr Eusychius of Caesarea

Isaiah 48:17:49:4 Genesis 27:1-41 Proverbs 19:16-25

5:30 PM PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY

=== CHANGE TO NEW JULIAN CALENDAR ===

Tuesday; 23 April - THE HOLY AND GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE VICTORIOUS

Isaiah 49:6-10 Genesis 31:3-16 Proverbs 21:3-21

9 AM - TYPICA/OBIDNYTSYA

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - **IN OUR OWN CHURCH** - (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy of the Lehigh Valley)

Wednesday; 24 April - The Holy Elizabeth the Wonderworker

Isaiah 58:1-11 Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16 Proverbs 21:23-22:4

9 AM - LENTEN HOURS

4 PM - AKAFIST TO THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Thursday; 25 April - The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark

1 Peter 5:6-14 Luke 10:16-21`

Friday; 26 April - The Holy Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea

Isaiah 66:10-24 Genesis 49:33-50:26 Proverbs 31:8-31

9 AM - LENTEN HOURS

6:30 PM PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY - **LENTEN MISSION**

Saturday; 27 April - LAZARUS SATURDAY

Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8 John 11:1-45

LENTEN MISSION CONTINUES

9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY **followed by church cleaning and ironing of Paschal altar cloths.**

ALL ARE INVITED TO HELP!

5 PM - GREAT VESPERS (followed by Holy Confession)

SUNDAY - 28 April - PALM/WILLOW SUNDAY

Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

5 PM - Pasiya Service



Our venerable mother **Mary of Egypt** was a desert ascetic who repented of a life of debauchery. She lived during the sixth century, and passed away in a remarkable manner in 522. The Church celebrates her feast day on the day of her repose, April 1; additionally, she is commemorated on the fifth Sunday in Great Lent.

She began her life as a young woman who followed the passions of the body, running away from her parents at age twelve for Alexandria. There she lived as a harlot for seventeen years, refusing money from the men that she copulated with, instead living by begging and spinning flax. One day, however, she met a group of young men heading toward the sea to sail to Jerusalem for the veneration of the Holy Cross. Mary went along for the ride, seducing the men as they traveled for the fun of it. But when the group reached Jerusalem and actually went towards the church, Mary was prohibited from entering by an unseen force. After three such attempts, she remained outside on

the church patio, where she looked up and saw an icon of the Mother of God. She began to weep and prayed with all her might that the Blessed Mother might allow her to see the True Cross; afterwards, she promised, she would renounce her worldly desires and go wherever the Holy Virgin may lead her. After this heart-felt conversion at the doors of the church, she fled into the desert to live as an ascetic. She survived for years on only three loaves of bread and thereafter on scarce herbs of the land. For another seventeen years, Mary was tormented by "wild beasts—mad desires and passions." After these years of temptation, however, she overcame the passions and was led by the Mother of God in all things. Following 47 years in solitude, she met the priest St. Zosima in the desert, who pleaded with her to tell him of her life. She recounted her story with great humility while also demonstrating her gift of clairvoyance; she knew who Zosima was and his life story despite never having met him before. Finally, she asked Zosima to meet her again the following year at sunset on Holy Thursday by the banks of the Jordan. Zosima did exactly this, though he began to doubt his experience as the sun began to set that night. Then Mary appeared on the opposite side of the Jordan; crossing herself, she miraculously walked across the water and met Zosima. When he attempted to bow, she rebuked him, saying that as a priest he was far superior, and furthermore, he was holding the Holy Mysteries. Mary then received communion and walked back across the Jordan after giving Zosima instructions about his monastery and that he should return to where they first met exactly a year later. When he did so, he found Mary's body with a message written on the sand asking him for burial and revealing that she had died immediately after receiving the Holy Mysteries the year before (and thus had been miraculously transported to the spot where she now lay). So Zosima, amazed, began to dig, but soon tired; then a lion approached and began to help him, that is, after Zosima had recovered from his fear of the creature. Thus St. Mary of Egypt was buried. Zosima returned to the monastery, told all he had seen, and improved the faults of the monks and abbot there. He died at almost a hundred years old in the same monastery. (Source: https://orthodoxwiki.org/Mary_of_Egypt)