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Sunday, April 21, 2024

Reader Hours: Edward Pierson
Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky



5th Sunday of Great Lent, St. Mary of Egypt

We welcome all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall for fellowship. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. **Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through strict Fasting on the morning of the Liturgy, recent Confession and at peace with each other may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

SERVICES:

Sunday, April 21	9:30 AM: Liturgy of St. Basil (St. Mary of Egypt) Church School, Fellowship
Sunday, April 21	5:00 PM: Lenten Mission @ Holy Apostles Church, Mechanicsburg
Wednesday, April 24	5:00 PM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Fast from Noon)
Friday, April 26	5:00 PM: Canon of St. Lazarus, Confessions
Saturday, April 27	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy – (Lazarus Saturday)
Saturday, April 27	4:00 PM: Chrismation Service: Stephanie, Gabriel & Charlotte Melber
Saturday, April 27	5:00 PM: Great Vespers with Litia, Confessions
Sunday, April 28	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy – (Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday) Church School, Fellowship
Sunday, April 28	5:00 PM: Bridegroom Service

Prayer List*:

Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo
Jeanne Cannon, Stephanie Chmel, Kaitlyn & Shannon Dmytrow, Julia Forte, Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy & Joseph Macenka, Joan Mehallic, Anna Pierson, Odess Remington, Melissa Schmitt, Helen Sheers, Olga Sidoriak, Randy Winney, Marie Yurchak

* Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days. You may request to have your name or the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

**If anyone is in need of a priest,
please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772.**

Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Candles (April 21)

7-day Vigils-Altar: In health of **Marie Yurchak**, in honor of her birthday offered by Barb Teno

Altar Candles: In memory of **Mary Butts** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Martha Teno** offered by the family

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod: In memory of **Martha Stafiniak** offered by Susan Swierczewski

***Donations of flowers on the Tetrapod will now be \$50, due to the increase from Porvaznik's Flowers (under new management) in Lansford.**

April Birthdays: Paul Macenka 10- Jacqueline Babinetz, 14-Marie Yurchak, 16- Mary Evetushick, 17- Anastasia Babinetz, Julie McHugh, 24- Dennis Vavra, 25- Paul Macenka, Jr.

Financials 4/14/2024: Operating Acct: Envelopes \$300, Non-envelope \$251, Candles \$135, Altar Candles \$40, Holy Day \$5, Donations \$100, Fuel \$50, Flowers \$40.

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

April 21 Helen King **April 28** John Evetushick **May 5** Pascha

May 12 Russell King **May 19** Chinese Auction

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Gifts and Monetary donations are needed to be successful. Please see Marie Skripnek or Helen King

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King.

Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

'Tentative' HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 29	9:30 AM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Monday, April 29	5:00 PM: Bridegroom Service
Tuesday, April 30	9:30 AM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Tuesday, April 30	5:00 PM: Bridegroom Service
Wednesday, May 1	6:00 PM: Holy Unction @ Holy Ascension, Frackville
Thursday, May 2	9:30 AM: Vespereal Liturgy (St. Basil)
Thursday, May 2	6:00 PM: 12 Passion Gospel Readings
Friday, May 3	9:30 AM: Royal Hours
Friday, May 3	5:00 PM: Holy Friday – Burial Service
Friday, May 3	7:00 PM: Holy Friday – Matins Lamentations
Saturday, May 4	9:30 AM: Holy Saturday – Vespereal Liturgy
Saturday, May 4	10:00 PM: Nocturns, Matins, Holy Pascha Divine Liturgy followed by the Blessing of Baskets & enjoying our basket foods
Sunday, May 5	11:00 AM: Agape Vespers, Blessing of Baskets.

April 21, 2024. Tone 5. Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, St. Mary of Egypt.

Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and his companions: Festus, Proculus, and Sosius—Deacons, Desiderius—Reader, and Eutychius and Acutius—laymen, at Pozzuoli (ca. 305). Hieromartyr Theodore of Perge in Pamphylia, his mother, Philippa, and Martyrs Dioscorus, Socrates, and Dionysius (2nd c.). Martyrs Isaac, Apollos, and Quadratus, of Nicomedia (303). St. Maximian, Patriarch of Constantinople (434). The Recovery of the Relics of Saint Theodore of Sanaxar (1791).

Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen!

He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

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 4 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

V. You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.
V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (St. Mary of Egypt)

V. God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel.

Hebrews 9:11 -14 (Epistle)

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
V. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

Tone 4

V. They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Silent Prayer before the Gospel:

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Mark 10:32-45 (Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

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