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Ecclesiarch & Choirmaster

Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

April 9, 2006

5th Sunday of Great Lent

St. Mary of Egypt

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Troparion - Tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in you, 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, since it is immortal. Therefore your spirit, holy mother Mary, Rejoices with the angels!

Kontakion - Tone 3

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, most glorious Mary, you are a Bride of the Kingdom!



Prayer Requests

Departed:

Archpriest Victor Sokolov

Ill-afflicted:

Helen Baldner
John Clements
John Conrad
Alex Dobay
Eileen Eschuk
Janet Franks
Gayle & Joyce Franks
Henry & Julia Grabowski
Sergei Kluchnik & Family
Mary Ann Mishko
Margaret Rusynyk
John & Ann Shuleva
Jan Tkacz
Jeanne Twitchell
Wilma Trivanovich
Alexander Kuzminec
Billy J Spurlock

Michelle & Kiplan Frampton & Unborn Child

Parish Council News

🕒 **The next Parish Council Meeting is Thursday, April 27, 2006. Any parish member is welcome.**

Parish News

Pascha Flowers

Please consider contributing for the flowers to decorate the Tomb and for Pascha. Envelopes are in your mailing. Just like everything else, they keep going up in price!

Information for the AMBO

should be emailed to

ambo@sttheodosius.org

Lenten Mission Schedule

April 9 -

St. Nicholas - Mentor - 5:00 pm

Paul & Dorothy Laskovich wish to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and support at the time of the death of their sister, Roselle Laskowski

Prayer for the 5th Sunday in Great Lent

You that are the support of all that fall, and the restoration of the shattered, O Christ our God, Who came down without leaving the Father's side, and were incarnate of the Holy Virgin Mary, coming into the world so as to bestow Your care on our fallen nature that was cast to thieves, and fearfully corrupted and wounded by them, that You might restore us to our homeland of old: O Master, heal our unseen sores, and bind the wounds of our soul, by Your Precious Blood which You have shed for us, and Your Holy Chrism which You bestowed upon us; and deliver us from the blows that strike us incessantly, from invisible enemies striving to snatch away from us faith and hope in You, and to deprive us of Your Grace.

Take not Your merciful love from us, and Your salutary healing: that, being made whole, and cleansed from every stain, we may be found worthy of the calling of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. For You are the Healer of ills both unseen and manifest, and that do battle for the Orthodox Christians.

For You are our God, and to You do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

Coffee Hour & Greeters Schedules

Coffee Hour Hosts:

4/9 Mat. Jeanne Homik & Mat. Cindy Zdinak
4/16 Dan & Livinia Morris
4/23 NO COFFEE HOUR
4/30 Patti Sankovic & Natalie Pricinovskis
5/7 Maca Tyler & Judy Schwind
5/14 Joyce Tabeling

Greeters:

D. Pinta/D.Pinta
P. Gindlesberger/L. Smotzer
Pascha
P. Gindlesberger/L. Smotzer
D. Pinta/D. Pinta
P. Pangrace/Pangrace

2006 Dues

\$250.00 per

Adult member

(18 and older)

Synaxarion for the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent - St Mary of Egypt

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Great Lent, we celebrate the memory of our holy and venerable Mother, Mary of Egypt.

The recorder of the life of this wonderful saint is St. Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem. A hieromonk, the elder Zossima, had gone off at one time during the Great Fast on a twenty-days' walk into the wilderness across the Jordan. He suddenly caught sight of a human being with a withered and naked body and with hair as white as snow, who fled in its nakedness from Zossima's sight. The elder ran a long way, until this figure stopped at a stream and called, "Father Zossima, forgive me for the Lord's sake. I cannot turn around to you, for I am a naked woman." Then Zossima threw her his outer cloak, and she wrapped herself in it and turned around to him. The elder was amazed at hearing his name from the lips of this unknown woman. After considerable pressure on his part, she told him the story of her life.

She had been born in Egypt and had lived as a prostitute in Alexandria from the age of twelve, spending seventeen years in this way of life. Urged by the lustful fire of the flesh, she one day boarded a ship that was sailing for Jerusalem. Arriving at the Holy City, she attempted to go into one of the churches to venerate the Precious Cross, but some unseen power prevented her from entering. In great fear, she turned to an icon of the Mother of God that was in the entrance and begged her to let her go in and venerate the Cross, confessing her sin and impurity and promising that she would then go wherever the Most Pure One led her. She was then allowed to enter the church. After venerating the Cross, she went out again to the entrance and, standing in front of the icon, thanked the Mother of God. Then she heard a voice saying, "If you cross the Jordan, you will find true peace." She immediately bought three loaves of bread and set off for the Jordan, arriving there the same evening. She received Holy Communion the following morning in the monastery of St. John the Baptist, and then crossed the river. She spent the next forty-eight years in the wilderness in the greatest torments, in terror, in struggles with passionate thoughts like gigantic beasts, feeding only on plants.

Later, when she was standing in prayer, Zossima saw her lifted up in the air. She begged him to bring her Holy Communion the next year on the bank of the Jordan, and she would come to receive it. The following year, Zossima came with the Holy Gifts to the bank of the Jordan in the evening and stood in amazement as he saw her cross the river. He saw her coming in the moonlight and, arriving on the further bank, make the sign of the Cross over the river. She then walked across it as though it were dry land. When she had received Holy Communion, she begged him to come again the following year to the same stream by which they had first met. The next year Zossima went and found her dead body there on that spot. Above her head in the sand was written: "Abba Zossima, bury in this place the body of the humble Mary. Give dust to dust. I passed away on April 1, on the very night of Christ's Passion, after Communion of the Divine Mysteries." For the first time, Zossima learned her name and also the awe-inspiring marvel that she had arrived at that stream the previous year on the night of the same day on which she had received Holy Communion - a place that he had taken twenty days to reach. And thus Zossima buried the body of the wonderful saint, Mary of Egypt. When he returned to the monastery, he recounted the whole story of her life and the wonders to which he had been an eyewitness. Thus the Lord glorifies repentant sinners. She entered into rest in about the year 530.

St. Mary is remembered today, as we reach the end of the Great Fast, to arouse the energy of the slothful and to urge sinners to repentance, imitating her example. She is also commemorated on April 1. The Righteous Zossima, who buried St. Mary, is commemorated on April 4.

O Christ our God, through the intercessions of our venerable Mother Mary of Egypt, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday April 9, 5th Sunday of Lent - St. Mary of Egypt

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM Deanery Mission Vespers - St. Nicholas - Mentor

Monday April 10

5:00 PM **NO CONFESSIONS**

6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Tuesday April 11

5:00 PM **NO CONFESSIONS**

6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Wednesday April 12

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Liturgy Presanctified Gifts & Potluck

Thursday April 13

11:00 AM Faith Enrichment

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Friday April 14

5:00 PM *Last Confession Before Pascha*

6:00 PM Liturgy Presanctified Gifts & Potluck

Saturday April 15 Lazarus Saturday

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM Children Prepare Palms & Pussy Willows

6:00 PM Vigil for Palm Sunday

Sunday April 16, Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins

Fr. John is also available for Confession after Services for those who cannot come earlier.



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