

# Ambo

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## 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

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2ND SUNDAY OF PASCHA  
ANTIPASCHA

THOMAS SUNDAY



**The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark** (April 25), also known as John Mark (Acts 12:12), was one of the Seventy Apostles, and was also a nephew of Saint Barnabas (June 11). He was born at Jerusalem. The house of his mother Mary adjoined the Garden of Gethsemane. As Church Tradition relates, on the night that Christ was betrayed he followed after Him, wrapped only in a linen cloth. He was seized by soldiers, and fled away naked, leaving the cloth behind (Mark 14:51-52). After the Ascension of the Lord, the house of his mother Mary

became a place where Christians gathered, and a place of lodging for some of the Apostles (Acts 12:12).

Saint Mark was a very close companion of the Apostles Peter and Paul (June 29) and Barnabas. Saint Mark was at Seleucia with Paul and Barnabas, and from there he set off to the island of Cyprus, and he traversed the whole of it from east to west. In the city of Paphos, Saint Mark witnessed the blinding of the sorcerer Elymas by Saint Paul (Acts 13:6-12).

After working with the Apostle Paul, Saint Mark returned to Jerusalem, and then went to Rome with the Apostle Peter. From there, he set out for Egypt, where he established a local Church.

Saint Mark met Saint Paul in Antioch. From there he went with Saint Barnabas to Cyprus, and then he went to Egypt again, where he and Saint Peter founded many churches. Then he went to Babylon. From this city the Apostle Peter sent an Epistle to the Christians of Asia Minor, in which he calls Saint Mark his son (1 Pet 5:13).

When the Apostle Paul came to Rome in chains, Saint Mark was at Ephesus, where Saint Timothy (January 22) was bishop. Saint Mark went with him to Rome. There he also wrote his holy Gospel (ca. 62-63).

From Rome Saint Mark traveled to Egypt. In Alexandria he started a Christian school, which later produced such famous Fathers and teachers of the Church as Clement of Alexandria, Saint Dionysius of Alexandria (October 5), Saint Gregory Thaumaturgos (November 5), and others. Zealous for Church services, Saint Mark composed a Liturgy for the Christians of Alexandria.

Saint Mark preached the Gospel in the inner regions of Africa, and he was in Libya at Neapolis.

During these journeys, Saint Mark was inspired by the Holy Spirit to go again to Alexandria and confront the pagans. There he visited the home

of Ananias, and healed his crippled hand. The dignitary happily took him in, listened to his words, and received Baptism.

Following the example of Ananias, many of the inhabitants of that part of the city where he lived were also baptized. This roused the enmity of the pagans, and they wanted to kill Saint Mark. Having learned of this, Saint Mark made Ananias a bishop, and the three Christians Malchos, Sabinos, and Kerdinos were ordained presbyters to provide the church with leadership after his death.

The pagans seized Saint Mark when he was serving the Liturgy. They beat him, dragged him through the streets and threw him in prison. There Saint Mark was granted a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who strengthened him before his sufferings. On the following day, the angry crowd again dragged the saint through the streets to the courtroom, but along the way Saint Mark died saying, "Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."

The pagans wanted to burn the saint's body, but when they lit the fire, everything grew dark, thunder crashed, and there was an earthquake. The pagans fled in terror, and Christians took up the body of Saint Mark and buried it in a stone crypt. This was on April 4, 63. The Church celebrates his memory on April 25.

In the year 310, a church was built over the relics of Saint Mark. In 820, when the Moslem Arabs had established their rule in Egypt and oppressed the Christian Church, the relics of Saint Mark were transferred to Venice and placed in the church named for him.

In the ancient iconographic tradition, which adopted symbols for the holy Evangelists borrowed from the vision of Saint John the Theologian (Rev 4:7) and the prophecy of Ezekiel (Ez.

1:10), the holy Evangelist Mark is represented by a lion, symbolizing the might and royal dignity of Christ (Rev 5:5).

Saint Mark wrote his Gospel for Gentile Christians, emphasizing the words and deeds of the Savior which reveal His divine Power. Many aspects of his account can be explained by his closeness to Saint Peter. The ancient writers say that the Gospel of Mark is a concise record of

Saint Peter's preaching.

One of the central theological themes in the Gospel of Saint Mark is the power of God achieving what is humanly impossible. The Apostles performed remarkable miracles with Christ (Mark 16:20) and the Holy Spirit (Mark 13:11) working through them. His disciples were told to go into the world and preach the Gospel to all creatures (Mark 13:10, 16:15), and that is what they did.

## Landscaping Ministry

**Spring is around the corner!**

Consider helping us to cut and edge the grounds around our cathedral, it's a great way of getting some sun and exercise while beautifying the church.

Please speak with **Joyce Tabeling** in person or call her at **216 408-7187**

## COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need more people to help with our weekly coffee hours after Divine Liturgies on Sundays. Please contact **Cathy Weber** ([weberc528@gmail.com](mailto:weberc528@gmail.com)) if you would like to participate. This is a wonderful way to facilitate fellowship and serve your church family. Perhaps you've already thought about helping out in this way? Then now is the time! Email Cathy, she will answer any questions you might have.



## VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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## ST. GREGORY PALAMAS MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, May 13th. Fr. Joseph and the brotherhood will be welcoming young adult Cleveland area orthodox for a group visit. If you've never been there before: "The Monastery (934 Cr. #2256 Perysville, 44864) is located in northeast Ohio, about 15 miles east of Mansfield. The regular cycle of monastic worship services (conducted primarily in English) provides a traditional prayer experience which is only possible in a monastery." Details to follow.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 4/23/2023

### *Deceased*

**Susan**

**Melvin** Timm

**Joseph** Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

### *Special Intentions:*

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Subdeacon Igor** Gajewsky

**Subdeacon Roger** Pinta

**Reader Paul** Pangrace

**Reader Frank** Tkacz

**Stephan** Chwalyk

**Horia** Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

**Diane** Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

**Janice** Tkacz

**Eleanor** Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Rachel** Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Carol** Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

**Virginia** Medvec

**Jeffrey** Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

**Margaret** Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

**Margaret** Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

**Jean** Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

**Anna Marie** Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

**Debra** Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

**Grace Mary** Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

**Gayle** Vidovich

**Elizabeth** Balasz

**Christina** Hile (*Nisi & Cindy's sister*)

**Lonnie** Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

**Robert** Martin Prock

**Valentina** Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

**Michael** and **Nichole** Zolikoff and **unborn child**

**Mark**

**Francis**

**Yvonne** (Evie) D'Amico

**Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar**  
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Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<p><b>Sunday, April 23</b> Isaiah 43:9-14 Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15 Matthew 28:16-20 Acts 12:1-11 John 15:17-16:2 Acts 5:12-20 John 20:19-31</p>	<p><b>Monday, April 24</b> Acts 3:19-26 John 2:1-11</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 25</b> James 1:1-12 James 1:13-27 James 2:1-13 Luke 10:1-15 1 Peter 5:6-14 Mark 6:7-13 Acts 4:1-10 John 3:16-21</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 26</b> Acts 4:13-22 John 5:17-24</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 27</b> Acts 4:23-31 John 5:24-30</p> <p><b>Friday, April 28</b> Acts 5:1-11 John 5:30-6:2</p>	<p><b>Saturday, April 29</b> Acts 5:21-33 John 6:14-27</p> <p><b>Sunday, April 30</b> James 1:1-12 James 1:13-27 James 2:1-13 Mark 16:9-20 Acts 12:1-11 Luke 5:1-11 Acts 6:1-7 Mark 15:43-16:8</p>
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**Sunday, April 23**  
**2nd Sunday of Pascha**  
**Antipascha**  
**St. Thomas Sunday**  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023

**Monday, April 24**  
Martyr Savva Stratelates ("the General") of Rome, and 70 soldiers with him (272)

**Tuesday, April 25**  
Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (1st c.)

**Wednesday, April 26**  
Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (ca. 322)

**Thursday, April 27**  
Hieromartyr Simeon, kinsman of the Lord, second Bishop of Jerusalem (107)



**Friday, April 28**  
Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy, the Virgin Kerkyra, and those with them (1st c.)

**Saturday, April 29**  
Nine Martyrs at Cyzicus: Theognes, Rufus, Antipater, Theostichus, Artemas, Magnus, Theodotus, Thaumasius, and Philemon (3rd c.)  
6:00 Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 30**  
**3rd Sunday of Pascha**  
Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the brother of St. John the Theologian (44 A.D.)  
Myrrhbearing Women.  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour