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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

Please check weekly schedule
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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. MARY OF EGYPT



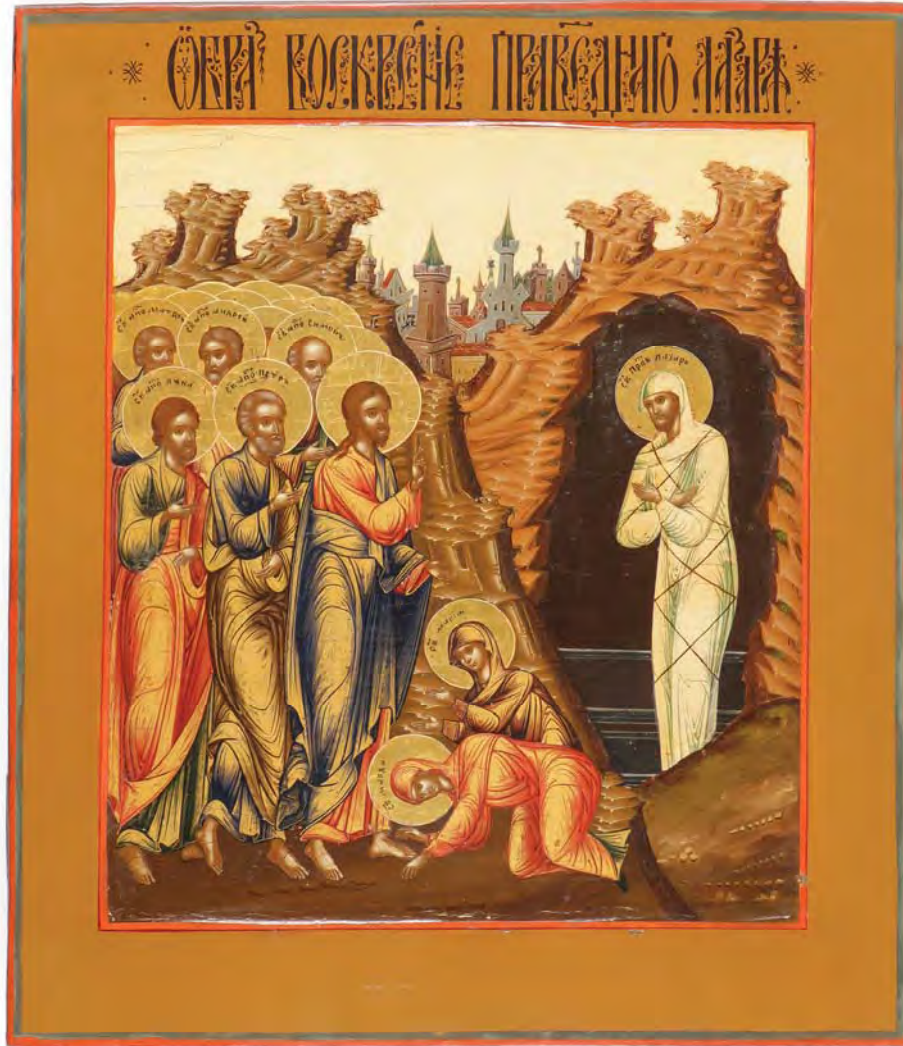
Visible triumphs are few in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ. He preached a kingdom “not of this world.” At His nativity in the flesh there was “no room at the inn.” For nearly thirty years, while He grew “in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52), He lived in obscurity as “the son of Mary.” When He appeared from Nazareth to begin His public ministry, one of the first to hear of Him asked: “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46). In the end He was crucified between two thieves and laid to rest in the tomb of another man.

Two brief days stand out as sharp exceptions to

the above—days of clearly observable triumph. These days are known in the Church today as Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday. Together they form a unified liturgical cycle which serves as the passage from the forty days of Great Lent to Holy Week. They are the unique and paradoxical days before the Lord’s Passion. They are days of visible, earthly triumph, of resurrectional and messianic joy in which Christ Himself is a deliberate and active participant. At the same time they are days which point beyond themselves to an ultimate victory and final kingship which Christ will attain not by raising one dead man or entering a particular city, but by His own imminent suffering, death and resurrection.

*By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion,
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God!
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!*
(Troparion of the Feast, sung on both Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday)

In a carefully detailed narrative the Gospel relates how Christ, six days before His own death, and with particular mindfulness of the people “standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me” (John 11:42), went to His dead friend Lazarus at Bethany outside of Jerusalem. He was aware of the approaching death of Lazarus but deliberately delayed His coming, saying to His disciples at the news of His friend’s death: “For your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe” (John 11:14).



When Jesus arrived at Bethany, Lazarus was already dead four days. This fact is repeatedly emphasized by the Gospel narrative and the liturgical hymns of the feast. The four-day burial underscores the horrible reality of death. Man, created by God in His own image and likeness, is a spiritual-material being, a unity of soul and body. Death is destruction; it is the separation of soul and body. The soul without the body is a ghost, as one Orthodox theologian puts it, and the body without the soul is a decaying corpse. “I weep and I wail, when I think upon death, and behold our beauty, fashioned after the image of God, lying in the tomb dishonored, dis-

figured, bereft of form.” This is a hymn of Saint John of Damascus sung at the Church’s burial services. This “mystery” of death is the inevitable fate of man fallen from God and blinded by his own prideful pursuits.

With epic simplicity the Gospel records that, on coming to the scene of the horrible end of His friend, “Jesus wept” (John 11:35). At this moment Lazarus, the friend of Christ, stands for all men, and Bethany is the mystical center of the world. Jesus wept as He saw the “very good” creation and its king, man, “made through Him” (John 1:3) to be filled with joy, life and light, now a burial ground in which man is sealed up in a tomb outside the city, removed from the fullness of life for which he was created, and decomposing in darkness, despair and death. Again as the Gospel says, the people were hesitant to open the tomb, for “by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days” (John 11:39).

When the stone was removed from the tomb, Jesus prayed to His Father and then cried with a loud voice: “Lazarus, come out.” The icon of the feast shows the particular moment when Lazarus appears at the entrance to the tomb. He is still wrapped in his grave clothes and his friends, who are holding their noses because of the stench of his decaying body, must unwrap him. In everything stress is laid on the audible, the visible and the tangible. Christ presents the world with this observable fact: on the eve of His own suffering and death He raises a man dead four days! The people were astonished. Many immediately believed on Jesus

and a great crowd began to assemble around Him as the news of the raising of Lazarus spread. The regal entry into Jerusalem followed.

to Sundays, are celebrated. Even the baptismal hymn is sung at the Liturgy instead of Holy God: "As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."

Lazarus Saturday is a unique day: on a Saturday a Matins and Divine Liturgy bearing the basic marks of festal, resurrectional services, normally proper

Very Rev. Paul Lazor

ALTAR SOCIETY

Next Meeting: 3/9 after Coffee Hour

2nd Sunday of each month:

3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8

JOIN THE ALTAR SOCIETY!

\$10 Membership

See Joyce Tabeling for details



REMINDER:

On Saturday, April 12 - Lazarus Saturday, Church School will consist of attending Liturgy, lunch will be provided, and we will assemble palms & pussy willows for the celebration of Palm Sunday.

Please also consider arriving early to witness a Chrismation at 8:00 AM

A Special Thank you

We thank **Subdeacon Michael Tabeling & Joyce Tabeling** for the gift of **\$11,000.00**, for the purpose of restoring our cathedral from the fire, done in memory of **Paul Pangrace, Memory Eternal**

To Subdeacon Michael and Joyce Tabeling: ***May God Grant you Many Years!***

Coffee Hour Quarter 2 2025

Questions/Concerns: Cathy Weber (412-215-1928)

April 6	May 4	Gammalo
Lina	Cathy	June 8
April 13	May 11	PENTECOST
Tammy & Mary (in memory of Pogorily Family by Mat. Lu Timko)	Sarah & Mike Brennan (Mother's Day)	Cathy & Tammy
April 20	May 18	June 15
HOLY PASCHA	Joyce & Judy	Vidovich & Whitlock (Father's Day, anonymous sponsor)
April 27	May 25	June 22
Mat. Zdinak & Nikol Gammalo (sponsored by William Lynk)	Mat. Jana (Sponsored by William Lynk)	Joyce & Judy (Ss. Peter & Paul Fast)
William Lynk)	June 1	June 29
	Mat. Zdinak & Nikol	Dan & Lavinia

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 4/6/2025

Deceased

Vincent (*friend of Gabriel & Nicholas*)

Special Intentions:

Archpriest Jason Kappanadze

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Roger Pinta

Subdeacon Leon Felon

Subdeacon Peter Zolikoff

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Daniel Morris

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

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

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

Child McKenna Kranek

Betty Balasz

Jeremy, Yvonne, and Baby Jeremiah Patrick

Herman Leslie Levin

Russell Schafer

Sonia Vorell

Ivan Lavrisiuk

Elisabeth Lavrisiuk

Phyllis Gindlesperger

Lenore Miroewski (*Sister-in-law to Barbara Clos*)

Michael Weaver

Mary (*friend of Henry*)

Matushka Ludmila Timko

Mitchell "Dale" Peek (*friend of Igor*)

Matthew Hunley

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar

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Or calling at 1 (440) 732-8182

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.



ST VLADIMIR'S *Summer Camp*



FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND FAMILY

MATTHEW 19:14 - JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE"



Session 1 (Ages 8-12): June 29-5

A week for younger campers to learn and discover a passion for our faith. Life-long friendships form through arts & crafts, group activities, and learning sessions with the resident clergy. Young campers can't wait to return every summer!



Session 2 (Ages 10-17): July 6-12

FOCA Junior Olympics week takes sports and orthodoxy to create an activity-filled week of fun competition, team work, and comradery. Campers will learn how our faith works through sports and how Christianity and sportsmanship go hand in hand.



Session 3 (Ages 13-17): July 13-19

Our older campers take on meaningful discussions during learning sessions with the resident clergy, and dive deep into our faith with exciting crafts & projects. Group activities, nightly campfires, and daily reflections create memories that last!



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION, SESSION PRICING & SCHOLARSHIPS, AND OUR NEW ELECTRONICS POLICY

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE + HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

St Mary of Egypt

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

5:00 PM Holy Unction

(at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church,

755 S Cleveland Ave, Mogadore, OH 44260)

Monday, April 7

Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All

Russia and Enlightener of North America

6:30 PM Cleveland Deanery Presanctified Liturgy

at St. Andrew 16029 Maple Park Dr

Maple Heights

Tuesday, April 8

Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Herodion, Aga-

bus, Asyncritus, Rufus, Phlegon, Hermes, and

those with them (1st c.)

Wednesday, April 9

Martyr Euphrosyne of Caesarea in

Cappadocia (362)

5:00 PM Confessions

5:30 PM 9th Hour & Typica

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 10

Martyrs Terence, Pompeius, Africanus

Maximus, Zeno, Alexander, Theodore,

Macarius, and 33 others, beheaded at Car-

thage (3rd c.)

Friday, April 11

Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum,

disciple of St. John the Theologian

5:00 PM Confessions (through 7:00 PM)

5:30 PM 9th Hour & Typica

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 12

Lazarus Saturday

St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium (8th c.)

8:00 AM Chrismation

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Church School will assemble palms & pussy willows

5:00 PM Panichida for Pogorily Family

5:20 PM Confessions

6:00 PM All Night Vigil

Sunday, April 13

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday

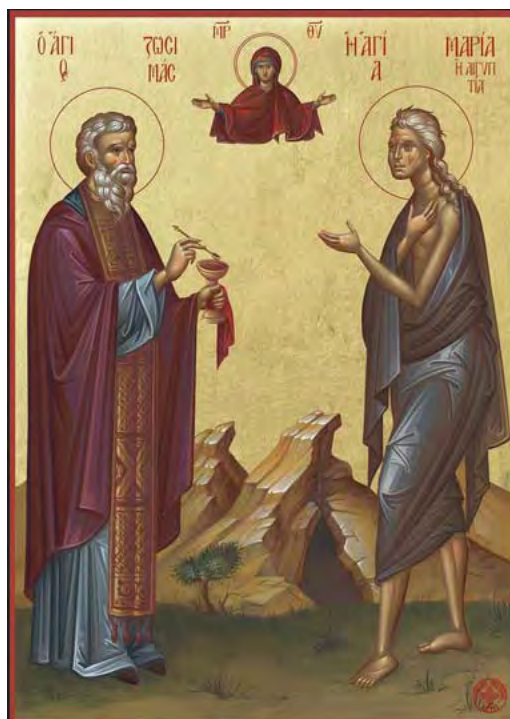
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9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins for

Great and Holy Monday



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Monday, April 14 Great and Holy Monday

2:30 PM Hours & Tipika

3:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Potluck to follow

6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins for

Great and Holy Tuesday

Tuesday, April 15

Great and Holy Tuesday

2:30 PM Hours & Tipika

3:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Potluck to follow

6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins for

Great and Holy Wednesday

Wednesday, April 16

Great and Holy Wednesday

2:30 PM Hours & Tipika

3:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Potluck to follow

6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins for

Great and Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17

Great and Holy Thursday

2:30 PM Ninth Hour

3:00 PM Vespers & Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM Matins & Passion Gospels

Friday, April 18

Great and Holy Friday

9:00 AM Royal Hours

3:00 PM Vespers

7:00 PM Lamentation Matins

Saturday, April 19

Great and Holy Saturday

1:00 PM Vespers & Divine Liturgy of

Great and Holy Saturday

Blessing of Baskets to follow

8:00 PM Reading of the Acts of the Apostles

10:30 PM Nocturnes + Matins +

Divine Liturgy

Followed by Agape Meal

Sunday, April 20

HOLY PASCHA

The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The beginning of the Pentecostarion

(no morning Liturgy)

1:00 PM Paschal Vespers