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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

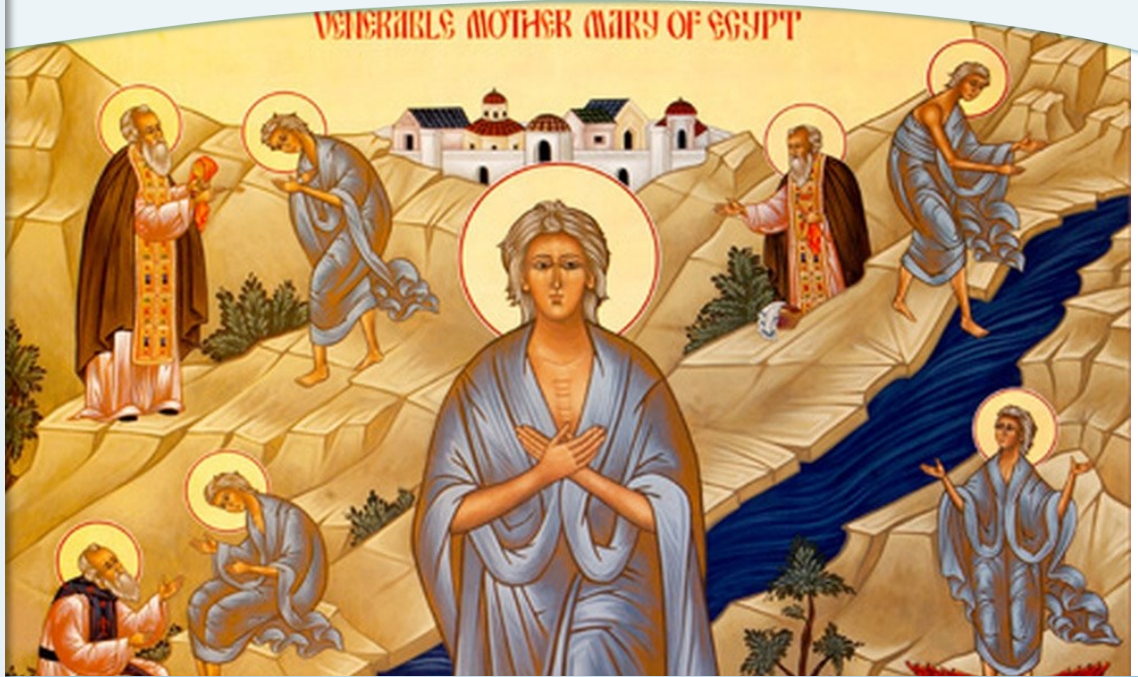
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before and after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

A notice of at least 6 months should be given to the pastor, before the proposed wedding date to arrange for the required interview and instructions



Sunday of Mary of Egypt

Commemoration of our Holy Father Alexis, the Man of God

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1)

After the stone was sealed by the Jews and the while the soldiers were watching your spotless body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, bestowing life to the world. Wherefore, the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: "Glory to your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to your kingdom! Glory to your economy, O You who alone are the lover of mankind!"

Troparion of our Mother Mary of Egypt (Tone 8)

In you, O Mother Mary, was restored the likeness of God, for you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body, for it passes away, and how to value the soul, for it is immortal. Wherefore your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.

Troparion of St Basil

Your voice has sounded all over the earth, that accepted your preaching. You gave a divine explanation of doctrine, and made clear the nature of creatures, and set a rule of life for men. Holy Father, and Kingly Priest, intercede with Christ God to grant us great mercy.

Kontakion of the Annunciation (Tone 8)

Triumphant Leader to you belongs our prize of victory! And since you saved us from adversity, we offer you our thanks. We are your people O Mother of God! So, as you have that invincible power, continue to deliver us from danger, so that we may cry out to you: Hail, O Virgin and bride ever pure.

نشيد القيامة باللحن الأول

إن الحجر ختمه اليهود، وجسدك الطاهر حرسه الجنود. لكنك قمت في اليوم الثالث، أيها الخالص، واهباً للعالم الحياة. لذلك قوا السماوات هتفت إليك، يا مُعطي الحياة: المجد لقيامتك أيها المسيح. المجد لمملك. المجد لتدبيرك، يا محب البشر وحده.

نشيد للبارة مريم المصرية باللحن الثامن

فيك حُفِظَت صورة الله بتدقيق آيتها الأم مريم. فقد أخذت الصليب وتبعته المسيح، وعلمت بالعمل إهمال الجسد لأنه زائل، والاهتمام بالنفس لأنها خالدة. فلذلك تبتهج روحك آيتها البارّة مع الملائكة.

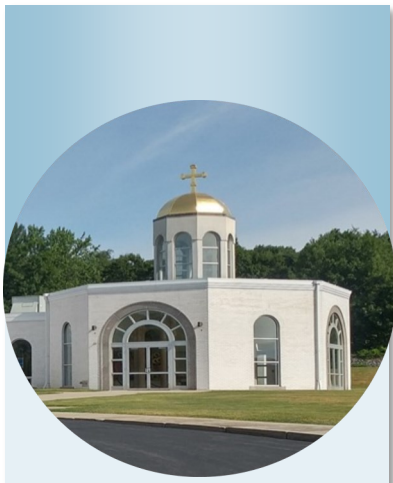
طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبلت كلامك، الذي به بنيت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الأب البار ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

فنداق الختام باللحن الثامن

نَحْنُ عبيدك يا وِلدَةَ الإله، نَكْتُبُ لَكَ آياتِ العَلِيَّةِ يا قَائِدَةَ قَاهِرَةٍ. ونُقَدِّمُ الشُّكْرَ لَكَ وَقَدْ أَنْقَدْنَا مِنَ السَّدَائِدِ. لَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لَكَ العِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُحَارَبُ، أَعْيَقِينَا مِنْ أَصْنَافِ المَخَاطِرِ لِكِي نَصْرُحَ إِلَيْكَ: أفرأحي يا عروسة لا عروس لها.





Our church organizations:

MAYA: Organization of Melkite Catholics ages 18 – 26 (and at least 1 year out of high school) under patronage of our bishop, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra.
<https://melkite.org/maya>

MYO: Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership in the Christian Faith and the Melkite tradition.
www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html

NAMW: Promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States.
<https://melkite.org/namw>



EPISTLE: Sunday of Mary of Egypt, Heb. 9:11-14

PROKIMENON: Ps.75: 12, 2 (Tone 8)

Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about bring gifts to the awesome God.
 Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel great is his Name.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews

Brethren, when Christ appeared as the high priest of the good things to come (Cf. Lv.16: 14; 19: 4), He entered once for all through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands (that is, not as a part of the present creation), nor again by virtue of blood of goats and calves, but by virtue of his own blood, into the sanctuary, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of a heifer sanctify the unclean for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ (Cf. Rv. I: 5), who through the Holy Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God!

ALLELUIA: (Tone 8)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Stichon: Let us greet Him with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

GOSPEL: Mk. 10:32-45, Sunday of Mary of Egypt

At that time Jesus took the Twelve, and began to tell them what would happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the Scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and spit upon Him and scourge Him, and put Him to death; and on the third day He will rise again." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Master, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." But He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said, "Grant to us that we may sit, one at your right hand and the other at your left hand, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Can you drink of the cup of which I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am to be baptized?" And they said to Him, "We can." And Jesus said to them "Of the cup that I drink, you shall drink; and with the baptism with which I am to be baptized, you shall be baptized; but as for sitting at my right hand or at my left, that is not mine to give, but it belongs to those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard this, they were at first indignant at James and John. But Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers among the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wishes to become great shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be the slave of all; for the Son of Man also has not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

مقدمة الرسالة

أندزوا وأوقوا الرب إلهنا، كل الذين حولهم يأتون بهدايا الله معروف في يهوذا، واسمته عظيم في إسرائيل

الرسالة (عبرانيين 9: 11-14)

يا إخوة، إن المسيح الذي جاء خيراً للخيرات الآتية، واجتاز بالمسكن الأعظم والأكمل الغير المصنوع بيدي أي الذي ليس من هذه الخليقة، دخل الأقداس مرة واحدة، ليس بدم ثيوس وعجول، بل بدمه الخاص، فوجد فداءً أبدياً. لأنه إن كان دم ثيران وثيوس ورماد عجله يزين على المتجسين، فيقصد سهم لتطهير الجسد، فكم بالأحرى دم المسيح، الذي قرّب بالروح الأزلي نفسه لله بلا عيب، يُظهِر ضميركم من الأعمال الميتة لتعبّدوا الله الحيّ.

هللوا

هللوا بتهنئة الرب، ونهلل لله مخلصنا لنبادر إلى وجهه بالاعتراف، وبالزامير نهلل له.

الانجيل للأحد الخامس من الصوم العظيم

الانجيل (مرقس 10 ك 32ب - 45)

في ذلك الزمان، أخذ يسوع تلاميذه الاثني عشره وطفق يقول لهم ما سيعرض له: ها نحن صاعدون إلى اورشليم، وابن البشر سيُسلم إلى رؤساء الكهنة والكتبة، فيحكمون عليه بالموت ويسلمونه إلى الامم، فيهزؤون به، ويجلدونه، ويصقون عليه، ويقتلونه، وفي اليوم الثالث يقوم. فتقدم اليه يعقوب ويوحنا ابنا زبدي قائلين: يا معلم، نريد أن تصنع لنا كل ما نسألك. فقال لهما: ماذا تريدان ان اصنع لكما؟ قالا له: هب لنا أن يجلس احدنا عن يمينك والآخر عن يسارك في مجدك. فقال لهما يسوع: انكما لا تعلمان ما تطلبان. أتستطيعان أن تشريا الكأس التي أشربها أنا، وأن تصطبغان بالصبغة التي اصطبغ بها أنا؟ فقالا له: نستطيع. فقال لهما يسوع أما الكأس التي أشربها فتشربانها، والصبغة التي اصطبغ بها فتصطبغان بها. وأما الجلوس عن يميني أو يساري فليس لي أن اعطيه بل هو للذين أعد لهم. فلما سمع العشرة أخذوا يغضبون على يعقوب ويوحنا. فدعاهم يسوع وقال لهم: تعلمون ان الذين يُعدّون أركانهم الامم يسودونهم، وعظماؤهم يتسلطون عليهم. وأما في ما بينكم فلا يكن هكذا. بل من أراد أن يكون فيكم كبيراً، يكون لكم خادماً. ومن أراد أن يصير فيكم الاوّل، يكون للجميع عبداً. فإن ابن الانسان لم يأتي ليخدم بل ليخدم، وليبذل نفسه فداءً عن كثيرين.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT.

9:00 a.m:

- + **CHARLES & EVA ROBAT** by M/M Charles Robat & Family.
- + **ELIAS AZRAK** by M/M Samir Boudjouk.
- + **JAMES L. & LILLIAN KOURY SALOME** by the Family.

11:15 a.m:

- + **FADILA TOUBIA (40 Day)** by Dr. Nabil & Nancy Toubia & Family.
- + **YOUSEF HASSEY HASSEY** BY St. Basil's Community.
- + **NAJAT CHARCHAFLIAH** by Tony & Fadia Kabak.
- + **YOUSEF GEORGI DEEB** by Joe Azar & Valerie Dunn.
- + **MAGEE MARTINEZ** by Albert & Ghada Dekki.
- + **NICOLA HANNA ZABOURA** by Paul & Chirin Ashkar.
- + **JOHN R. ROWEY** by Michael & Afaf Ashkar.
- + **JOSEPH & SOUAD YOUAKIM** by Bassil Youakim & Family.

Prayer for the dead

O God of all spirits and of all flesh, who have destroyed death, overcome the devil, and given life to the world: grant, O Lord to the souls of your servants, who have departed from this life, that they may rest in a place of light, in a place of happiness, in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing. And since You are gracious God and Lover of mankind, forgive them every sin they have committed by thought, or word, or deed, for there is not a man who lives and does not sin: You alone are without sin, your righteousness is everlasting, and your word is true.

For You are the Resurrection and the Life, and the Repose of your departed servants, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You, together with your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: March 10, 2024: Budgets: \$3,442.00 (Envelopes: \$3,350.00; Loose: \$92.00); Candles: \$85.00; Stole Offerings: \$1,660.00; Building Fund: \$130.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$110.00; Cemetery: \$320.00.

Father Ephrem has now been here three and a half years and has been fully available for parish services. Just email him at office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and leave him your message. PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES! A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact this New Year.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who is planning an ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS is kindly requested to notify a member of the clergy BEFORE reception/party plans are made. The Clergy may be already scheduled for something else on the day that you have rented a hall/restaurant. Following this policy will help avoid any later misunderstandings.

2024 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS are available-free for the taking-at both entrances of the Church. Following the liturgical cycle of the church year and remembering the Saints each day is an excellent way to attach yourself more closely to the worshipping community that is the church.

CLEANLINESS AND HEALTH: Please pick up after yourselves and the children during and following Coffee Hour; insects and rodents are attracted by what we leave throughout and around the interior and exterior of the building; it takes but a few moments to clean up well. Cultural Center, kitchen, and bar, should always be free of open food items. Everyone: please take note: Hall dining tables, coffee serving areas, stainless steel tables, counters, sinks, stove etc. should be soap washed after every use and before leaving the building. The custodian does not always come in on our desired schedule. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE of any change of address or telephone number information. This will cut down on returned mail and time waste. Unfortunately, this has been an ongoing request but to no avail. Kindly give this your undivided attention and as Our Lord says in His parables: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear. "

PLEASE NOTE: Before making any ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE PLANS, please contact the Church in advance. We would rather not have you disappointed if you've already made commitments without checking our schedule first.

ON SUNDAYS DURING LENT, HOLY THURSDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY, the HIRMOS, or hymn to the Mother of God, we usually chant ("It is truly right....) is replaced with: "In you, O full of grace, all creation rejoices: the orders of angels and the human race as well. O sanctified Temple, spiritual Paradise and glory of Virgins from whom our God who exists before all eternity took flesh and became a little child. He has taken your womb as his throne making it more spacious than the heavens. Therefore, O full of grace, in you all creation rejoices. Glory to you!" (*The Icon of the Mother of God behind the altar, reflects the words of this beautiful hymn. This Lent let us make a renewed effort at having the sights and sounds of Church and Liturgy bring us that much closer to our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, who comes to us in the Eucharist!*)

REFLECTION: "Silence is often misinterpreted but never misquoted." - Unknown

EASTER FLOWERS: Many parishioners have followed the long-time tradition of donating lilies to the Church for the Easter Season. If you would like to participate in this tradition, please sign your name on the bulletin board located outside the kitchen area. Since we have a larger sanctuary area to cover, we would appreciate your generosity in this regard, to enhance the Church at this most blessed season. Please make your \$10 offering to Barbara O'Rourke or Christine Durnin.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
shall find, knock and it
shall be opened," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos, Your Most
Holy Mother, I knock, I
seek, I ask that my prayer
be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"All that you ask of the
Father in My Name, He
will grant you," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos Your Most Holy
Mother, I humbly and
urgently ask your Father
in your name that my
prayer will be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Heaven and earth shall
pass away but My word
shall not pass away,"
through the intercession
of the *Theotokos* Your
Most Holy Mother, I feel
confident that my prayer
will be granted.



Holy Week Liturgical Services 2024



PALM SUNDAY

- 9:00 am † Divine Liturgy on Sunday: The Entrance of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem
- 11:15 am † Divine Liturgy on Sunday: The Entrance of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

- أحد الشعانين**
- 9:00 يوم الأحد صباحاً † الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي-عيد دخول السيد المسيح الى اورشليم (أحد الشعانين)
 - 11:15 يوم الأحد صباحاً † الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي-عيد دخول السيد المسيح الى اورشليم (أحد الشعانين)



GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 pm † Blessing of the Oil of the Penitents and the Lord's Last Supper commemoration at Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with the Solemn Washing of the Feet

- الأربعاء المقدس**
- 6:30 مساءً † الإحتفال بالليتورجية الإلهية للقدّيس باسيليوس الكبير يليها رتبة تبريك الزيت و مسح المؤمنين بالزيت المقدس ثم خدمة غسل الأرجل



GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

- 8:00 am to 5:00 pm † Vigil at the Foot of the Cross
- 6:30 pm † Matins Service of the Crucifixion with the reading of the Passion Gospels

- خميس العهد**
- 8:00 صباحاً حتى 5:00 مساءً † صلاة سجود وتأمل عند أقدام الصليب
 - 6:30 مساءً † قراءة الأناجيل المقدسة مع خدمة الألام الخلاصية ورتبة الصليب



GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY – Passion of Our Lord

- 6:30 pm † Burial Service of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ- Matins of Holy Saturday-Procession of Triumph

- الجمعة العظيمة**
- 6:30 مساءً † صلاة السحر و رتبة جناز السيد المسيح تليها خدمة فيض النور ونثر الغار كعلامة إنتصار السيد المسيح على الموت



GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY--The Descent Into Hades

- 7:00 pm † Resurrection Matins (Rush Service) and Divine Liturgy of Pascha followed by collation in the Culture Center

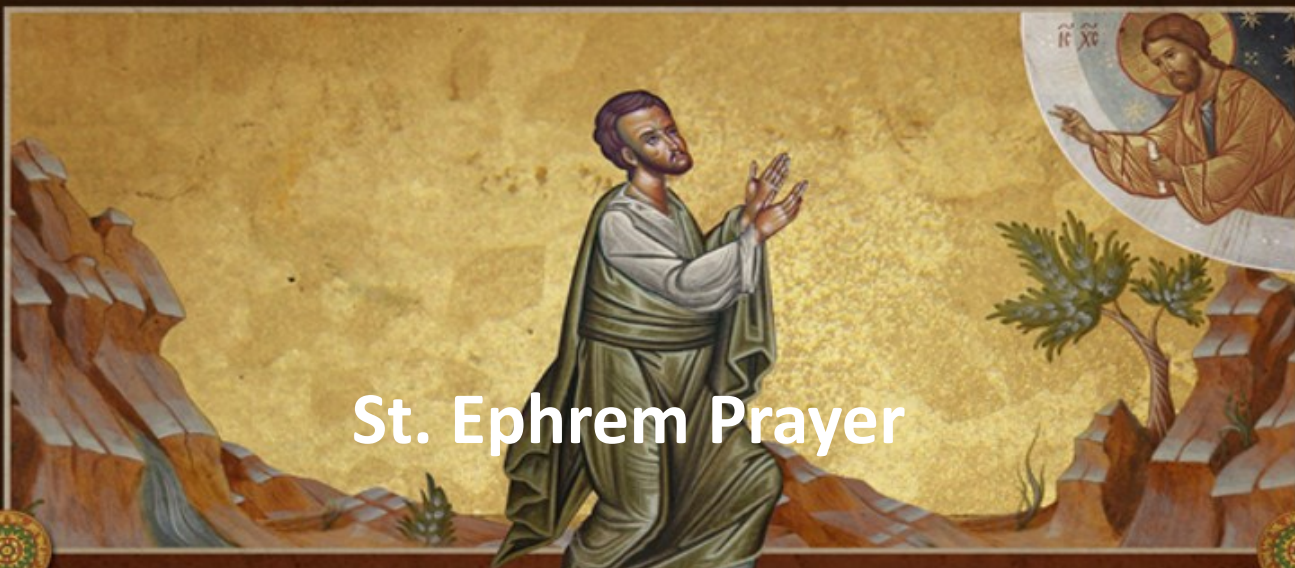
- سبت النور**
- 7:00 مساءً † رتبة الهجمة وخدمة القداس الإلهي إحتفالاً بعيد الفصح المجيد يليها تجمع إحتفالي في قاعة الكنيسة



EASTER SUNDAY — Resurrection of Our Lord

- 10:00 am † Resurrection Matins (Rush Service) followed by the Divine Liturgy of Pascha

- عيد الفصح المجيد**
- 10:00 صباحاً † رتبة الهجمة وخدمة القداس الإلهي إحتفالاً بعيد الفصح المجيد



St. Ephrem Prayer

O LORD and MASTER of my life,
take from me the spirit of sloth,
despair, lust of power,
and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of
chastity, humility, patience, and
love to Thy servant.

Yea, O LORD and King, grant me
to see my own transgressions,
and not to judge my brother, for
blessed art Thou, unto
ages of ages. Amen.

To emphasize the theme of this prayer--changing our lives--we accompany it with **Great Prostration**, kneeling and touching the forehead to the floor, then standing and making the sign of the cross. When we pray "O God, be gracious to me a sinner, and have mercy on me" 12 times, we make **Small Prostration**, bowing very low, touching the floor with the fingertips of the right hand, then standing and making the sign of the cross. The bows represent the twelve hours of the day, and our awareness of the sins and shortcomings we suffer throughout each day of our life. The Prayer of St Ephrem is one of the main components of Lenten services in the Byzantine Church. It signifies our awareness of our sins and of temptations, it proclaims our faith in the all-merciful God, and it asks for the gifts and graces we need to lead a holy life. During Lent, it is a good practice to recite the prayer of St Ephrem when you get up in the morning and before you go to bed at night.

Both privately and publicly, the Prayer of St Ephrem the Syrian is the characteristic prayer of Great Lent. It reminds us that God is the Master of our lives, and asks God to free us from the sins of everyday life, like pride and gossip and laziness and greed. In it we ask God to give us humility and love of our neighbor, awareness of our own sins, and disinterest in the sins of others. We then pray "O God, be gracious to me a sinner, and have mercy on me" twelve times.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17



St Patrick Prayer!

As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me.
May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.

May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before
me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me.
May Christ shield me today.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of
everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Amen

Saint Patrick pray for us!



MARCH 19 THE FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH

**LET US MAKE ST. JOSEPH
OUR LENTEN SAINT
ON THE WAY TO EASTER.
MAY WE HAVE A SEMBLANCE
OF HIS HUMILITY, GREAT
FAITH & TRUST IN GOD.**

ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



ByziKids 2024 Countdown to Pascha

Western Calendar Edition

March 17 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Learn her story and be inspired!	March 16 Practice the prayer to the Theotokos today	March 15 Tonight, listen for the entrance hymn & pray with the angels when Jesus enters!	March 14 Help someone whom you are tempted NOT to love today	March 13 Set aside a special time to sit before your icon corner and rest with Jesus a while	March 12 Be a helper like Simon of Cyrene. Help someone with a difficult task today	March 11 Make "Crown of Thorn Pretzel Rolls" Get the recipe at ByziMom.com	March 10 Sunday of St. John of the Ladder Step by step, We're getting close	March 9 Clean your closets today and consider donating things you've outgrown	March 8 Think about the angels today and how your own angel helps you keep the fast	March 7 Review and discuss the guidelines for proper behavior at Liturgy with your family	March 6 Watch for another opportunity to be a helper today!	March 5 Do a secret good deed for someone who is in need.	March 4 Review the litany said at Divine Liturgy and think of someone you know for each petition	March 3 Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross	March 2 Learn or review the Prayer before Communion	March 1 The Family is made in God's image...3 in 1! Review Psalm 127	February 29 Learn and practice the Jesus Prayer with your new beads	February 28 Make a choctki bracelet with 30 beads to pray with every day and night!	February 27 Defend your faith... Learn and review the concepts in the Creed	February 26 Dust your room and think about cleaning the dust from your soul too!	February 25 Sunday of the Paralyzed Man Practice prayer today!	February 24 Remember to practice obedience, as Jesus was obedient to his parents too!	February 23 Take time to look outside notice the wonderful things God has made.	February 22 Learn about your patron saint	February 21 O Joyful Light	February 20 Plant some basil seeds in pots today for Pascha Make beeswax candles for your icon corner	February 19 Visit someone who is sick or lonely, or maybe send them a card	February 18 Sunday of Orthodoxy Gather your icons and have a procession!	February 17 Saturday of Theodore the Recruit Read this really cool story at ByziMom.com	February 16 Clean Friday Make Kutjja (Kolliva) in honor of St. Theodore's miracle	February 15 Clean Thursday Learn the Prayer of St. Ephrem	February 14 Clean Wednesday Practice your prostrations	February 13 Clean Tuesday It's a great day to clean your room!	February 12 Clean Monday The Great Fast Begins! Here we go!	February 11 Cheeseare! Forgiveness Sunday: Ask forgiveness of all in your household
March 19 Learn about St. Longinus today and how his eyesight was restored by Jesus. How merciful is HE?!	March 20 After you receive Jesus in the Eucharist tonight, close your eyes and snuggle with Him a while.	March 21 Practice the prayer to the Theotokos today!	March 22 Today is the last day of the Great Fast. Passion week is coming soon.	March 23 Lazarus Saturday Listen to the gospel story & think about what you would do if you saw that!	March 24 Palm/Flowerly Sunday Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!	March 25 Great and Holy Monday The Annunciation Mt 21:28-30 Talk with your family about ways you can be a fruitful branch.	March 26 Great and Holy Tuesday Mt 24:26-28:20 Keep the light burning for Jesus in your soul!	March 27 Great and Holy Wednesday Mt 26:6-16 Tonight YOU can receive HOLY UNCTION	March 28 Great and Holy Thursday 1 Cor 11:23-32 Spend some extra time with Jesus in prayer tonight.	March 29 Great and Holy Friday Be especially quiet and solemn today in honor of Jesus suffering and death.	March 30 Great and Holy Saturday Help your family prepare for the celebration to PASCCHA!																								



Following Jesus - Kids bulletin



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THE LIFE OF
ST. MARY
OF
EGYPT
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MARY WAS FROM EGYPT, AND SHE LIVED A LIFE OF SHAME. ONE DAY SHE GOT ON A BOAT TO GO TO JERUSALEM.

SHE WANTED TO GO IN THE CHURCH TO SEE THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS...



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...BUT SHE COULDN'T GO IN! SHE SAW AN ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, AND WEPT FOR ALL HER SINS.

SHE HEARD A VOICE FROM THE HEAVENS...



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"Cross the Jordan to find glorious rest."
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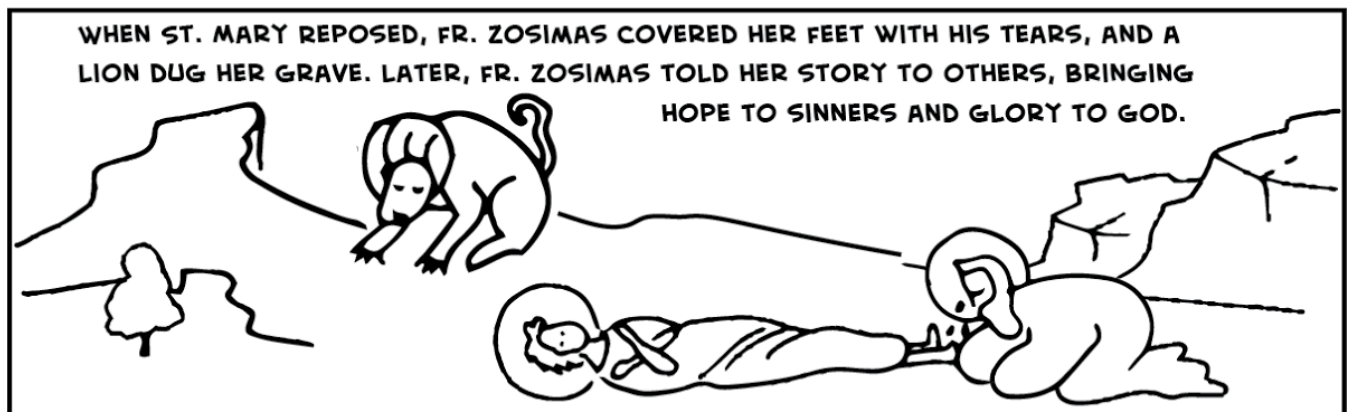
...SO SHE WENT ACROSS THE JORDAN...



...TO THE DESERT TO PRAY FOR 47 YEARS, WITH THE HELP OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.



SHE MET FR. ZOSIMAS IN THE DESERT. WHEN HE BROUGHT HER HOLY COMMUNION SHE WALKED ACROSS THE JORDAN AS ON DRY LAND.



WHEN ST. MARY REPOSED, FR. ZOSIMAS COVERED HER FEET WITH HIS TEARS, AND A LION DUG HER GRAVE. LATER, FR. ZOSIMAS TOLD HER STORY TO OTHERS, BRINGING HOPE TO SINNERS AND GLORY TO GOD.

HOLY ST. MARY OF EGYPT, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

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SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week JANUARY 21 ST	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week JANUARY 28 TH	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 4 TH FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare FEBRUARY 11 TH FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1 ST Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 18 TH	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2 ND Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 25 TH	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3 RD Sunday of Lent MARCH 3 RD	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4 TH Sunday of Lent MARCH 10 TH	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5 TH Sunday of Lent MARCH 17 TH	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24 TH GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MARCH 29 TH	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MARCH 31 ST NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

اقربوا إلى الله فيقترب إليكم

عظيمة علينا ان لا ننسى رحمة الرب اعظم. ومحبة لا تدرك ولكي نحصل عليها فلا سبيل الى ذلك الا بتوبة صادقة ودموع وتواضع وحمل الصليب واتباع يسوع.

مريم المصرية من اكثر القديسين الذين احبهم وآثروا في توبتها الصادقة وبساطة ايمانها وقوته في ذات الوقت نسكت الصحراء وهي من اعتادت الرفاهية ولم تكتس بشيء وهي التي اعتادت ان تلبس الحرير والحرير. ابتعدت عن حياة الزنى والشهوة عند اقتراب الفصح.

لذا يجب علينا ونحن على مقربة من عيد الفصح وايضا لمن لم يستفيد من الصوم والصلاة ولم يغير الصوم مسلكه وحياته نحو الفضيلة، عليه ان يتخذ موقفا مثل موقف مريم المصرية الحاسم والمصيري، اي ان ينتقل من ضفة الموت الى ضفة الحياة والخلص.

ليس المطلوب منا ان نتنسك في الصحراء لكي نخلص، ليس المطلوب ان تكون لنا امتيازات لكي نخلص ونجلس الى يمين السيد وعن يساره، كما طلب الرسل اليوم في الانجيل الذي سمعناه، ليست الكرامة وحب الرئاسة هي تجعلنا قريبين من الرب يسوع .



رتبت الكنيسة في الأحد الخامس من الصوم تذكار امرأة هي الأم البارة مريم المصرية التي بدأت من حياة الرذيلة وانتهت لحياة الجهاد. حياتها كانت نسكية لحد بعيد، تشبه عري آدم في الفردوس، فيها لا مبالاة بالحياة الطبيعية غير مهتمة بالحاجات البشرية والضرورية للحياة ومحاولة إعادة الجسد والنفس لعزيرتهما الأولى قبل السقوط، فيها انغماس في نعمة الله الغير محدودة. غاية هذا الترتيب، أي أحد القديسة مريم المصرية، في أواخر الصوم الكبير هو بسبب تمردها العميق والكبير ضد الخطيئة، فلنا يعرف أن مريم المصرية عاشت الخطيئة في أقصاها واكتشفت المعنى الحقيقي للتوبة فعاشت سبع وأربعين سنة في صحراء الأردن، وفيها عاشت محبة الله الغير المحدودة للخطاة والضعفاء، وكشفت لنا كيف أن الله يكشف طرقاتاً لا تُحصى ويضعها أمامنا في حياتنا اليومية تودي بنا للخلص، وأوضحت لنا مقدار التواضع والوادة والصبر التي نحتاجها للوصول للتوبة الحقيقية.

التوبة تفتح ابواب السماء تأخذ الانسان الى الفردوس تتجاوز الشيطان واعماله اجعل عندما تخطئ ولا تخجل عندما تتوب ،فان الخطيئة هي الجرح والتوبة هي العلاج.

القديس يوحنا الذهبي الفم

يقول القديس افرام السرياني في صلاة التوبة: "... اعتقني من روح البطالة والفضول وحب الرئاسة..." نعم حب الرئاسة او السلطة. هي اصعب واخطر صعوبة تواجه الانسان المسيحي هي التخلي عن حب السلطة والتسلط والانانية والكبرياء.

نعقد كلنا ان قربنا من الرب يسوع يعطينا الحق ويمنحنا حقوق وامتيازات. نعتقد اذا كنا معلمين ومرشدين يمكننا ان نطلب من المسيح ان يفعل لنا كل ما نطلبه وهذا غير صحيح ابدا.

قال يسوع لتلاميذه الذين كانوا يسعون الى حب الرئاسة والظهور اذ قال لهم: " انتم تعلمون ان الذين يحسبون رؤساء الامم يسودونهم وان عظماءهم يتسلطون عليهم. فلا يكون هكذا فيكم ، بل من اراد ان يصير فيكم عظيماً يكون لكم خادماً، ومن اراد ان يصير فيكم اولاً ، يكون للجميع عبداً، لان ابن الانسان ايضا لم يات ليخدم بل ليخدم ويبذل نفسه فدية عن كثيرين"

هذا هو المطلوب من كل انسان مسيحي مؤمن حقيقي.

النص الانجيلي لهذا اليوم يعلمنا ويعلمنا ويجعلنا نفهم ويجعلنا ندرك ان قضية خلاصنا واكتساب الامتيازات ليس في السلطة والتسلط. ان الامر حقيقة هو بالخدمة ، اخلاء الذات والعودة الى الذات، هو الصليب هو التواضع ، من اراد ان يصير فيكم اولاً يكون للجميع عبداً (مرقس 10 - 44) .

هذه هي الامتيازات التي تؤهلنا ان نكون مرافقين ليسوع في ملكوته.

احبائي عليكم ان تعيدوا النظر بالاتجاه الصحيح وان تقبلوا الموازين والمفاهيم ،اي تحولوا سعيكم وحياتكم نحو السلطة الى سعي نحو الخدمة واخلاء الذات وعتاء بلا حدود ان تكونوا على الصليب على صورة المسيح . مثل ما فعلت قديستنا العظيمة مريم المصرية.

اذا بدأت تحويل حياتها حياة الزنى الى حياة القداسة عندما سجدت امام الصليب في يوم عيده اثناء رحلتها الى اورشليم .

"اقربوا إلى الله فيقترب إليكم" (يع 8:4). إذا قمنا بخطوة نحو الله فهو سيبدارنا بخطوات، الجحيم ليس للخطاة بل لغير التائبين، هو لهؤلاء الذين لا يشعرون بقيمتهم أمام الله وللذين لا يعرفون قيمة المسامحة وللذين يرفضون الفردوس ومحبة الله وللذين لا يحيون الرجاء والإيمان.

يمكن للكنيسة أن تقول لكل واحد: لا تخف من شيء ولا تحزن، حالما تتوب سيغفر لك الله كل شيء، ولا يمكن أن يحدث بأن لا يغفر الله للذين يتوبون حقيقة. ولا يوجد خطيئة مهما كبرت لا يمكن لله أن يغفرها بمحبته.

ايها الاحباء: ها نحن نقرب من الصعود الى اورشليم حتى نعيد الفصح. اليوم المحطة الاخيرة في مسيرة الصوم الكبير قبل دخولنا في الاسبوع العظيم والفصح.

الكنيسة تضع لنا اليوم تذكارا لقديسة الباراة مريم المصرية. اختارت الكنيسة ان تجعل عيد مريم المصرية في هذا الأحد الخامس من الصوم الكبير. لتقدمها لنا نموذجاً حياً للتوبة وللنسك بلا حدود . كما فعلت في بداية الصوم بمثل الفريسي والعشار ومثل الابن الشاطر، اللذان يذكرونا بان نتوب واليوم تذكرنا الكنيسة المقدسة بان التوبة بامكاننا ان نعيشها وتصير حياة حية .

فمريم سلكت وانغمست في الخطيئة فعاشت حياتها في اقسى دركات الخطيئة، اخطأت الى الحد الاقصى بحيث لم يكن ممكناً ان يخطئ كائن بشري اكثر منها، لقد وصلت الى ذروة الخطيئة والى اعماقها، لكن الرب انتشلها بواسع رحمته وايقظها من خلالها واعاد اليها رشدها فقبلت التوبة مدى عمرها الباقي.

وبمقدار اكبر من المقدار الذي مارست فيه الخطيئة مارست التوبة. وبشوق ملتهب اكثر من الشوق الذي احبت فيه الخطيئة. فكانت مريم ايقونة التوبة، ايقونة اعادة العودة الى الذات ،فانتقلت مريم من ضفة الخطيئة الى ضفة المسيح ،من ضفة الخطاة الى ضفة القديسين القائمين على الفضيلة ، اي عبرت الى الطريق الصحيح الذي يؤدي الى التوبة والاهتداء والخلص.

لهذا تضع الكنيسة المقدسة اليوم مريم المصرية نموذجاً يجب ان يتمثل به المؤمنون كي يبلغوا الى ما بلغت اليه القديسة مريم . هذا ما اكدته صلاتنا لها اليوم ، اذ قرأنا في صلاة السحر "يا مريم المصرية بما اتنا حويناك نموذجاً للتوبة تؤولي الى المسيح ان يمنحنا اياها في اوان الصيام " .

اذا مريم هي نموذج حي عن الانسان الخاطئ الذي اذا سعى الى التوبة يجد ذراعي الله مفتوحتين لاستقباله كما استقبل الأب ابنه الضال في المثل الشهير.

مريم المصرية هي مثال ونموذج لنا نحن الخطاة كي لا نبأس من امكانية التوبة فمهما بلغت ضخامة الخطيئة علينا ان نعرف تمام المعرفة ان الله ينتظرنا ليضمننا الى مختاريه.

لا خلاص بدون توبة . التوبة تعني تحولا في الانسان تغييرا من حالة الى حالة ، فحياة المسيحي حياة توبة دائمة بهذا المعنى انها سعي نحو الله لا ينقطع. سعي مستمر كل الايام اي رجوع متواصل الى الله. لا تعني التوبة انها فترة او مدة محددة من الحياة. التوبة تأخذها حياة، حياة مع الله اي حياتنا كلها توبة.

سيرة مريم المصرية مليئة بالعبر والدوروس فهي توجه لنا دعوة لكل واحد منا ، دعوة لتوبة عن خطايانا مهما كانت وهي برهان لرحمة الله العظيمة ، فمهما كانت الخطيئة

Only When We Descend in Humility Can We Ascend to Heaven

Where shall I begin to weep for the actions of my wretched life? What first-fruit shall I offer, O Christ, in this my lamentation? But in Thy compassion grant me forgiveness of sins." (The Canon of St. Andrew, Canticle 1, vs. 2.)

During Great Lent we remember and venerate Saint Mary of Egypt both on April 1 and the Fifth Sunday of Lent. With the Canon of St. Andrew, read in many churches during the first and fifth weeks of Lent, we uphold her as an icon of repentance, an example for every Orthodox Christian to emulate. Yet for many years, she lived a life of bondage to sexual passions. If St. Mary of Egypt were alive today, would we welcome her into our assembly?

"I confess to Thee, O Savior, the sins I have committed, the wounds of my soul and body, which murderous thoughts, like thieves, have inflicted inwardly upon me." (The Canon of St. Andrew, Canticle 1, vs. 12.)

While we don't know about the very early years of her life, we do know that she lost her virginity at age twelve and ran away from home. For the next seventeen years she was a slave to her insatiable appetite for sexual perversions, including sexual encounters with "young men," even against their will. This sounds very much like a victim of pedophilia who recoils and continues in her victimization by taking on the role of a predator herself, victimizing others in the process. Many adults who fall into the bondage of pedophilia are victims of sexual abuse as children. In a futile attempt to reconcile the horror of their own victimization, they try to regain control of their lives through exploitation, continuing to inflict wounds on their own souls and bodies.

"Like David, I have fallen into lust and I am covered in filth; but wash me clean, O Savior, by my tears." (The Canon of St. Andrew, Canticle 2, vs. 54.) "O Lady, thou hast brought forth our Joy: Grant me the spirit of mourning that in the coming Day of Judgment I may be comforted by God." (The Canon of St. Andrew, Canticle 9, vs. 327.) "For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

For seventeen years, Saint Mary of Egypt lived a lifestyle that isolated her from the community and God. Covered with filth amassed over the years, her heart yet longed for union with God. People in prison feel ostracized too, isolated from God and society, as they sit in shame in prison cells longing for the same tears of repentance that lead to joy and reconciliation.

"Christ became man, calling to repentance thieves and harlots. Repent, my soul: the door of the kingdom is already open, and Pharisees and publicans and adulterers pass through it before thee, changing their lives." (The Canon of St. Andrew, Canticle 9, Vs. 342)

The healing of the venerable Saint Mary of Egypt was not instantaneous but required a rigorous and lengthy spiritual journey. Being led by the Holy Spirit, she retreated to the wilderness where she lived the life of a hermit for seventeen years, seeking freedom from bondage of the passions. She spent a further thirty years in the wilderness having obtained the true gifts of repentance, healing and freedom from the enslavement of sin.



During Great Lent, each of us seeks repentance, turning from our own vices and passions and setting our minds and hearts on God. Through the intercessions of the most Holy Theotokos, God grants us the gift of compunction to turn from our wounds and sins to find healing and comfort in Him.

Only when we submit to God do we find true freedom. Only when we descend in humility can we ascend to the Heavens. It's only when we die to ourselves do we truly live. And we should not be afraid! Our spiritual life should not be wrought with anxiety, with fear and with doubt. After venerating the relic of the true cross, St. Mary of Egypt returned to the church to give thanks, and heard a voice telling her, "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest." And then, as St. Zosimas tells us, St. Mary spent 47 years in the desert alone, taking nothing with her but three loaves of bread, and once they were gone, she lived only on what she could find in the wilderness.

We marvel at this, as we, I think, almost write this story of, thinking, "Oh, this was a great saint in the olden days. This is all beyond our capability." But this is not true at all, and this is precisely why we hear the life of St. Mary of Egypt in church and on this week in Lent. Human nature has not changed in all the years from then until now. St. Mary was once an exceedingly sinful person and far from God. But she repented. She had a change of heart. She found humility, and in giving her whole life and her whole will entirely to God, she found the "glorious rest" to God promised her. Now we look to her – this former harlot and sex addict – as a great saint whom we must emulate, and to whom we pray so that she may intercede for us at the throne of God. And so, there is hope. There is hope for us, and we must not despair!

On this final Sunday of Great Lent, it would do well for us to take stock of where we are. Have we left our fallen city? Have we exited the gate? Have we travelled for miles, only to retrace our steps? Have we followed the way of the Pharisee, relying on our own efforts and perceived righteousness? Or have we learned to follow the way of the Publican and St. Mary of Egypt, crying out with a contrite heart and humility: "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!" Far too often we find ourselves at Holy Week, and even at the very night of Pascha, looking back to Lent wondering: "Where did Lent go? All this time... and I've wasted it!" All this time is given to us – is a gift to us – to use for our repentance, and don't we so often squander it in anxieties, trivialities, bickering, distractions, sins and passions. And when the trumpet sounds and we find ourselves at the Dread Judgment, will we look back and ask, "Where did the time go? How have I wasted my life?" Yet it does not have to be this way. Let us heed the words of the St. Paul who said: 'Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.' See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil... be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. (Ephesians 14-16, 19)

Let us rejoice, then, in the Lord in these remaining days of Lent as we look towards Christ's Holy Passion and glorious Resurrection, and let us never cease to have the words of St. Anthony the Great on our lips: "Today I will make a good beginning!" May God grant us strength and perseverance, not just to make a good beginning, but to finish the race set before us. Amen.

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Divine Liturgy

- Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:15 am

The Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before and after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$329,240



Contribution Ranges: \$20 to \$50,100

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 410



Active Families: 200



% of Active Families Participation: 55%

"It's not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"
-Mother Teresa

Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$18,850.



Church Window Repairs: Project completed, final cost \$9,000. Additional window was found to need repair, awaiting additional estimate.



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000. Boiler does need immediate replacing, awaiting timeframe. HVAC system is okay for now.



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), awaiting samples and timeframe.



Parking Lot Sealing: Project completed at both Rectory & Church, final cost \$14,000.



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & HVAC Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning completed, final cost \$9,020



Exterior/Masonry/Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals. Maintenance to mosaic of The Blessed Mother completed, cost \$8,000.



Security Cameras/Door Upgrades: Camera system complete, final cost \$10,500. Electrification of doorway proposal received, pending completion.



Central Air Conditioning and HVAC improvements to Rectory: Project completed, final cost \$56,665.

Important Highlights

- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have contributed and supported the campaign thus far.
- The finance committee has begun strategy planning on maximizing the return of current financial reserves for future projects. God willing, this will prevent the need for another capital campaign and *allow for a more spiritual focus!*
- As reflected above, donations have varied in amounts, we do not expect everyone to support with the same amount...*However, we do pray that everyone will support this important campaign!*
- This is an open and transparent campaign, if you have any questions, suggestion, or concerns Fr. Ephrem or any of the committee members would be more than happy review/discuss during coffee hour or feel free to call them at the numbers listed below.



For more information contact any of the committee members, [click here](#), or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

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