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Sunday, April 14, 2019

Tone 5 – Fifth Sunday of Great Lent | Saint Mary of Egypt
Saint Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655). Martyr Ardalion the Actor (4th c.).
Martyr Azades the Eunuch and 1,000 Martyrs of Persia

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Property Committee meeting after Divine Liturgy!!!

Today: Mission Service at 4:00PM
Saint George's Georgian Orthodox Church
412 Philmont Avenue – Feasterville-Trevoze, PA 19053

Service Schedule for the Sixth Week of Great Lent is noted under Calendar of Events (page 7) of this bulletin!

Saturday: April 20 - Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy at **9:00AM!**

Saturday: April 20 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM!** *Note Time Change!*
(along with the Blessing of Pussywillows and Palms)

Sunday: April 21–Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem(*Palm Sunday*)
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am (*Church Procession after Liturgy!*)
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 5)

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.

Troparion (Tone 8 – Saint Mary of Egypt)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother, / for thou didst take up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passeth away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore thy spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoiceth with the angels.

Kontakion (Tone 5)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,/shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Kontakion (Tone 3 – Saint Mary of Egypt)

Having been a sinful woman, / thou becamest through repentance a bride of Christ. / Having attained angelic life, / thou didst defeat demons with the weapon of the Cross. // Therefore, O most glorious Mary, thou art a bride of the Kingdom.

Prokeimenon (Tone 5)

Thou, 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.

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – St Mary of Egypt)

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

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

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? Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

- v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my supplication. Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 1]

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32-45

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Instead of "It is truly meet..." we sing the following

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: / the assembly of Angels and the race of men. / O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, / the glory of virgins, / from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: / our God before the ages. / He made thy body into a throne, / and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. / All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. // Glory to thee!

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia (3x's)

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

“THE THANK YOU PAGE”

THANK YOU

To all of those who spent their time yesterday morning/afternoon and brought their energy, rags, buckets, sponges, soaps, brushes, polishes, and vacuum cleaners to assist in cleaning the Church for today’s Mission Service, the Archbishop’s visit on Holy Monday, Holy Week, and most important, for Pascha. The whole inside area including the choir loft, altar area and vestibule look beautiful. We had over a dozen parishioners spent over 50 people hours in total to help beautify the parish.

THANK YOU

To all of those who set up the basement, prepared and cooked food, welcomed our guest, and cleaned up afterwards of the Mission Service last Sunday. We had 85 faithful in attendance including six priest, two deacons and eleven children. Many complimented on our hospitality and the delicious meal and deserts that were served. This was all accomplished with your help!

THANK YOU

To all of those who gave of their time to volunteer yesterday morning and afternoon at Nanna’s Attic in Broomall, PA for the Parish Day of Giving. We had 10 people volunteer and attend to the work needed to be done there. Nanna’s Attic was very appreciative of all of our help and assistance yesterday.

THANK YOU

To all of those who donated monetary gifts and items for the Domestic Abuse Project gift baskets. Monetary donations are still being accepted. Please see Dr. Janine McCartney to donate. Also, to all of those who prepared and packaged the baskets yesterday right before Vespers.

May God Grant You All Many Happy, Healthy, and Blessed Years!

Attendance: Fifth Week of Great Lent Services

Sunday (4/7) – Mission Service, At Our Parish = 85 in attendance
From our parish = 27 parishioners and 6 children attended
Wednesday (4/10) – Presanctificied Liturgy = 14
Thursday (4/11) – Reading of the Life of St Mary of Egypt = 18
Friday (4/12) – Akathist = 16
Saturday (4/13) – Great Vespers = 17

The Parish is now accepting either actual donations of wool or monetary donations to purchase wool to knit blankets and hats. Please see Dr. Janine McCartney for more details on this project!

**[Note: Today’s readings for Saint Mary of Egypt are as follows:
Epistle – Galatians 3:23-29 and Gospel - Luke 7:36-50]**

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Ronald Kavalkovich offered by MM A Kavalkovich
Ronald Kavalkovich offered by Pellack Family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Greg Lindsay offered by Nina Patterson
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Anastasia Scarloss, David O'Shura offered by MM Herbert
Family and Parishioners offered by Joseph Rabik
Olga Zuzulock offered by Pellack Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal

The Red and White Flowers decorating the cross on the Tetrapod for the Veneration of the Cross Sunday were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Simon and Mary Herbert in Memory of Joseph Herbert.

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ On the Fortieth Day (4/10) of the Newly Departed
Handmaiden of God Helen Wanenchak (March 2)

Grace Corba; Catherine Kavalkovich; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery from surgery); Margaret Pellack; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Choir Rehearsal schedule for Lent and Pascha

Please keep in contact with Choir Director Nina Patterson as to the schedule for choir rehearsals over the two weeks. She will inform you when and where rehearsals will take place.

MONDAY, APRIL 15 – THE HISTORY CHANNEL – JESUS: HIS LIFE
8:00PM TO 10:00PM. PARTS 7 & 8. SERIES CONCLUDES TOMORROW.

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Coffee Hour / Cleaning and Epistle / Hours Reading Schedule.

We now have an established full rotating schedule for the Coffee Hour & Cleaning, and the Hours & Epistle Readings. The Reading schedule sheets will be posted quarterly on the bulletin board in the church basement. The Coffee Hour/Cleaning schedule is in a binder located on the display case.

*****Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon*****

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Youth Fund (*reactivated July 2018*)
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (March/April)

	<u>Week of April 1 to April 7</u>	<u>March Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance:	42	39 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,774.00	\$ 11,647.01
Funds Out:	\$ 3,347.81	\$ 7,861.92
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 1,573.81)	\$ 3,785.09

*The parish received in March proceeds from the insurance claim filed with Church Mutual regarding the water damage to the roof and north wall for a total amount of \$123,805.06. This amount is **not** reflected in the totals above for March.*

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see David Pellack to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

1st Sunday of each month – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.

April 14 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2nd Sunday of each month)!

All property committee members are asked to attend this important meeting. Main topic of discussion will be the proceeds received from the insurance claim filed with Church Mutual for the water damage to the roof and north wall.

Today – Mission Service at 4:00pm.

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412 Philmont Avenue (State Road 2040)
Feasterville-Trevoze, PA 19053 Phone #267.777.0971
Website: n/a

(The entrance way to the Church is located between the church's white and blue lawn banner and the Frank T. Loram Inc. Plumbing & Heating white and blue company sign. The church is located behind Loram's building)

Sixth Week of Great Lent Service Schedule – April 15th to 21st

Wednesday, April 17 – The Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts beginning at 6:00PM
Friday, April 19 – Vespers of Lazarus Saturday beginning at 6:00PM
Saturday, April 20 – Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy beginning at 9:00AM
Saturday, April 20– Great Vespers at 4:00PM (*blessing of pussywillows & palms*)
Sunday, April 21 – Divine Liturgy (Palm Sunday) beginning at 10:00AM
Sunday, April 21 – Bridegroom Matins - St Stephens – North Philly at 4:00PM

Any changes in the schedule or time will be announced in our parish media outlets (church bulletin, the parish website and parish FaceBook page).

Sunday, April 21 – Bridegroom Matins Service at 4:00pm.

Saint Stephens Orthodox Cathedral * 8598 Verree Road
Philadelphia, PA 19111. Phone #215.745.3232 (Rectory)
Website: <http://www.ststephenscathedral.org>

Cleaning Teams: Today (Apr 14): Saint Herman of Alaska
(Heather & Peter Parsells, Dr Gale Rutan & Joseph Francis).
Next Week (Apr 21): Saint John of Kronstadt
(Lena Helen, Paul Filanowski, Matthew Andrews, Martha Palubniak).



Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: Saint Mary of Egypt [April 14th]

On the fifth Sunday of Great Lent, the Church provides us with one final theme of prayer and repentance before we enter Holy Week, the life of Saint Mary of Egypt. Saint Mary explained to Abba Zosimas, “I was born in Egypt, and when I was 12 years old, I left my parents and went to Alexandria. There I gave myself to unrestrained sensuality. For more than 17 years I lived like that.”

Saint Mary described how she boarded a ship of pilgrims on its way to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Upon arrival she attempted to enter the church, but a force prevented her entrance. She realized that she had to repent of her sinful ways, and the Blessed Theotokos revealed to her that salvation awaited her in the desert beyond the Jordan River by means of continual prayer and fasting.

Abba Zosimas asked her, “How many years have passed since you began to live in the desert?” She replied, “It is 47 years.” Abba Zosimas asked, “What food do you find here?” She said, “I had two and a half loaves of bread when I crossed the Jordan. Eating a little at a time, I finished them after a few years.”

On this Sunday of Great Lent, the Church encourages us to emulate this powerful example of lifelong repentance by prayer and fasting. While we all surely eat more than two and a half loaves of bread in a few years, our meager fasting should heighten our compassion for the poor and the hungry, and whatever resources we are able to preserve by fasting become available for “the least of these my brethren.” Let us reach out to the poor and destitute throughout the world with the inspiration of Saint Mary of Egypt, especially during this time of tumult and suffering.

[Source: Very Reverend Father Michael Ellias from *Weekly Spiritual Reflections for Great Lent – Journey to Pascha* booklet by the **IOCC** (2016)]

NOTE: If anyone wishes to read more about the life of both Saint Mary of Egypt and Abba Zosimas, please go on the OCA website (www.oca.org) and click on the Feast & Saints link, then select today’s date, and then click on the “Read the Life” box for 5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt.