

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 21st
Zoom Bible Study -- 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 24th – Saturday of Lazarus
Making of Palms – 11:00 a.m.
Easter Bread pick-up

Sunday, April 25th
Palm Sunday - Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 29th - Divine Liturgy - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Unction – 3:00 p.m.
Twelve Gospels – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 30th
Royal Hours – 10:00 am.
Apokathilosis – 3:00 p.m.
Lamentations – 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, May 1st
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil – 10:30 a.m.

Orthros/Matins of the Resurrection - 11:30 p.m.
Great and Holy Pascha - 12:00 am.

Easter Sunday Vespers - 11:00 a.m.

EASTER BREAD ORDERS - \$7.00 EACH
Pick-up day will be Saturday, April 24th
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p. m.

or

Sunday, April 25th after Divine Liturgy



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St. Mary of Egypt; Holy Father John the Righteous,
disciple of St Gregory of Decapolis; Cosmas, Bishop of
Calcydon; Euthemios the Enlightener of Karelia

Resurrectional Hymn

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

For the Devout Woman

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

Hymn of St. Spyridon

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that never fails, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers, O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Saint Mary of Egypt is commemorated on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. She was born somewhere in the Province of Egypt, and at the age of twelve ran away from her parents to the city of Alexandria. Here she lived an extremely dissolute life. After seventeen years of this lifestyle, she traveled to Jerusalem, but as she tried to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, she was barred by an unseen force. Realizing it was because of her impurity, she was struck with remorse and repented. She attempted to enter the church again, and this time was permitted, whereby she venerated the Holy Cross and prayed for forgiveness. After receiving absolution and Holy Communion at the Monastery of St. John the Baptist on the bank of the River Jordan, she retired to the desert to live the rest of her life bringing only three loaves of bread, then living on what she found in the wilderness. A year before her death, she recounted her life to St. Zosimas of Palestine, who was passing through the desert and whom she asked to meet her on Holy Thursday the following year to receive Holy Communion. Again, a year later, St. Zosimas returned to find her dead with a message in the sand that she had died the night she received Holy Communion, yet her body remained incorrupt. He buried her with the assistance of a passing lion after recovering from his fear of the beast. Her life has been written by St. Sophronios Patriarch of Jerusalem. (orthodoxwiki.org)

