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SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018
St. Mary of Egypt
FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

Epistle Readings

Hebrews 9:11-14
Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel Readings

Mark 10:32-45
Luke 7:36-50

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away, but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels!

Kontakion

Having been a sinful woman, you became through repentance a Bride of Christ. Having attained angelic life, you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross. Therefore, O most glorious Mary, you are a Bride of the Kingdom!

St. Luke 58th Annual Assembly & Lenten Soup Social - Today

Our Annual Assembly will be convened today following Liturgy and a Lenten luncheon. Clergy, Board of Trustees, committee and ministry reports will be presented. Elections will take place for the Board of Trustees and Audit Board. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Everyone's viewpoint is important as we discuss administrative affairs and plan for our future.

A group of Sisterhood members have prepared a variety of Lenten Soups for the luncheon. All donations will be matched by the Sisters up to \$500 to benefit Dr. Bill Black, Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) missionary to Kenya, and Jesse Brandow, missionary to Guatemala.

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests who with us today. Please join us for the Luncheon after Divine Liturgy. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

Sacrament of Confession

Fr. John encourages us to prepare and come for Confession during Great Lent. He will be available to hear confessions at 6PM on Wednesday or at other times by appointment. He will not be hearing Confessions during Holy Week, so please try to come this week.

St. Luke Gift Shop

Stop by the kiosk today and see the new Easter greeting cards. Icons, collectibles, jewelry and books are also available for Pascha gift giving and Easter baskets.

This Week's Services

Wed., March 28	7PM Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts, Lenten potluck
Sat., March 31	10:30AM Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday, Lenten potluck
	7PM Vigil for Palm Sunday and Blessing of Pussy Willows
Sunday, April 1	10:30AM Palm Sunday Festal Divine Liturgy and Procession

First-Sunday-of-the-Month Food for the Needy – April 1

Next Sunday's collection of food for homeless and working poor families gives us the opportunity to follow the Lenten discipline of charitable giving. We may be hungry during Lenten fasting. They are hungry every day. Please help.

Holy Week and Pascha Services

Mon., April 2	7PM Bridegroom Matins
Wed., April 4	7PM Pre-sanctified Liturgy
Thurs., April 5	10:30AM Vespertal Liturgy for the Mystical Supper 7PM Matins for Holy Friday, 12 Passion Gospels
Fri., April 6	7PM Holy and Great Friday Vespers and Burial of Christ
Sat., April 7	9PM Compline and Matins for Pascha with Procession
Sunday, April 8	10:30AM PASCHA Festal Divine Liturgy

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless Esteban De La Riva as he celebrates his birthday! Mnogaja ljeta!