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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 (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Troparion (St. Mary of Egypt)

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 (St. Mary of Egypt)

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!

Sacrament of Confession

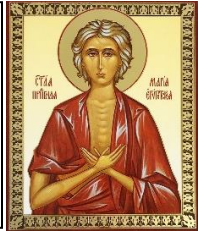
Fr. John encourages anyone who has not yet come for Confession to schedule a time with him this final week of Great Lent: john.vitko@gmail.com. Plan to come before April 18.

Services this Week

Wednesday, April 13 7PM Presanctified Liturgy, Fasting after midday meal, Potluck dinner
Saturday, April 16 10:30AM Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy followed by Lunch
Preparation and Blessing of Pussy Willows & Palms
3PM Palm Sunday Vigil
Sunday, April 17 10:30AM Palm Sunday Festal Divine Liturgy and Procession

Prayer from the Lenten Triodion for St. Mary of Egypt Sunday

The power of Thy Cross has worked a wonder, O Christ. Through it a harlot became a champion of the ascetic life. She cast aside her weakness and bravely fought the devil, and having won the prize of victory, she ceaselessly prays for our souls.



Welcome to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, please talk with Fr. John and our parishioners. Come again for worship and fellowship.

Memory Eternal, Mengiste Semayat Yawareselen, Večnaja pamjat †

We pray for Basil (Sue Mezines' father), Haile (Hossana Aberra's father) and Neda Mastilovic on the anniversaries of their falling asleep. May they rest in blessed repose.

Faith in Action - FOCUS Diaper Drive – Sunday, April 17

The St. Luke Faith in Action Team and FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve) of the DC area are asking for donations next Sunday of diapers in all sizes and baby wipes for needy families. Checks will also be accepted; please make payable to FOCUS North America with memo: DC Diaper Drive.

Holy Week and Pascha Services

Monday, April 18 7PM Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, April 19 7PM Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, April 20 7PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Thursday, April 21 10:30AM Vespertal Liturgy for the Mystical Supper
7PM Matins for Holy Friday, 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 22 7PM Holy and Great Friday Vespers and Burial of Christ
Saturday, April 23 9PM Compline and Matins for Pascha with Procession
Sunday, April 24 **10:30AM PASCHA Festal Divine Liturgy**
Monday, April 25 10AM Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Church in Ashburn, VA

Memorial Day Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery – Sunday-Monday, May 29-30

Plans are underway for a two-day one-night trip to the oldest Orthodox monastery in America, founded in 1905. Events on Memorial Day include the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, a Memorial Service later followed by an Anointing Service. Visitors may tour the Monastery Church, the vast grounds and pathways, and Museum exhibits. There is a bookstore and Coffee Shop which brews its own Burning Bush Coffee. Sign up with Louise Romanchak by April 24 to join St. Luke friends on the pilgrimage: louiseromanchak@yahoo.com.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!

God bless Rada Carmichael whose birthday was this past week. We also send long distance greetings to Paul Bragulla, Jeff Castiglione and Dan Mamula as they celebrate their birthdays!