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APRIL 2, 2023
SAINTE MARY OF EGYPT
DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT
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 Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!”

Troparion (Saint Mary)

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 (Saint Mary)

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!

Prayer to St. Mary of Egypt ~ “Holy mother, Mary, pray unto God for us.”

Sacrament of Confession

Fr. John will be available to hear confessions this final week of Great Lent. Contact him to schedule a time. Please plan to come before Holy Week.

~ A Prayer on Confession by St. Ephraim of Syria ~

“O my soul, before you say anything He will already know what you intend to say. Before you open your lips, He will see what is in your heart. You will not be able to say, ‘I have sinned,’ before you see Him stretch forth His hands to receive and embrace you.”

Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to join us at Coffee Hour and get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

St. Luke Annual Assembly

The participation of faithful parishioners at last week’s meeting was most appreciated. Ron Kecman was re-elected to serve as Board of Trustees President along with Hunter Whitestone (Vice President), Elizabeth Minahan (Treasurer), David Lumovich (Financial Sec.), Louise Romanchak (Secretary) and Trustees Chris Little, Mark Mamula and Dn. Stefan Glomazic. Barbara Lane (Chair), Olin Bidy and Mark Damjan were elected to the Audit Board. May God bless them in their stewardship efforts in serving our parish community.

Lenten Soup Social – Thank You

- Message from JoAnne de la Riva, Sisterhood Vice President: “Thank you to all of you for making this year's Lenten Soup Social a great success! Not only was it successful from a fund-raising standpoint, but the generous donation of your buffet table entrees and the time, effort and resources it took to prepare and transport, contributed to a beautiful buffet table and a lively coffee hour. Thank you also to all who helped to clear and clean afterwards. I know I also speak for Rada (Carmichael) in saying it couldn't be done without you nor without the love and faith in God that bring us together at St. Luke.”
- The generous donations of \$700 are added to the Sisterhood’s \$500 totaling \$1200 to benefit the OCA Diocese of Alaska’s Clergy Stipend Endowment. May it be blessed.

First-Sunday-of-the-Month Food for the Needy – Thank You

Today’s food donations will be delivered to the C-Cap Food Pantry.

“An Orthodox-Centric Discussion on Fentanyl” – Tuesday, April 4 at 7PM

The Washington DC area Greek Orthodox Clergy extend an invitation for an informational talk about fentanyl awareness on April 4 at St. George GOC in Bethesda, 7701 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Thalia Dimopoulos, M.A., will give the presentation and facilitate discussion. Pre-teens, teens, and their families are welcome.

Feastdays and Service Schedule this Week

Wed., April 5	7PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Lenten Potluck
Fri., April 7	7PM Vespertal Liturgy for the FEAST of ANNUNCIATION
Sat., April 8	10:30AM LAZARUS SATURDAY Divine Liturgy, Lenten Potluck 2:30PM Palm Sunday Vespers, Blessing of Pussy Willows & Palms
Sunday, April 9	10:30AM PALM SUNDAY Festal Divine Liturgy and Procession

Save the Date: Sat., May 13 – 5:30PM Orthodox Christian Mission Center-OCMC Banquet

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless the newborn child of God, Savannah Wynne, daughter of Scott and Sarah Funk, and granddaughter of Val and Wynne Maksimovic. Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!