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APRIL 21, 2024  
**ST. MARY OF EGYPT**  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

**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)

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** (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** (Resurrection)

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 Mankind, And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

**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!

*HOLY MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT, PRAY TO GOD FOR US.*

**Sacrament of Confession**

Fr. John will hear confessions from 6-6:30PM before Presanctified Liturgy, 1:30-2:00PM before Saturday Vespers, and by appointment. Please confirm your time with Fr. John in advance: [john.vitko@gmail.com](mailto:john.vitko@gmail.com), 925-667-6451. Please plan to come before Holy Week.

**Welcome** to all guests via livestream and in person today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John or Deacon Stefan. Please come again!

**Addictions Support Network – Monday, April 22 – 7-8:15PM on Zoom** (one week early)

There is an Orthodox Ministry designed specifically to help relieve suffering from addiction both for those actively addicted to a substance or a behavior and for those affected by someone else's use or behavior. Join here: Meeting ID: 210 068 7480; Password: 208156

**Lenten Services This Week**

Wednesday, April 24 7PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Lenten Potluck

Saturday, April 27 10:30AM Divine Liturgy - Raising Lazarus from the Dead  
Preparation of Palms & Pussy Willow Branches  
Church Decorating for Palm Sunday ~ Volunteers needed

2:30PM Palm Sunday Vespers, Blessing of Pussy Willows

Sunday, April 28 10:30AM Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday with Procession

**Holy Week and Pascha Services**

Monday, April 29 7PM Bridegroom Matins

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Wednesday, May 1 7PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Lenten Potluck

Thursday, May 2 10:30AM Vespers for the Mystical Supper  
7PM Matins for Holy Friday, 12 Passion Gospels

Friday, May 3 3PM Vespers – Burial of Christ  
7PM Matins and Lamentations

Saturday, May 4 9PM Compline and Matins for Pascha with Procession

Sunday, May 5 10:30AM PASCHA Festal Divine Liturgy  
Lamb Roast and Pascha Feast

**Orthodoxy 201 Resumes after Pascha – Wednesday, May 15**

The next study will be Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's "For the Life of the World". There is still one copy of the book available in Fr. John's office at the discounted price of \$13.

**Retreat by Archimandrite Sergius - Saturday, May 18th, 2024 at 5pm**

Holy Apostles Philoptochos welcomes Archimandrite Sergius, Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery, for a spiritual retreat on his book "Acquiring the Mind of Christ". He will bring the Miraculous Icon of St. Anna. Come to 21580 Atlantic Blvd #160, Sterling, VA 20166.

**God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!**

Birthday blessings to Mimi Bidy and Jonathan Zaki (8 years old). We send long distance greetings to Carolyn Connor on her birthday!