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- Communion is only for Orthodox Christians.

- Preparation for Communion: going for Confession, praying, and fasting.

- Confessions: Vespers-first Saturday of the month, Sun. before Liturgy, or by appointment.

- Make a list of living and deceased and bring it to the Altar. We'll pray for them during a Liturgy.

- **For pastoral visits** at home or hospital or special prayer requests ask Fr. Oleg.
- **A directory of parishioners' names and addresses** is available (vestibule) for those who would like to send cards or good wishes.
- **Follow us on Facebook Click [HERE](#).**

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Молимось за мир в Україні!

Слава Ісусу Христу! Навіки Слава!
Let us pray for peace in Ukraine!

Sun. 29 Mar. 5th SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST. VENERABLE MARY of EGYPT. Tone 1. Martyr MARK, Bishop of Arethusa, CYRIL the deacon and others (364) Venerable JOHN, the Anchorite of Egypt. EUSTATHIUS the Confessor and Bishop of Bithynia

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

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

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour after the Liturgy – Запрошуємо на каву після Літургії

Festival committee meeting

04:00 PM. PASSIA Service or Divine Suffering of Christ (Our Church)

The Bulletin is sponsored by Martha and Michael Misko in memory of Xenia Sheska.

MENEION & SCRIPTURES (GREAT LENT).

Mon. 30 Mar. Prophet Joad (10th c. BC). St. Eubula, mother of St. Panteleimon (304).
Is. 48:17–49:4 Gen. 27:1-41 Prov. 19:16-25

Tue. 31 Mar. Martyrs Abdas the Bishop and Benjamin the Deacon, of Persia (424).
Is. 49:6-10 Gen. 31:3-16 Prov. 21:3-21

06:30 PM Moleben for Peace in Ukraine (Bethlehem).

Wed. 01 Apr. Ven. Gerontius, youth, canonarch of the Kyiv Caves (14th c.).
Is. 58:1-11 Gen. 43:26-31; 44:1-16 Prov. 21:23–22:4

05:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts in Nesquehoning, PA.
(Transport provided. Let Fr. Oleg know if you would like to go).

Thu. 02 Apr. Ven. Titus the Wonderworker (9th c.). Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria (4 c.).
Is. 65:8-16 Gen. 46:1-7 Prov. 23:15-24:5

Fri. 03 Apr. Virgin-martyr Theodosia of Tyre and Martyr Irene (308).
Is. 66:10-24 Gen. 49:33–50:26 Prov. 31:8-32

05:30-06:00 PM 9th Hour and Confessions.

06:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Common Lenten soup. Welcome all.

Sat. 04 Apr. The Resurrection of the Righteous Lazarus.
Heb. 12:28–13:8 Jn. 11:1-45

10:00 AM Liturgy and Priestly Ordination is South Bound Brook.

GREAT VESPERS IS CANCELLED.

Sun. 05 Apr. PALM SUNDAY. 09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

04:00 PM PASSIA Service or Divine Suffering of Christ (Allentown)

- Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, please take note of the yellow folders that have been placed in our Church pews. They are there for all of you to take part in singing some of our antiphons and other liturgical music. It would be uplifting if we all took part in singing to the glory God during our Liturgy. "Sing praises to our Lord, sing praises!"

- Kobasa sale fundraiser by the Veterans of Lehigh Valley. Flyer downstairs.

- Pyrohy schedule: Apr. 2, 16; May 7, 28. First come, first served (until we reach 250 doz.). Please volunteer for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching and clean-up.

- Loving Waters Campaign for the All-Saints Camp Water System Repair (Emlenton, PA). The camp got a **large bill** for its water system. Let's help! Envelopes near entrance.

- Sunday School Schedule: Every Sunday right after the Communion. Welcome.

- Please turn in Redner's save a tape. The receipt must show the Save-A-Tape amount.

- Virtual Bible Study Day. Check the information on the board downstairs.

BIRTHDAYS:

**29 Mar...Martha Misko **

03 Apr...Walter Seremula *МНОГОЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!*

NECROLOGY: Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

29 Mar...Oksana Poshtar '07 30 Mar...Maxim Zuravel '37, Paul Poticha '92

01 Apr...Serhiy Kutas'70, Frank Haas '04, Gnat Rud '80 03 Apr...Florence Andrus '53

04 Apr...Anna Wagel '72 *ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!*

Prayer for the health & salvation of the afflicted: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, Helen Crayosky, Caroline Hallman, Joseph Killino, Barbara Grason, Sandra Miller, John Vitushinski, Raisa Bakalets, Karen Yurconic, Martha Dowling, Michael Szymonifka, Karen Kankula, Evelyn Kankula, Russel Kerick, Christina Truss, Matthew Vitushinsky, Nadine Savitz, William Savitz, William Leszczuk, Mary Berger, Jessica Meashock, Ray Stoner, Zachary Y. Siyufy, soldier Oleh, Soldier Volodymyr, Raisa Melnychuk, Vasyl Beizyn, Lubov Shevchuk, Volodymyr Hranat, Ihor Broda, Gary Lelo, Debi Hutnick, Eric Hewko, Phil O'Brien, child Charlie, Juliana, Shirl Merolli, Stephanie Donnelly, child Alexandria, Elizabeth Pastushenko, MaryAnn Ramaley, Aaliyah Osmun, Brendan Phillips, Adam Hewko, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Joann Hoodmaker, Norman Betrous, Lisa Kulhanek, Esther Wilt, Benjamin Tomeo, Olena Kalichenko, Robert, Marybeth Smith, Charles Ermert.

In the heart of Great Lent, the Church offers us the radiant figure of Saint Mary of Egypt—a woman who journeyed from the depths of sin to the heights of holiness. Her life is not merely a story; it is a mirror held before each of us, calling us to repentance, humility, and transformation.

Mary's early life was marked by extreme indulgence and spiritual blindness. Yet one moment changed everything: she was barred from entering the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. That invisible hand of grace awakened her soul. She prayed before the icon of the Theotokos: "O Lady, Mother of God, You gave birth in the flesh to God the Word. I know well that someone as impure as I am is unworthy to look toward Your holy icon. Yet I have heard that Your Son became man to call sinners to repentance. Help me, for I have no other help. Open the way for me to enter the church, to venerate the holy Cross on which He shed His Blood for the salvation of sinners—and for me, though I am unworthy. Be my witness before Your Son that I will turn from my sins and follow wherever You lead me."

This cry of the heart opened the door to repentance. She entered the church, venerated the Cross, and left the world behind—fleeing into the desert for the rest of her life.

For seventeen years, Mary battled her passions in solitude. She ate herbs, endured heat and cold, and wept bitterly. Yet through this struggle, she was purified. She became a living icon of repentance. Her story reminds us that Lent is not about perfection—it is about persistence. It is not about what we give up, but what we allow God to heal.

Her humility, her tears, and her transformation are the true fruits of Lent.

What can we learn? Repentance is always possible; no sin is greater than God's mercy. Solitude and silence heal—make space for God in your day. The Theotokos intercedes—ask her help as Mary did. And Lent is a journey—begin again, even today.

Let us follow Saint Mary of Egypt not into the desert, but into the inner wilderness of the heart, where God waits to meet us.

PROPERs for the DIVINE LITURGY of ST. BASIL the GREAT

Tropar Resurrection, Tone 1: When the stone had been sealed by the Jews/ while the soldiers were guarding Your Most Pure Body/ You arose on the third day, Savior/ granting life to the world/ Therefore, the Powers of Heaven cried to You,, Giver of Life/ Glory to Your Resurrection, Christ/ Glory to Your Kingdom/ Glory to Your Divine Plan, Lover of Mankind.

Tropar of the Dormition, Tone 1: In giving birth/ you preserved your virginity/ In falling asleep you did not forsake the world Birth-Giver of God/ You were translated to life, Mother of Life/ and through your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tropar to Mary of Egypt, Tone 8: 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, for it is immortal/ Therefore, your spirit, O Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 1: When Christ God, the Giver of Life/ raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His Mighty Hand/ He bestowed resurrection on the human race/ He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life and the God of all.

Glory... Kondak to Mary of Egypt, Tone 3: 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.

Now and ever... Kondak of the Dormition, Tone 2: Neither the tomb nor death had power over the Birth-Giver of God/ she is ever watchful in her prayers and in her intercession lies unfailing hope/ For as the Mother of Life/ she has been translated to life by the One/ Who dwelt within her ever-virginal womb.

Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone 1: Let Your mercy, Lord, be upon us as we have put our hope in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (St. Mary of Egypt): God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel.

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

Alleluia Verses, Tone 6. God gives me retribution and has subdued peoples under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the king and deals mercifully for His anointed, for David and for his seed forever.

I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my supplication.

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

In place of “It is right in truth...” All of creation rejoices in you,/ Lady, full of Grace/ the assembly of angels and the human race/ Sanctified Temple and Spiritual Paradise/ the Glory of Virgins,/ from whom God was incarnate and became a Child/ our God before the ages/ He made your body into a throne/ and your womb more spacious than the heavens/ All of creation rejoices in You,/ Lady Full of Grace/ Glory to you.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. The righteous man shall be in everlasting remembrance . He shall not fear any evil report. Alleluia 3X

ORTHODOX NEWS AROUND THE GLOBE



Metropolitan Nikodemus of Nigeria visited the parish of Archangel Michael in Uli for Sunday of Orthodox festivities.

The Orthodox Culture Center of Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Warsaw, Poland hosted the 19th National Conference of Orthodox Religious Advisors.

Delegates of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine led by Bishop Sava of Donetsk visited Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew & celebrated Divine Liturgy at St. George's Cathedral on Sunday of Orthodoxy.

Archbishop Sylvester of Belhorod tonsured four students of Kyiv's theological schools at the Dormition Cathedral of the Caves Monastery.



A Panikhida was celebrated at the Academic Church of St. John of Damascus in memory of Ukrainian poet, Taras Shevchenko, on the 165th anniversary of his repose, March 10th.

Thousands of Ukrainian Orthodox believers gathered in Brussels, Belgium to celebrate the Feast of the Synaxis of the Fathers of Kyiv Pechersk Caves in the presence of the myrrh-streaming icon of the Mother of God brought from Chernivitsi.



The relics of St. Gregory Palamas were carried through the streets of Thessaloniki, Greece on the Second Sunday of Great Lent.

Metropolitan Nathanail of Gjirokaster led the first service in 82 years at the Monastery of the 40 Martyrs in Sarande, Albania, built in the 6th century and destroyed by the communists in 1944.

Many new Orthodox parishes have been established in the past few months in Ireland, Portugal and the Netherlands.

In the wounded lands of Ukraine, where sirens interrupt childhood and displacement becomes a daily reality, even the simplest things - a cup of yogurt, a package of diapers, a small sweet cookie - become treasures. Not luxuries. Not conveniences. But lifelines.

And it is precisely here, in this sacred intersection of suffering and hope, that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America extends her loving embrace - crossing oceans, transcending borders, and bearing witness to the living Gospel of Christ.

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Євангеліє. 32 Коли вони були в дорозі, йдучи до Єрусалима, Ісус ішов попереду них, а вони жахалися і, йдучи за Ним слідом, боялися. 33 Покликавши знову дванадцятьох, Він почав їм говорити про те, що буде з Ним: ось ми йдемо до Єрусалима, і Син Людський виданий буде первосвященникам і книжникам, і осудять Його на смерть, і видадуть Його язичникам; 34 і знущатимуться з Нього, і битимуть Його, і обплюють Його, і уб'ють Його; і на третій день воскресне. 35 Тоді підійшли до Нього Яків та Іоан, сини Зеведеєві, і сказали: Учителю, ми хочемо, щоб Ти зробив нам, про що попросимо. 36 Він сказав їм: що хочете, щоб Я зробив вам? 37 Вони сказали Йому: дай нам одному праворуч від Тебе, а другому ліворуч від Тебе сісти у славі Твоїй. 38 Ісус же сказав їм: не знаєте, чого просите. Чи можете пити чашу, яку Я п'ю, і хрещенням, яким Я хрещусь, хреститися? 39 Вони відповіли Йому: можемо. Ісус же сказав їм: чашу, яку Я п'ю, вип'єте, і хрещенням, яким Я хрещусь, охреститися; 40 але щоб сісти праворуч і ліворуч від Мене — не від Мене залежить, а кому уготовано. 41 І, почувши, десять почали гніватись на Якова та Іоана. 42 Ісус же, покликавши їх, сказав їм: ви знаєте, що ті, яких називають князями народів, панують над ними, і вельможі їхні володіють ними. 43 Але між вами нехай не буде так: хто хоче бути більшим між вами, нехай буде вам слугою. 44 І хто хоче бути першим між вами, нехай буде всім рабом. 45 Бо і Син Людський не для того прийшов, щоб Йому служили, але щоб послужити і віддати душу Свою за визволення багатьох.