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**Sun. 5 Apr. (Mar. 23)** Fifth Sunday of the Great Lent. Tone 1. **Venerable Mary of Egypt.** Monk-martyr Nicon and 199 disciples, in Sicily (251). Martyrs Philetas the Senator, his wife Lydia, their sons Macedon and Theoprepius, the notary Cronides, and Amphilochius the Captain, in Illyria (125). Ven. Nicon, abbot of the Kyiv Caves (1088).

**Heb. 9:11-14 Mk. 10:32-45**

**Today’s Bulletin sponsored in loving memory of mother, Xenia Sheska, offered by Martha and Michael Misko.**

**Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings For Sixth Week Of The Great Fast**

**Mon. 6 Apr. Fast Day –** Forefeast of the Annunciation. Ven. Zacharias the Recluse of Egypt (4th c.). St. Artemon, bishop of Seleucia (1st c.). Ven. James the Confessor, bishop of Catania (811). Ven. Zachariah, faster of the Kyiv Caves (13th c.).

***Is. 48:17–49:4 Gen. 27:1-41 Prov. 19:16-25***

***Gen. 28:10-17 Ezek. 43:27-44:4 Prov. 9:1-11***

**Tue. 7 Apr. THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS**. Martyrs Pelagia, Theodosia, and Dula of Nicomedia.

***Lk.1:39-49, 56 Is. 49:6-10 Gen. 31:3-16 Prov. 21:3-21***

***Ex. 3:1-8 Prov. 8:22–30 Heb. 2:11-18 Lk. 1:24-38***

**Wed. 8 Apr. Fast Day –** Leave-taking of the Annunciation. Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. Hieromartyr Irenaeus, bishop of Srem (Sirmium), Serbia (304). Martyrs Bathusius and Bercus presbyters, monk Arpilus, laymen Abibus, Agnus, Reasus and others (375). St. Malchus of Chalcis in Syria (4th c.). St. Basil the Younger, anchorite near Constantinople (944).

***Is. 58:1-11 Gen. 43:26-31; 44:1-16 Prov. 21:23–22:4***

**Thu. 9 Apr. Fast Day –** St. Matrona of Thessalonica (4th c.). Martyrs Manuel and Theodosius (304). St. John the Clairvoyant of Lycopolis, anchorite of Egypt (394).

 ***Is. 65:8-16 Gen. 46:1-7 Prov. 23:15-24:5***

**Fri. 10 Apr. Fast Day –** St. Hilarion the New, abbot of Pelecete (754). St. Stephen the Wonderworker, abbot of Tryglia (815). Martyrs Jonah and Barachisius and those with them in Persia (330). Martyr Eustratius of the Kyiv Caves (1097).

***Isa. 66:10-24 Gen. 49:33–50:26 Prov. 31:8-32***

**Sat. 11 Apr. Fast Day**: **Wine & oil – LAZARUS SATURDAY. THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS LAZARUS.** Martyr Mark, bishop of Arethusa, Ciril and others (364). Venerable John, Anchorite of Egypt (4th c.). St. Eustathius (Eustace) the Confessor, bishop of Kios in Bithynia(9th c.).

**Heb. 12:28–13:8 Jn. 11:1-45**

**Sun. 12 Apr. Fast Day**: **Wine & oil –** Sixth Sunday of the Great Lent. **PALM SUNDAY. THE ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM.** Ven. John(Climacus) of Sinai, author of The Ladder (649). Prophet Joad (10th c. BC ). Holy Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Caesar, and Epaphroditus, of the Seventy (1st c.). St. Eubula, mother of St. Panteleimon (304). Ven. John the Silent (558). Ven. Zosimas, bishop of Syracuse (662)

***Mt. 21:1-11, 15-17 Phil. 4:4-9 Jn. 12:1-18***

**PROPERS FOR LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT**

***Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 1***

While 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, only 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 Venerable Mother Mary, Tone8***

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, Holy Mother Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

***Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 1***

As God, You arose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, Master. Eve freed from bondage, rejoices and cries out: “You, Christ, are the Giver of Resurrection to all.”

***Kondak of the Triodion, Tone4***

Having suffered the temptations of spiritual winter, let us bring renewed souls and the fruit of good deeds, uplifted in spirit. Behold the Bridegroom Christ is drawing near and giving the crowns of sainthood. Let us be attentive that He might find us worthy to accept the eternal crowns.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

***Kondak to Venerable Mary, Tone 3***

You, who, were once defiled by every type of evil, have today become a Bride of Christ through repentance. Emulating the angelic life, you cast down demons with the weapon of the Cross. Therefore, O Glorious Mary, you were made a Bride in the Kingdom.

**Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

***Kondak of the Dormition, Tone 7***

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 un-failing hope. For as the Mother of Life, she has been translated to life by One Who dwelt within her ever virginal womb.

***Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone1***

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.

***Prokimen to Venerable Mary, Tone4***

God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel.

***Alleluia Verses in Tone1***

God gives me retribution and has subdued people under me.

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

***Refer to Pp. 109-131 in the Service Book for The ANAPHORA***

***Instead 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 shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall no fear any evil report. Alleluia (3X).

**BIRTHDAYS:**

**06 April…**David Dworakivsky

**07 April…**Walter Dworakivsky, Karen Osmun

**08 April…**Patricia Kuchinos, Michael Kuchinos, Jared Kroboth

**10 April…**Lara Smallen, Jerome Kroboth

**MNOHAYA LITA! MANY YEARS!**

**NECROLOGY:**

**05 April…**Michael Mizhak ’22, Katherine Korutz ’45, Mary Antoniuk ’90, Mary Grundstrom ‘99

**06 April…**Anna Fanok ’69, Olga Tripolone ‘08

**07 April…**Gregory Zaoba ’32, Katherine Wentz ‘78

**09 April…**Volodymyr Bursky (infant) ’35, Karolina Yaremchuk ’85, Nicholas Chuyko ’88, Michael Kuchinos ‘03

**11 April…**Katherine Bochnok ’70, Wasyl Sawka ‘93

**VICHNAYA PAMYAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**Directives from our hierarchy:**

**“We are obliged to direct that all our churches are now closed for public worship for the duration of this threat (**COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS) **to all of us". NONE OF THE FAITHFUL FROM YOUR PARISH OR FROM ANYWHERE ELSE MAY BE PRESENT IN CHURCH FOR THE LITURGY.**

 On the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, we remember **St. Mary of Egypt** and read her life. The Great Fast is an activity of the whole Christian community to renew our faith and to come closer to Christ. This total renewal, however, must be seen through the lens of each and every Christian. Each of us must find this road in our journey. This is why we read the story of Mary, and of the holy man through which her repentance became known. What is of special interest is her moment of repentance, relevant to the story of each and every one of us. She was a shameless sinner, who came to the church of the Resurrection of Christ when his Cross was being venerated, but she was stopped from entering the church by some invisible force. St. Mary realized that “The word of salvation gently touched the eyes of my heart and revealed to me that it was my unclean life which barred the entrance to me.” She immediately repented and was allowed to enter. She then received Holy Communion, and went into the desert to do penance. Her encounter with Zosimus was for one reason, to be able to receive Communion once again before departing this earthly life. This story is a mirror of what the Great Fast must mean for us. We must repent of our uncleanness. Look, though - it is not the penance which gives her access to the body of Christ, it is her “metanoia,” her change of mind. This comes first. Yes, all of us must do penance for our unworthiness, but the important reality is our change of heart, becoming committed anew to our Lord. Self-denial comes then from this sincerity of heart in service to God. Holy Communion is the goal of our lives, but only God can make us worthy of this gift. Father James Townsend, who translated the Life of St. Mary of Egypt, wrote, “This life should not discourage us by the superhuman efforts of glorious Mary; it should instead give us hope and the will to take courage to begin our repentance. As we go along the compunctionate path of repentance, God will give us the strength to go deeper and deeper into our souls, opening our whole life to him so that he can heal, restore and glorify it by uniting it to himself. To him be the glory forever. Amen.” Holy Mother Mary, pray for us.

**Donation** in memory of Elizabeth Paukovitz from Catherine Kochenash – $10. Thank you!

**2020 ESSAY CONTEST.** Let's participate! Different age groups! Two of our parishioners, Justin and Sabrina Ost already won this concourse last year! Let's do this again! https://uolofusa.org/essaycontest

**Pascha Flowers** order form is now available. Please fill out your order for Easter Flowers with payment. Contact Bettyann Woyewoda for more information.

**The Youth of our Parish are collecting funds for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA** as part of the Great Lent Giveaway 2020. Please look for the collection container in the Parish Hall. “The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA is the church that nurtures and cares for us. But do we care for Christ's Church? It is in the front of our minds to support our local parish, our 'home' parish but our home parishes would not exist without their 'home'! For us, that is the UOC of USA. During the 2020 Great Lent Giveaway we will learn about stewardship in all forms and that we must first give back to God and His Church - not only through financial stewardship but through our gifts, talents and good works.” Thank you for your generous donations!

**Regarding the coronavirus situation, Sunday School, Pierogi making, Church Studies ARE CANCELLED.**

**WE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** of the ill-afflicted: Lubov Slonova, Chet Bohanek, William Savitz, Catherine Kochenash, Vladimir & Emma Krasnopera, Brendan Phillips, Jessie Hnatow, Jessica Meashock, Adam Hewko, Betty Hendrickson, Andrew Thaxton, Michelle Pierzga, Susan Ferretti, Carole Zarayko, Mariana Goshow, Judy Albright, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Norman Betrous.