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**ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**Attendance at any Liturgy: If you wish to attend a liturgy, you must sign up by 7:00 PM the evening before the liturgy. Currently, registration is limited to 50 participants. NOTE:  If you have signed up but cannot attend the service, please edit your sign up so the slot will be open for someone else.**

[**Sign up here to be on a list of people who will be allowed in our church to attend a liturgy on the specified date**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548ADAC29A1F85-assumption)

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**Great Vespers: If you wish to attend a Vespers service you must sign up by 7:00 PM Friday. Currently, registration is limited to 50 participants.**

[**Sign up here to be on a list of people who will be allowed in our church to attend a Vespers service on the specified date**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548adac29a1f85-vespers)

**Holy Confession: Our Heirarchs have indicated that all parishioners must receive the sacrament of Holy Confession prior to receiving Holy Communion. Father Oleg has scheduled general confessions immediately after Vespers on the first Saturday of each month. Father will also hear confession by appointment on Saturdays.**

[**Sign up here for a Saturday appointment for Holy Confession**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548ADAC29A1F85-confession1)

**Sun. 18 Apr. FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. TONE 4. VENERABLE MARY of Egypt. Martyrs THEODULUS & AGATHOPODES the deacon & others (303), THEONAS, SYMEON & PHORBINUS of Egypt. MARK the Anchorite of Athens (400) PLATO, Abbot of the Studion (814). THEODORA the nun of Thessalonica (892).**

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

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

**Memorial Litiya for newly departed Olga, Allan and Betty**

***5:00 PM Passia or the Divine Suffering of Christ*** (***Our Church)***

**The Bulletin is sponsored by Martha Misko in memory of for her dad, Martin Sheska**

**Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings**

**Mon. 19 Apr.** St. Methodius, Equal-to-the-Apostles, enlightener of the Slavs (885).

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

**Tue. 20 Apr.** Ven. Daniel, abbot, of Pereyaslav (1540).

**Is. 49:6-10 Gen. 31:3-16 Prov. 21:3-21**

**Wed. 21 Apr.** Ven. Rufus the Obedient of the Kyiv Caves (14th c.).

**Is. 58:1-11 Gen. 43:26-31; 45:1-16 Prov. 21:23–22:4**

***6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts***

**Thu. 22 Apr.** Martyrs Desan bishopand 270 other martyrs in Persia (362).

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

**Fri. 23 Apr.** Martyrs Terence, Pompeius and 33 others, beheaded at Carthage (250).

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

**Sat. 24 Apr. THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS LAZARUS.**

**Heb. 12:28–13:8 Jn. 11:1-45**

***9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.***

***5:00 PM Great Vespers***

**Sun. 25 Apr. PALM SUNDAY. THE ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM.**

***9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. (40 people; available Online)***

***5:00 PM Passia or the Divine Suffering of Christ* (*Allentown)***

On this Sunday of the Great Fast, Lent as we complete the fifth week of our lenten renewal and penance we commemorate St. Mary of Egypt. Our venerable mother, Mary of Egypt, lived a most sinful and infamous life in the area of Alexandria in Egypt for some seventeen years. At the site of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem the grace of God worked its effect on her way of life. She retired into the desert near the Jordan River and did penance for forty-seven years. She died around the year 421. As Mary of Egypt reformed her life and devoted herself to the Lord, so are we called especially during this season of repentance, to change our lives from sinfulness and worldliness to a life of dedicated service to the witness of the Lord. This is liturgically the final week of renewal and repentance. These are properly the last days of our lenten reconciliation and any necessary confession and conversion of life. Next Saturday is the Saturday of Lazarus. In the Byzantine Rite it is a day of change from the Great Fast to the Great and Holy Week. The Resurrection of Lazarus was a prefiguring of Christ’s own resurrection. As such, Saturday is celebrated liturgically as a Sunday and a brief respite as we change our lenten penance to the sorrow and sadness connected with our mourning over the suffering, passion and death of our Savior.

An example of St Mary of Egypt encourages us to:

Repent of our sins.

Confess them and ask forgiveness.

Make a firm resolve not to repeat them.

Leave behind all associations, friends, contacts which incite desires of our past life.

Acknowledge the Saviour as our Hope and Foundation.

Receive the Eucharist.

The words of the prophet Hosea speak to us:
Come, let us return to the Lord.
He has rent us and he will heal us;
He has struck us and He will bind up our wounds;
After two days He will revive us,
On the third day He will raise us up
And we shall live in His presence.
Let us know; let us strive to know the Lord;
That He will come in as certain as the dawn.
He will come to us like a shower, like the rain of springtime to the
earth...[His] sentence will blaze forth like the dawn--
For mercy is what pleases [Him], not sacrifice;
knowledge of God, not burnt offerings.
(Fr. O. Shmemman)

**PROPERS of St. BASIL’S LITURGY**

**Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 4**

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from The angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, They cast away the ancestral curse and with gladness told the Apostles: death is overthrown. Christ God is Risen, granting the world great mercy.

**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 of 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, since it is immortal. Therefore, Holy Mother Mary, you spirit rejoices with the angels.

**Tropar of the Triodion, Tone 4**

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… Kondak of Mary of Egypt, 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… 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 4.** How marvelous are Your works, O Lord. In wisdom, You have made them all.

**Verse:** Bless the Lord, my soul. O Lord my God, You are very great.

**Prokimen of Mary of Egypt, Tone 4**

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

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

**Alleluia Verses, Tone 4.** Ben Your bow and proceed prosperously, and reign because of truth, meekness and righteousness.

With patience have I waited for the Lord and He was attentive to me and listened to 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 shall be in everlasting remembrance. They shall not be afraid of any evil report. Alleluia (3X).

**Donation in Memory of Olga Dorosh** – Sisterhood of Faith, Hope & Love - $25.

**Donation in Memory of Alan Bach** – Hnatow Family - $30

**Palm Sunday and Pascha.** Attendance availability will be increased to 50 with preregistration required (the "50" will not include choir members nor altar servers). Blessing of the baskets following Liturgy on Pascha in the Parish Hall.

**SR UOL Cheesecake Sale for PASCHA.** Order by Sunday, April 18 for delivery on Sunday, April 25. Cost is $20. Please place orders with Linda Winters.

**2021 Spring pierogi schedule:** May 6, 13, 20. For orders or volunteers please call Helen: 610-261-4575.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**: Every Wednesday evening, the Office of Youth Ministry holds 30-minute sessions via Zoom, with a different theme for each week! For details, go to <https://www.uocyouth.org/faithhopeandlovehomeedition>.

**For the food banks**: We were assigned baby foods, but they also need cans of potatoes, tuna fish, canned meats, pasta, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

**25 April**…Andrea Sawarynski

**MNOHAYA LITA! MANY YEARS!**

**NECROLOGY:** Newly Departed Mary, Betty

**19 Apr**…Gregory Gul ’30, Olga Sokalsky ‘92

**20 Apr**…Martin Sheska ‘12

**21 Apr**…Antin Masur ’44, Jameleh Azar ‘85

**23 Apr**…Michael Miga

**22 Apr**…Alexander Poticha ’62, Michael Lubenesky ‘01

**24 Apr**…Ivan Lutyi ‘79

**VICHNAYA PAMYAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**WE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** of the ill-afflicted: Fr. Mark, Rebecca, Fr. Harry, Michael, Raisa, child Oleksandra, child Alexandria, Elizabeth, Daria, Catherine Kochenash, Joan Molnar, Bill Ketterer, Paul, Richard Stetch, Evan, Brandon and Stacy Snyder, Aaliyah Osmun, Michael Mack, Ihor Broda, James Osmun, Matthew, Tom, William Savitz, Vladimir & Emma Krasnopera, Brendan Phillips, Jessie Hnatow, Jessica Meashock, Adam Hewko, Betty Hendrickson, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Rob Hewko, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Norman Betrous, Luba Walker.

**For reflection:** Do you exercise authority at home? at work? in other spheres? Are you seeking to serve, or to secure comfort, advancement, recognition, power over other people? When difficulties or hardships arise, what do your reactions reveal about what is most important to you?

**Food for Thought.** The word humility comes from the Latin word humus, which is the organic material used for gardening; another name for it is compost. When you mix banana peels, eggshells, apple cores, and other organic material together with leaves and dirt, you will eventually get compost. Compost is used as rich organic material for gardens. In our life this means that certain areas need to be broken down, such as our pride, ego, and self-centeredness, so that God's Word can be planted in us, and it will hopefully grow.

Try to remember a selfless act of love that you performed for someone else. How did this action make you feel? Did this act inspire others to do similar acts for other people?

**Here are four challenges.**

1. Serve whenever you can.

2. Serve wherever you can.

3. Serve whoever is in need.

4. Be willing to do whatever it takes.

Do what you can…with what you have…where you are.

Monitor your motives. Prepare for problems. Elevate others. Embrace the example of Jesus.

A room-service waiter at a Marriott hotel learned that the sister of a guest had just died. The waiter, named Charles, bought a sympathy card, had hotel staff members sign it, and gave it to the distraught guest with a piece of hot apple pie. "Mr. Marriott," the guest later wrote to the president of Marriott Hotels, "I'll never meet you. And I don't need to meet you. Because I met Charles. I know what you stand for. ... I want to assure you that as long as I live, I will stay at your hotels. And I will tell my friends to stay at your hotels."

Roger Dow and Susan Cook, Turned On, (New York: Harper Business, 1996).

**The Book of Proverbs cites a list in 16:16-19:**

**Six things the Lord hates, and seven that are an abomination to him:**

a proud look,

a lying tongue,

hands that shed innocent blood,

a heart that devises evil plots,

feet that are quick to run into mischief,

a deceitful witness that utters lies and

the person that sows discord among the brethren.