

Be my faithful witness before thy son that I will never again defile my body by the impurity of fornication, but as soon as I have seen the Tree of the Cross I will renounce the world and its temptations and will go wherever thou wilt lead me.”

Prayers for the Departed: Anwor Kawaja, Robert Germany

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck family, Anne Peck, George Coyle, Harry Lewis, Nicholas, Susanne, Josephine Didonatos family, Joanna Carey

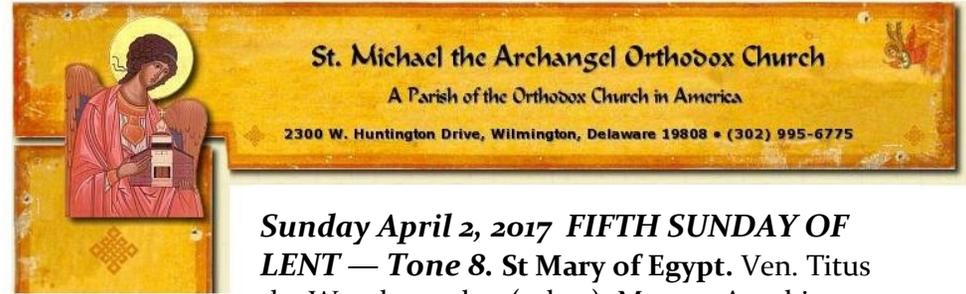
Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Tatyana Klimova, Elizabeth Clause

Prayers for Catechumens: Carolyn Peck, Stephanie Smiertka

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
2-Apr	Coffee/ Bagels	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Bunitsky	Gundersen
9-Apr	Pacienza/ George	Bunitsky/ Lewis	Farrell	Farrell
16-Apr	Pascha	Elia/Morjana	Gerassimakis	No Library

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

DATE	VESPERS and LITURGY	
Apr-02	Team Conover	
Apr-09	Team Gabriel	
Apr-16	Holy Pascha	All Servers



Sunday April 2, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. St Mary of Egypt. Ven. Titus the Wonderworker (9th c.). Martyrs Amphianus (Apphianus) and Edesius (Aedesius) of Lycia (306). Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria (4th c.).

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 4/5 Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

Friday 4/7 Lazarus Saturday Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Lazarus Saturday 4/8 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Chrismation 4:15 p.m.

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday 4/9 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. followed by Coffee hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

DATE	3 RD HOUR	6 TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Apr-2	WALES	WALES	WALES
Apr-9	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
Apr-16	HOLY PASCHA		RILEY
Apr-23	SOUDER	SULPIZI	CAREY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 8 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, for it is immortal.//
Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Tone 3 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.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (Ps 67/68:35)

Epistle Hebrews 9:11-14

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered

Basics of Orthodoxy We will be offering the basics of Orthodoxy class on Friday evenings during the Lenten season. All are welcome to attend.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"You cannot be too gentle, too kind. Shun even to appear harsh in your treatment of each other. Joy, radiant joy, streams from the face of him who gives and kindles joy in the heart of him who receives. All condemnation is from the devil. Never condemn each other. We condemn others only because we shun knowing ourselves. When we gaze at our own failings, we see such a swamp that nothing in another can equal it. That is why we turn away, and make much of the faults of others. Instead of condemning others, strive to reach inner peace. Keep silent, refrain from judgement. This will raise you above the deadly arrows of slander, insult and outrage and will shield your glowing hearts against all evil."

—St Seraphim of Sarov

† Prayer of Repentance of St. Mary of Egypt while standing in front of the icon of the Theotokos at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

"O Lady, Mother of God, who gave birth in the flesh to God the Word, I know, O how well I know, that it is no honour or praise to thee when one so impure and depraved as I look up to thy icon, O ever-virgin, who didst keep thy body and soul in purity.

Rightly do I inspire hatred and disgust before thy virginal purity. But I have heard that God Who was born of thee became man on purpose to call sinners to repentance. Then help me, for I have no other help. Order the entrance of the church to be opened to me.

Allow me to see the venerable Tree on which He Who was born of thee suffered in the flesh and on which He shed His holy Blood for the redemption of sinners and for me, unworthy as I am.

Holy Week the Church commemorates our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, His Betrayal, Trial, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. Holy Week is when all Orthodox Christians should make extra effort to give their full attention to the services of the Holy Week and Pascha.

Lazarus Saturday Chrismation Next Saturday afternoon at 4:15 p.m. we will welcome into the Church Carolyn Peck through the sacrament of Holy Chrismation. All are welcome to attend.

Palm Sunday Baptism Next Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. we will welcome into the Church Josephine Didonatos the daughter of Nicholas and Susanne Didonatos. Please come and welcome this family to St. Michael's.

Archbishop MARK to Visit. Holy Tuesday His Eminence Archbishop MARK will be joining us for Presanctified Liturgy on Holy Tuesday April 11th at 9 a.m. We hope you can join us.

Presanctified Holy Monday Sorry for any scheduling inconveniences but we will *not* be having Presanctified Liturgy on Holy Monday. We will still have Bridegroom Matins that evening.

Downs Dinner Thanks to all who donated for the Downs Dinner after Presanctified Liturgy two weeks ago. We were able to raise \$243.

Pussy willows for Palm Sunday If you have any pussy willow trees in your yards, will you please cut any pussy willow branches in early spring and bring them to church on Saturday, April 8th. They will be distributed along with palms.

Collection for Fr. Nightingale This Lenten season we are collecting for one of our diocesan clergy who suffered a severe fall. The funds collected will go towards renovations to his home and for a handicap vehicle for his use. Please consider participating and pick up an alms bag for Fr. John Nightingale in the church narthex.

Study Group this Week Study group will resume this Thursday April 6th at 10 a.m. We will continue with "The Ladder of Divine Ascent".

Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Galatians 3:23-29 (St Mary of Egypt)

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)

Tone 1

v: I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my supplication. (Ps 39/40:1)

Gospel Mark 10:32-45

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying,

"Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."

And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Luke 7:36-50 *(St Mary of Egypt)*

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it."

"There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more."

And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."

Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.

You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.

You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.

Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace:

the assembly of Angels and the race of men.

O 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 He made more spacious than the heavens.

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace.

Glory to you!

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps 148:1)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. *(Ps 111/112:6b-7a)* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Lenten Retreat Thanks to Jeff Kendall and all of the faithful of St. Michael's for a successful Lenten Parish retreat. It was a blessed opportunity for all. As we try and spiritually digest yesterday's retreat we look forward to the next retreat.

Holy Week is Almost Here!!! This coming Saturday we will celebrate Lazarus Saturday with liturgy at 9 am. One week from today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the Holy Week schedule. During