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# **St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church**

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**Sunday April 5, 2020** FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT –  
Tone 1. *St Mary of Egypt. Martyrs Agathopodes the Deacon, Theodulus the Reader, and those with them, at Thessalonica (ca. 303). Ven. Publius of Egypt (4th c.). Ss. Theonas, Simeon and Phorbinus, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Mark the Anchorite, of Athens (400). St. Plato the Confessor, of Studion (814). Ven. Theodora of Thessalonica (892). Translation of the Relics of St. Job, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1652).*

## **This Week's Online Schedule**

**Today 4/5** Sunday School (ages 5 to 6) 11:30 a.m.

Sunday School (ages 7 to 10) 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday 4/8** \*Study Group 10:00 a.m.\*

Little Angels 5:30 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday 4/9** Basics of Orthodoxy 8:00 p.m.

**Friday 4/10** Little Angels 10:00 a.m.

Lazarus Saturday Vespers 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday 4/11** Palm Sunday Vespers 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday 4/12** Entrance into Jerusalem/ Palm Sunday

Typika & Molieben 9:00 a.m.

Holy Monday Bridegroom Matins 6:30 p.m.

*\*Please Note all Services and Groups will meet Online\**

## **Hymns and Prayers**

### **Tone 1 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Your Kingdom!//

Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

### **Tone 8 Troparion**      *(for 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 1 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Yourself.

Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://

“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

### **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 1 Prokeimenon** (*Resurrection*)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You!  
(Ps 32/33:22)

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)*

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon** (*St. Mary of Egypt*)

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 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 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps 17/18:47)*

*v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)*

### **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!

### **This Week’s Announcements**

***Update on St. Michael’s Liturgical Life*** This past week the Holy Synod of Bishops met to discuss the ongoing pandemic. The synod has decided to extend the suspension of liturgical services until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. For the time being we will continue with online services as much as possible. Archbishop Mark will meet with the clergy of the diocese on Thursday morning to discuss Holy Week and Pascha services. Please look to your email or our parish web site for ongoing updates.

***Online Schedule*** We will be serving an online only schedule at St. Michael’s. This will include Saturday Vespers at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday the Typika service & Molieben at 9:00 a.m. These services can be found on our Facebook page and through the Zoom app. Please give the online services a try!

***Lazarus Saturday Vespers*** We are one week away from Palm Sunday and the beginning of the Holy Week schedule. During Holy Week the Church commemorates our Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem, His Betrayal, Trial, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. This coming Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> we will begin this movement with the celebration of the raising of Lazarus (Lazarus Saturday). We will offer online vespers this Friday evening at 7 p.m. Join us!

***Stewardship at St. Michael’s*** The Parish Council requests that everyone please continue their financial stewardship to the Church if you are able.

Be mindful that our facilities' bills and mortgage continue to be required. For the time being your weekly contribution can be sent directly to the church through the US mail. The Church mailing address is 2231 East Huntington Dr. Wilmington, 19808. Thank you!

***Parish Council Meeting*** The parish council will meet again this Wednesday evening April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. via video conference. Please check your emails for any changes.

***Phone Confessions*** Phone confession will be offered for those who feel they need it. Confessions will be by appointment and limited to 15 mins per call. Regular confession will be available as soon as the liturgical suspension is lifted. During the pandemic the faithful are not bound to confess but may wait until a time when in-person Confessions will be possible again. Please email Fr. Barnabas for an appointment.

***Study Group to Meet \*Wednesday\**** Due to a schedule conflict our Study Group will meet this Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. We will continue our study of the Genesis account of creation. Handouts will be emailed for any to follow.

***Church Cleaning*** As per the government restrictions and the direction of the synod of bishops, no one should be coming to St. Michael's without a blessing from Fr. Barnabas. Until further notice due to the pandemic we will not need our regular church cleaners. Please stay home and stay healthy.

***Little Angels & Church School*** Our Little Angels & Church School Groups will also meet online during this time. Please check your emails for Meeting times.

***Congratulation and Many Year!*** Congratulations to Nicholas & Susanne DiDonato on the birth of their daughter Mary. We want to also congratulate Stephanie Pacienza & family on the birth of her son Daniel. Many Years to all!

### ***Wisdom from the Holy Fathers***

*"In the stories and ballads set to rhythm, we read how those with love for their intended deliver themselves gladly to suffering for their beloved — sometimes, even to death. But the betrothed had been worthy of their love and sacrifice, in the manner described by poets. However, the sinless and*

*pure Christ endured humiliation, suffering and a horrible death, not for some innocent, faithful and good virgin, but for sinners and the destitute, for murderers, liars, thieves, abductors, bandits, perjurers and godless — for polluted and foul-smelling souls, who smelled with deadly corruption and who were dead before death.”*

*- St. Nikolai, Bishop of Ohrid and Žiča*

***Prayers for the Departed:*** *Fr. Jozef Petranin, Barbara Hicks, Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, David Rex*

***Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:*** *Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, , Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Jamie Clause, Paula Flynn, Michael Telep*

***Prayers for Catechmens*** *Kristin Mackenzie, Edward Jones. Cole McElmurry, Sean & Jennifer Vojaicek*

### ***Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind***

Lazarus Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>

Pascha Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>

Ascension Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>

Pentecost Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>