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**Sunday April 4, 2021** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT –  
Tone 2. Veneration of the Cross. Ven. Joseph the  
Hymnographer (883). Ven. George of Mt. Maleon in the  
Peloponnesus (6th c.). Ven. Joseph the Much-ailing, of the  
Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 14th c.). Ven. Zosimas, Abbot of  
Vorbozómsk (ca. 1550). Ven. Zosimas, of Palestine (4th  
c.). Virgin Martyr Pherbutha of Persia, her sister, and  
servants (341-343). Martyr Nikita of Pojani (1808). St.  
Isidore, Bishop of Seville (636). Ven. Theonas, Archbishop  
of Thessalonica (1545).

## **This Week's Schedule**

**Wednesday 4/7** Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

**Friday 4/9** Presanctified Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday 4/10** Great Vesper 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday 4/11** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent St John Climacus

Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*\*Please Note Services will also stream Online\**

## **Reader Schedule**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup> Hour</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Apr-4	SKOMORUCHA	DORAZIO	CAREY
Apr-11	DORAZIO	VOJACSEK	WALES
Apr-18	LEWIS	WCIECHOWSKI	LEWIS

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,  
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

### **Tone 1 Troparion of the Cross**

O Lord, save Thy people,  
and bless Thine inheritance!  
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians  
over their adversaries;  
and by virtue of Thy Cross,//  
preserve Thy habitation!

### **Tone 7 Kontakion**      *(Cross)*

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden;  
it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross.  
The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished;  
for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell://  
“Enter again into Paradise!”

### **Tone 6 Prokeimenon**      *(Cross)*

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

*V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

### **Epistle** Hebrews 4:14-5:6

*Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

*For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.*

*He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.*

*Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.*

*And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.*

*So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You."*

*As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";*

## **Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**V.** *Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old! (Ps. 73:2)*

**V.** *God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)*

## **Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1**

*When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

*For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.*

*For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?*

*Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

*For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."*

*And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."*

*(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing the following)*

### **Hymn to the Theotokos**

All of creation rejoices in thee, 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 thy body into a throne,  
and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens.  
All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace.//  
Glory to thee!

### **Communion Hymn**

The light of Thy countenance has shone on us, O Lord. *(Ps. 4:7a)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **This Week's Announcements**

***Presanctified Liturgy on Wed. & Fri.*** During the month of April we will be offering the Presanctified Liturgy on both Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we will be celebrating the Presanctified Liturgy. Since the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated in the Orthodox Church on Lenten weekdays, in order for the faithful to sustain their Lenten effort by participation in Holy Communion, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served. This Liturgy is called Presanctified, since the Holy Gifts are presanctified (or consecrated) on the previous Sunday. Please join us on both Wed. evenings and Fri. mornings for the Presanctified Liturgy.

***April 17th Parish Cleanup*** In Preparation for Holy week and Pascha we will have a church & parish hall cleanup on Saturday April 17th at 9:00 a.m. Please consider coming to help. The more help we have the sooner we will finish. So bring your mask and cleaning supplies for this necessary annual cleanup.

***Confession Opportunities during Lent*** There will be added opportunities for confessions during the Lenten season. Confession will be available

prior to Presanctified Liturgy on both Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and also on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Confession will also still be available on Saturdays following Vespers.

***No Study Group this Week*** No study group this week Fr. Barnabas has to be in PA on 4/8. We will resume next week with Matthew 21. Consider joining us during the Lenten season for our Thursday study group. We will continue to meet on Zoom at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

***Liturgy of St. Basil the Great*** On Sundays during the Lenten season we may notice that the Divine Liturgy is a little different. This is because we celebrate the longer Liturgy of St Basil the Great. Some say that the celebrating of Saint Basil's liturgy still being done during Lent is because of the conservative liturgical character of Lent. And since it is the intention of the Church to dedicate more time to prayer during Lent, that it is a good opportunity to teach the faithful dogma by offering for their hearing and singing the profound and all-embracing theological elucidations of the Basilian Liturgy. It is also said that it is served during lent because of its expressively doctrinal and educational character. Listen and you will hear the wisdom and beauty of this liturgy on the Sundays of Great Lent.

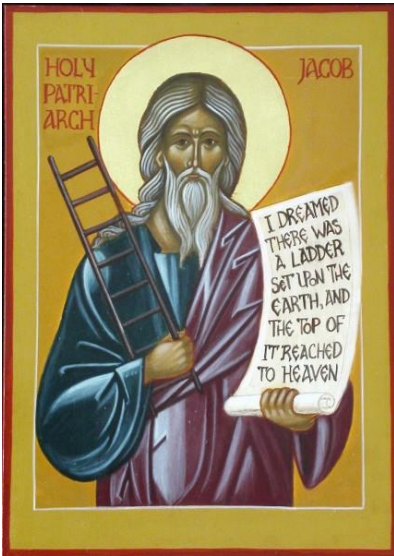
***The Canon of St. Andrew with the Life of St. Mary of Egypt*** During the 5th week of Great Lent the Church calls us once again to the Canon of Repentance by St. Andrew of Crete. We will repeat the canon as in the first week of lent however, this time the reading of the life of St. Mary of Egypt is prescribed along with the canon. We will offer this service this Thursday April 15th at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

***Bookstore Sale for Great Lent*** St. Michaels Bookstore is having a sale for Lenten readings. If you are interested in buying any books, please email Ellen Gundersen at [ellengundersen5@gmail.com](mailto:ellengundersen5@gmail.com) to place your order. There are many books under \$10 and a list will be emailed to all of you. She will notify you when your books are ready to be picked up. Books will only be delivered at church and left on the table outside the social hall (across from bathrooms). Nothing will be mailed to you. Package will have your name on it and an envelope for your cash or check. Please put envelope in collection basket on candle desk. Any checks should be made payable to St. Michaels Bookstore. We have many other orthodox books, prayer ropes, icons, and gifts. Please contact Ellen if interested.

**Questions Everyone Should ask themselves Before coming to In-Person Worship:** Do you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, and or trouble breathing? Persistent pain, pressure or tightness in chest? Any recent loss of taste/smell or gastrointestinal upset? Any contact with anyone with C-19? **If you answer YES to any of these questions you should stay at home.**

### **Ready in Every Way to Hear His Word**

*In the later part of Great Lent we read Genesis 46: 1-7. The passage tells the story of Jacob's journey to Egypt with his sons. God calls the aged Jacob, and makes a great promise to him, speaking to him in visions of the night: "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there." God also tells Jacob that his favorite son Joseph, presumed to be dead, will be the one to close the old man's eyes when he himself dies.*



*Having this assurance, Jacob and his sons set out: "They also took their cattle and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters; all his offspring he brought with him into Egypt."*

*This is a momentous journey, because it begins the history of the Hebrews first flourishing in Egypt and then, in the Book of Exodus, being enslaved by a new king "who did not know Joseph."*

*The king is worried that the Hebrews have become "too many and too mighty for us." After the harsh years of slavery he imposes on them, Moses will come forth to deliver them from their Egyptian bondage and lead them toward the Promised Land.*

*But what would have happened if Jacob wasn't ready to hear and do the word of God, and to begin this important journey? In preceding verses (Genesis 45: 21-26) we are told that Jacob's sons had returned from Egypt where, to their wonder, they met their brother Joseph. He was not*

*only alive, but had become the highest official in the Egyptian government. They relate this amazing news to Jacob, but "his heart fainted, for he did not believe them." (The Orthodox Study Bible translates the verse this way: "But Jacob's mind was completely stunned, for he could not believe them.") He only does believe when he sees the loads of "good things of Egypt" and "provision for his father on the journey" back to Egypt that Joseph has sent with the brothers.*

*Jacob was not ready for the good news that his beloved Joseph was alive; he was too stunned and faint of heart. He regained his senses, fortunately, and was able to carry out God's plan for him. That plan was more than just for a father to be reunited with a beloved and long-lost son. Jacob's journey would begin a whole new chapter in the history of salvation.*

*As Great Lent ends, this passage reminds us that we, too, will soon receive the good news that someone presumed to be dead is truly alive. Are we ready to hear that news? Will we do whatever God wants us to do as a result of hearing it, and take our own place in the history of salvation?*

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

*Meekness is an unchanging state of mind, which both in honor and dishonor remains the same. Meekness consists in praying sincerely and undisturbedly in the face of afflictions from one's neighbor. Meekness is a cliff rising from the sea of irritability, against which all the waves that strive against it break, but which is itself never broken.*

+St John Climacus

**Prayers for the Departed:** Metropolitan Theodosius, Archbishop David, Mitred Archpriest Eugene Pianovich, Mitred Archpriest Daniel Ressetar

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

**Prayers for Catechmens** Kristin Mackenzie, Andrew Ashton, Cole McElmurray, John Hill

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>
<b>4-Apr</b>	Hojnicky/Najemy	Clause/Whalen
<b>11-Apr</b>	Telep/Baldychev	Skomorucha/Ashton/M Kiflemarian
<b>18-Apr</b>	Bunitsky/Morjana	Peck
<b>25-Apr</b>	Riley/Riley	Carey

**Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind**

- Palm Sunday.....April 25***
- Holy Pascha..... May 2nd***
- Ascension.....June 10th***
- Pentecost.....June 20<sup>th</sup>***
- Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.....June 29th***