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**Sunday April 18, 2021** FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT –  
Tone 4. *St. Mary of Egypt. Ven. John, disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis (9th c.). Martyrs Victor, Zoticus, Zeno, Acindynus, and Severian, of Nicomedia (303). St. Cosmas, Bishop of Chalcedon, and his fellow ascetic, St. Auxentius (815-820). New Martyr John the New of Epirus (1526). Ven. Evfimii (Euthymius), Enlightener of Karelia; and the Righteous Anthony and Felix.*

## **This Week's Schedule**

**Wednesday 4/21** Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday 4/22** Study Group 10:00 a.m.

**Friday 4/23** Lazarus Saturday Vespers 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday 4/24** Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Great Vesper 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday 4/25** **Palm Sunday** Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem

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-18	LEWIS	WJCIECHOWSKI	LEWIS
Apr-25	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
May-2	HOLY PASCHA		

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 4 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen, //  
granting the world great mercy!”

### **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 4 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer  
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their  
chains.  
He has shattered the gates of hell,  
and as Master, //  
He has risen on the third day!

### **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 4 Prokeimenon**      *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made  
them all.  
*(Ps. 103:26)*

*V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great! (Ps. 103:1)*

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

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

**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 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. Go forth, prosper, and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps. 44:3b)*

*V. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)*

**Tone 1**

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

**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 Hymn**

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. 111:6*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

***Holy Week is Nearly Upon Us!*** One week from today is 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. 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. This coming Saturday April 24th we will celebrate Lazarus Saturday with vespers Friday evening at 7 p.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

***Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday Chrismations*** Next Saturday (Lazarus Saturday) morning we will welcome into the Church Cole McElmurray and on Palm Sunday morning, Andrew Ashton, through the sacrament of Holy Chrismation. Join us!

***Cleanup Thanks*** Thank you to all who came to the church cleanup on Saturday. Many years!

***Coffee Hour to Begin*** Today we will begin a modified coffee hour for any who wish to participate. Participation is entirely voluntary; and participants should understand that it is impossible to eliminate all risks with respect to Covid. Therefore, each coffee hour participant assumes their own risk in deciding to participate. However, with that said, we are taking common sense steps to make fellowship safer, and would ask that participants please observe the following: **1)** maintain social distancing at

all times when in the fellowship hall, whether standing or seated; **2)** continue to wear masks when not actively eating or drinking; **3)** sanitize hands before using the coffee pot; **4)** wash or sanitize hands before eating; **5)** initially food will not be provided but you may bring your own; **6)** please use the Clorox wipes on the table to sanitize your spot at table, and your chair before leaving. We would also ask that **all participants be gracious when reminded of these rules.**

***Confession Opportunities during Lent*** Confession will be available prior to Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and also on Saturdays following Vespers. Confessions are also available by appointment. Please see Fr. Barnabas.

***Study Group*** Our study group will continue this Thursday with Matthew chapter 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.

***FAMILY PROMISE*** - St. Michael's parish family members have another opportunity to serve by providing simple meals for families who are in need and who are being helped by Family Promise.

We have committed to prepare and deliver a meal on the following days:

1. Monday, May 24
2. Tuesday, May 25
3. Thursday, May 27

If you would like to sign up as an individual or in a group and prepare a simple dinner meal on any of the above days, please respond back with your date selection to either Ellen Gundersen

at [ellengundersen5@gmail.com](mailto:ellengundersen5@gmail.com) or Susan Skomorucha

at [skomorucha@aol.com](mailto:skomorucha@aol.com). Please RSVP your interest by 05/09/21. More information for those who sign up to make and deliver meals will follow.

Thank you for your consideration and for your help with this ministry.

**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.**

*What is a merciful heart? It is a heart on fire for the whole of creation, for humanity, for the birds, for the animals, for demons, and for all that exists. By the recollection of them the eyes of a merciful person pour forth tears in abundance. By the strong and vehement mercy that grips such a person’s heart, and by such great compassion, the heart is humbled, and one cannot bear to hear or to see any injury or slight sorrow in any in creation. For this reason, such a person offers up tearful prayer continually even for irrational beasts, for the enemies of the truth, and for those who harm him, that they be protected and receive mercy... because of the great compassion that burns without measure in a heart that is in the likeness of God.+ **St. Isaac the Syrian Homily 81***

**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>18-Apr</b>	Bunitsky/Morjana	Peck
<b>25-Apr</b>	Riley/Riley	Carey
<b>2-May</b>	Sulpizi	Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest

**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***