

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



April 6, 2025

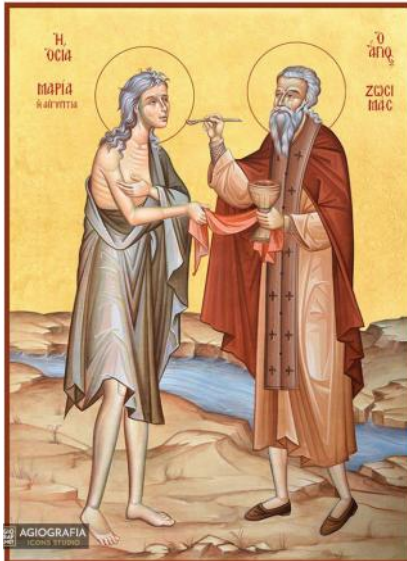
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Pray for Ukraine

5th Sunday of Great Lent

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*During Fast, we restrain the body to un-
leash the spirit”
St. Basil the Great*



Today we are celebrating the 5th Sunday of Great Lent – Sunday of Venerable Mary of Egypt. Mary after discovering Christ for herself, has abandoned the old life of

a loose women...and repented turned around.

Mary of Egypt's pilgrimage in the desert was the opposite of the call to worldly power and happiness. She left everything behind to reconstruct her life through ab-

solite abstinence and self-denial. She sought not to master others, but to master herself. She is an example of the one who is in control of herself or himself

be in control of yourselves master yourself; love and serve your neighbor.

In the depths of the sea there is always stillness. Even when storms are churning up waves on the surface and chaos reigns, the depths of the sea remain quiet and peaceful. Eventually, when the wind and waves cease (which they always do), the stillness in the depths remains unchanged. The still point in us, the image of God, is like the depths of the sea.

The deep, blue sky is always still and serene even when thunderheads gather and lightening and thunder crash. Even hurricanes have no power to change the sky. Storms come and go leaving no lasting impression on the deep, blue sky. Eventually, storms pass, but the serenity of the sky remains unchanged.

We are not the waves and the wind, we are the ocean's depths. We are not the clouds, white and fluffy or dark and threatening, we are the deep, blue sky. That is who we are. There is stillness in us, a place of calm and quiet. Joseph Campbell wrote, "Find the immovable center and you can survive anything." The spiritual life is about finding that center and learning to remain there. It is nothing less than the kingdom of heaven. This is what Mary of Egypt discovered. When the storm of her lust subsided, she became still and serene like the depths of the sea and the deep, blue sky. How else could she have survived all those years in the desert?

Through this divine discovery we become like yeast hidden in a loaf of bread. The whole world is blessed by our experience of the Grace of God. Leaving behind our dysfunctional ways of life, cleansing our hearts, rewiring our brains, putting on the mind of Christ, our lives begin to mirror nothing less than the Divine Life that already exists within us and the benefits we gain for ourselves reverberate for everyone else. We serve the world by serving the Lord and laying down our lives for all. Someone once said: "we are called to do more than love those who hate us, we are called to love those we hate." like autocrats over anyone. We are called to love and to serve from the heart.



Liturgical Schedule



<p>Sunday April 6 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday of the Great Lent. Tone 8 Venerable Mary of Egypt. St. Eutychius, patriarch of Constantinople (582). St. Platonida (Platonis) of Nisibis (308). 120 Martyrs of Persia (345). Martyrs Jeremiah and Archilias the Presbyter. St. Methodius, Equal-to-the Apostles, enlightener of the Slavs (885). Matins (8): Jn. 20:11-18; Heb. 9:11-14; Mk. 10:32-45; To Ven.: Gal. 3:23-29; Lk. 7:36-50; <i>Liturgy of St. Basil the Great</i></p>
<p>Wednesday April 9 6:30pm</p>	<p>Akathist to the Passions of Christ</p>
<p>Thursday April 10 6:30pm</p>	<p>Akathist to the Mother of God</p>
<p>Saturday April 12 6:00pm</p>	<p>Vespers and blessing of palms</p>
<p>Sunday April 13 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Palm Sunday Sixth Sunday of the Great Lent. PALM SUNDAY. THE ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Hieromartyr Artemon, presbyter of Laodicea in Syria (303). Martyr Crescens of Myra in Lycia. Martyr Thomais of Alexandria (476). Matins: Mt. 21:1-11, 15-17; Phil. 4:4-9; Jn. 12:1-18; Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</p>
<p>Saturday April 14 6:30pm</p>	<p>Holy Monday Brightgroom Matins</p>



Recaps of Sunday March 23, 2025

Recap Primary and Intermediate Class

Last Sunday was the Third Sunday of Great Lent—The Veneration of the Holy Cross. There was a time that the Cross was viewed as a symbol of punishment, torture, and death. The third Sunday of Great Lent changes that perception. It prepares us for honoring the Crucifixion of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. The Cross becomes a symbol of our salvation and ultimate forgiveness. To put it in terms the children would understand we focused on what it means to take up your cross. Simply put, it is a challenge, a difficulty, or a problem every person, young and old, has to bear during their life. It may mean a different thing to each one of us. For one child it may be their struggles in a certain subject at school, it may mean dealing with feelings of envy and anger or overcoming a physical disability. For an adult it may mean the loss of a job, facing an unexpected repair bill or dealing with a health issue. It's important that we identify the crosses in our lives – big and small and accept them with humility and patience. When faced with challenges on a personal level the children can ask themselves, “What would Jesus do?” It's important that we ask for God's help to give us the strength to bear the burdens we carry. Remember, “If God got us to it, He will get us through it.”

The lesson ended with the children creating a cross ornament. Thank you, Ms. Debbie for the craft!

*God's Blessings to one & all,
Ms. Faith & Ms. Karen*

Teen Class Recap

Our class began with the simple procedure of each student reviewing what they had written on their assessment before our study of the unit "Beyond the Royal Doors". They were surprised at some of their initial answers and we had a brief discussion of how they would change some of their responses and what they had learned.

We then turned to the 3rd Sunday of Lent-"Veneration of the Holy Cross". With the introduction of what veneration means and

some discussion of related vocabulary, we turned to a short game of "Orthodox Jeopardy" where students took turns selecting a card that had a question regarding the Veneration of the Cross. Questions varied such as, what does venerate mean, why is the 3rd Sunday of Lent chosen to be the Veneration of the Cross, and what other Holy Day do we spiritually and physically venerate the Cross? Nick Rosen joined us as the moderator and evaluator of whether students gave an adequately correct answer to the chosen question. Our lesson ended with a brief but thoughtful discussion regarding the distinction that the Cross is the "symbol" not only of Christ's struggle and sacrifice and ultimately his Crucifixion but also his Resurrection for our salvation. It teaches us through our struggles we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes and the heavenly inheritance and Eternal Glory. The lesson was planned for Sunday March 30, however due to the lack of attendants the class was canceled.

Blessings to you for a spiritual Lent, Ms. Pat

Announcements

Parish Council usually meets once a month on the second Sunday of the month.

Next Council meeting will take place on Sunday April 13, 2025 after the coffee hour.

Guests are welcome. If you would like to participate at the council meeting, please let any of the officers know.

Sunday's Second Collection

Sunday's Second Special Collection is dedicated each month to a different cause: Month of March to the victims of Californian wild fires. Month of April and May are dedicated to Parish Scholarship Fund.

2025 Scholarship Applications

Application forms for a graduating high school senior who is a member of our church and is planning to further their education at a community college, university or trade school are available from Pat Wolsko. They must be completed and returned by Sunday, April 27. The recipients of this church sponsored scholarship will be announced at the end of May.

Eternal Light

In memory of my mother Stephane Luchyn by Lorraine Ehlert.



Seven Day Vigil Candles

- Many blessings to Larry & Debbie Pierog as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary! The Larson Family
- For the health and quick recovery after the surgery of John Batura by Fr. Vasyl
- For the health and quick recovery after the surgery of John Batuta by Halyna Kashpar
- For the health of Iryna with family by Halyna Kashpar
- For the health of my son Mykola by Halyna Kashpar
- For the health of my brother Sergei by Ludmila Piskoun
- For the health of my husband Michael Beck by Pat Beck
- For the health of Larry Pierog by Pat Beck
- For the health of Pat Ciapinski by Pat Beck
- For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura
- For the health of Tina Palasti by PM Olenka
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- In memory of my husband Monte on the 9th anniversary of his passing. Memory Eternal! Janet Milton



50/50 Club

The winner for the month of February was *Mary Wisniowski*
Next drawing will take place **on Sunday April 6, 2025**
We encourage to buy tickets for the whole year for a discounted price of \$65.00. If you would like to buy for one or several months the ticket is \$6.00 for a month. You can win \$250.00.
All of the proceeds go to College Scholarship Fund of our parish.
Support children of our parish family.
For more info please see Ivan Bryndzia & Vitalii Kulyk

Sisterhood of St. Anne

We are always looking for volunteers.

Updated Schedule:

April 6 Sunday make cheese balls
April 7 Monday make cheese perogies
April 8 Tuesday at 5:30pm make stuffed cabbage & Perogies
April 9 Wednesday 8:30am pack stuffed cabbage
April 9 at 5:30pm—bake bread
April 10 Thursday sale 11am-6pm (2 shifts)



Prayer Corner for the Month of April



We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Nina Gregosanc & family, Larry Pierog, Pat Beck. Mark, Roman, Judy Broud, Joshua Mark, Mary Wisniowski, Mary Pirtle, Nathan, Gail, Allie Branch, Mike Moran, Christopher Flavin, Even, Edward, Bob Lewandowski, Michael Melnyk, Lilia, Andy, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Alla Grzymiski, Kathy Grzymiski, Nicole, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Barbara & Katie Bruce, Michael Kimak, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Tina & Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Janet, Sam and Natalia.

Pray for soldiers in Ukraine: Maksym, Taras, Yaroslav, Pavlo, Slavko, Mikola, Victor, Taras, Yuriy, Stepan, Volodimer, Mykola, Svitlana, medic Stella, Oleg, Yuriy, Dmitro, Bohdan, Roman, Mykola, Kostia, Vitaliy, missing in action Volodimer, Taras, Mykola, wounded Roman, prisoner Taras.

Pray for Our expecting mother:

Myroslava, Maria and Michelle.

If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl

Bible Study

We will restart Bible Study group meetings after Easter



Memorial Service

April 6 In memory of newly reposed mother Halyna By Iryna Pleskach

April 13 In memory of Robert Redmerski on his 30 year anniversary of passing into eternal life requested by Carol Redmerski

In memory of my mother Caroline Podlecki, requested by Carol Redmerski



April 27— In memory of all of those who reposed in the Lord in the month of April.

Coffee Hour Schedule



Sponsored coffee hours

You can sponsor coffee hour monetarily by donating \$50.00 to cover the cost of one coffee hour. If you would like to volunteer, please let PM Olenka or Fr. Vasyl know:

April 6 — *Iryna Pleskach in memory of her mother Halyna*

April 13 — *Sr. UOL– Maria Popil*

April 20— *Easter*

April 27— *open*

May 4 — *Lamb & Chicken Roast*

May 11— *Mother’s Day Brunch men are cooking*

May 19- *Nina Gregosanc in memory of husband Vince*

Jr. & Sr. UOL Українська Православна Ліга



Thank you very much to all of our volunteers who have helped us prepare and run this year’s Three Fish Fries on Fridays of Great Lent. They were great success! People absolutely loved our food!

May God bless you and reward you hundredfold!

Selfreliance Association



Безкоштовне виповнення усіх документів для новоприбулих (Social Security, Work permit, Benefits)

Кожної Среди у Церковній залі з 10:00-17:00. За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пані Матки Оленки Сендега “Асоціація Самопоміч.” або за телефоном (773) 692-1010

ESL Classes

ESL Announcement:

ESL sessions have resumed in the church hall every Thursday at 6:30pm. For more information please see Pat Wolsko.

Безкоштовні ESL класи для усіх бажаючих кожного Четверга о 18:30 вечора у Церковній залі. Дотаковою інформацією просимо звертатися до о. Василя або Пані Матки Оленки.