



March 13, 2016
5th Sunday of the Great Fast
St. Mary of Egypt
Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14
Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

Rosary 8:30 am
Festal Matins 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Great Vespers 4:00 pm

Monday, 12 noon 6th Hour
Tuesday, 12 noon 6th Hour
Wednesday, Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm
OLPH Devotions, 5:30 pm
Friday, Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

Saturday: Great Vespers 4:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

Parish Advisory Board Members:

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,
Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap, Dan Riley

Parish Finance Council Members:

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:15-10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday Liturgies,
or by appointment with Father

Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:

Must be arranged three months in advance.
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

Mystery of Crowning:

Must be arranged six months in advance
(Pre-Cana requirement)

Sick and Shut-Ins: It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

Eastern Christian Formation Program:

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 min

Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home,
contact Father Artur or the office staff for more information. God bless you.

Today	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:15 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr. Chris: +Roy & Mary Ann Smith
	Eternal Lamp:	Lilian Haddad by Dorothy Curl ECF classes after Liturgy
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
Monday	<i>Benedict Venerable</i>	
March 14	Readings: Genesis 27:1-41; Proverbs 19:16-25	
	9:00 am	Seniors Outreach
	12 noon	6 th Hour
	5:00 pm	Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday	<i>Agapius and Others Martyrs</i>	
March 15	Readings: Genesis 31:3-16; Proverbs 21:3-21	
	12 noon	6 th Hour
Wednesday	<i>Sabinus and Papas Martyrs</i>	
March 16	Readings: Genesis 43:25-45:16; Proverbs 21:23-22:4	
<*{}{}>	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy followed by all-night Vigil
Thursday	<i>Alexis, Man of God Venerable</i>	
March 17	Readings: Genesis 46:1-7; Proverbs 23:15-24:5	
	Father's Day Off	
Friday	<i>Cyril of Jerusalem Archbishop</i>	
March 18	Readings: Genesis 49:33-50:26; Proverbs 31:8-31	
<*{}{}>	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy/followed by meatless potluck
Saturday	<i>Lazarus Saturday</i>	
March 19	Epistle: Hebrews 12:28-13:8; Gospel: John 11:1-45	
	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy; +Father Michael Mondik
	10:45 am	Lenten Service Project
Sunday	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
March 20	Epistle: Philipians 4:4-9; Gospel: John 12:1-18	
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
	5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy; +Keenan Alan Wofford by Jilek Family <i>Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows</i>
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:30 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr. Chris: +John Joseph Eberly by brother Phil <i>Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows</i>
		ECF Sports Day
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers

***Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm;
O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those
who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their
Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine!***

Fr. Julian Gnall

Michele Koetter

Lillian Murphy

Marilyn Fore

Demetrius Yackanich

Sven & Barbara Svensson

Abraham Haddad

Jenny Ford

Robert Hasaka

Threima Leech

Pricilla Hughes

Sharif Rabadi

Stephen Horner

Paola Terlaza

Henry Zuger

John & Margie Disque

Phillip Fall

Laura Dominguez

Olga Bodnar

Frances Brannan

John Deflice

Joe & Mary Ann Kosty

Jordan Smith

Maggie Batsel

William Frank

Joseph Koetter

Mary Nell Preisler

Mike Harahuc

Robert Zadel

Nathan Barkocy

Jack & Lorraine Hubbell

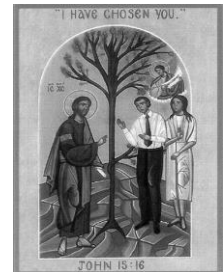
Quintin Santamaria & Family

Heather Mattax

Larry Bennett

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. Sorrowful Mysteries are recited from the beginning of Great Lent until Easter Sunday.

If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group



Vocation Icon

Today: Riley

Next Sunday: Gloetzner

Intentions of the Rosary

1st Decade: Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states

2nd Decade: Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church

3rd Decade: Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church

4th Decade: Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them

5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

Holy Father's Intentions for March

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL –It is an ancient practice to spend time praying at the tomb of Our Lord. We need volunteers from 1 am until 11 am on Holy Saturday. Please sign up with the office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE ASKED TO ASSIST AT NIGHT, SO THAT THERE WILL BE MEN IN THE CHURCH.

Sign-up list for Good Friday is on the granite top counter as you enter the church

All families or members of our Parish family are invited to join the Perpetual Helpers Mothers' Group for a light brunch potluck & Lenten Service Project on Saturday, March 19 after 9 am Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy (10:15 or 11am until 1pm). For more information about this event, please contact Nicole Dotson-Sands, Natalie Moctezuma, or Alicia Wells.

Spiritual Food for the Great Fast
The Book Club will be reading "The Lenten Spring". This easy to read book has 40 short meditations to take you through our fasting season. We will meet on Saturday, April 2 at 10am in the Parish Hall for a light potluck brunch and discussion of the book. We will finish by Noon. Call Lara 710-1181 for more info.

Attention!!!
Spring Clean Up of Childrens' Corner - TODAY - Sunday
March 13 after Social until 4pm.

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	HOST
March 20	Sven Svensson	Grace Brewer	Eva Schuler Miles Gloetzner	Gloetzner Riley

Barbara's Hall Report:

Thanks to the Ellefson family for making a pasta salad and rolls for the Sunday social. That pasta salad was delicious. Thanks again!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Holy Monday, March 21	6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Holy Tuesday, March 22	6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Holy Wednesday, March 23	7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy/Anointing
Holy Thursday, March 24	7:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy
Good Friday, March 25	10:00 am Passion Matins 7:00 pm Vespers with Burial Procession 11:30 pm Jerusalem Matins
Holy Saturday, March 26	6:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy
Resurrection, March 27	9:00 am Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Easter Baskets

Pope Francis - *Evangelii Gaudium*



A globalization of **indifference** has developed. Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own.

Reflection: What moves you? What grabs your attention? Where do you lack compassion? Pray that God can renew your mind to care for others more deeply.

The **Senior Shut-ins Outreach Committee of Perpetual Helpers** visit our parishioners on the 2nd & 4th MONDAY of each month. **We are going TOMORROW, Monday March 14th. Meet in the church parking lot at 9am.** During Lent we will go from 9-12 (before Noon service). When it is NOT Lent we will go from 10-1 (after 9am liturgy). We will meet in the church parking lot and go from there. Please join us!

Call Rafael Plut (505)366-8771 OR
Anita Doberman (850)485-0517

RAISING OF LAZARUS

Let us depart the mere material world, which is always in a state of flux,
And hasten to meet Christ the Savior in Bethany.
Let us then dine with Him
And with his friend Lazarus and the apostles
So that we may, by their prayers, be delivered from our past sins.
If we cleanse every stain from our hearts, we shall see perfectly
His divine resurrection, which He offered to us when He took away
The tears of Mary and Martha.

-St. Romanos the Melodist, 6th century

On Friday, Great Lent concludes. Lazarus Saturday stands alone as a day of hope, when Jesus stood at the tomb, wept, and brought Lazarus back from the dead after four days. *Therefore, there is no fasting or abstinence, and this was a day of baptisms.*

He shows His power, and that His prediction of His own resurrection in three days will easily be fulfilled. But Lazarus is restored to life and his family only to die again. Jesus will live in glory, His body transformed but intact along His sacred wounds through which we are saved.

Beginning next week, we have the opportunity to shed ourselves of all the things that hold us back from enjoying Christ's abundant graces now in this life, to repent and do penance in Great and Holy Week, and embrace His Cross so as to embrace His Resurrection.

MONTHLY BULLETIN SERIES 2015-2016
From the Eparchial Office of Evangelization and Religious Education

#6 Lesson in Evangelization—Seek the Lost
“Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in” (Luke 14:23)

In the previous five lessons of this evangelization series, we discussed the importance of prayer, sacred scripture, the Eucharist, serving God and sharing our encounter with Him. This lesson focuses on how to live out an authentic Byzantine Catholic faith by

Seeking the Lost

Jesus repeatedly told stories of God’s love for the lost: He is the good shepherd that searches for each lost and vulnerable sheep. The parable of the Prodigal Son illustrates God’s earnest and patient search for every person. *“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance”* (2 Peter 3:9). Evangelism, then, is joining God’s search to bring everyone to participate in the Kingdom of God, here and now and for all eternity. There are many who have yet to be baptized, chrismated and receive Holy Eucharist. Sadly, there are many who have been welcomed into the bosom of the Church, and still have not converted in their hearts. These are the lost that God seeks, and that we must, with gentle perseverance, follow him in seeking.

The fact remains that all people, including unbelievers, matter deeply to God. And mankind desperately needs to meet the mystery hidden from all ages, the God-man, Jesus Christ. Sharing the gospel is a powerful way to love people. St. John reminds us, *“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son”* (3:18). As Byzantine Catholics, our awareness that family, friends, and strangers will otherwise be eternally separated from God must motivate us to proclaim the mercy and love of Jesus Christ.

Similarly, St. Paul encourages us to *“value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others”* (Philippians 2:3-4). There is nothing like the power of Jesus Christ to restore a broken world and many broken lives to what God originally intended (John 3:17). Witnessing our faith to the people around us places the utmost value on their lives—their eternal lives.

As a matter of fact, it brings joy to both God and us. St. Luke tells us there is rejoicing in heaven when even one sinner repents. Beyond the heavenly celebration, we too experience great joy when we see people’s lives transformed by Jesus Christ (15:7 & 15:10). We share *“this that our joy may be complete.”* (1 Jn. 1:4).

God is preparing for a full house in heaven. In my house, there are many mansions, our Lord says (John 14:2). We are blessed to help in the noble task of filling the heavenly kingdom. St. Paul points out in Romans 10:14 why this is so important: *“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”* The next verse goes on to praise the “beautiful” feet of those who share the good news and *“go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in”* (Luke 14:23).

Saint Mary of Egypt

"In you, O Mother Mary, was accurately preserved the divine image. Accepting the cross and following Christ, you have taught us by your life to despise the flesh because it is mortal and to take care of the soul, which is immortal."- Troparion of the feast

On the fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, the Feast of St. Mary of Egypt is commemorated. The historic core of her life is that she was a hermit living in the wilderness of the Jordan valley, who did penance for a life of sin. The dramatic story attributed to St. Zosimus about her life and conversion is one of the most famous in Christian literature, and has been so enormously popular among Eastern Christians that the last Sunday of Lent is given over to her commemoration, both as an example and a warning.

She was born around 344 AD in Alexandria, where she became a rich and beautiful courtesan. **She chose to lead a selfish life of sin.** Once on an excursion to Jerusalem, she was so wicked that she tried to seduce the men of the party! She had noticed throngs of pilgrims entering the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Curious to join the attractions, Mary tried to enter the Church, but was prevented by some mysterious force. Mary began to wonder if her sinful life was the cause for preventing her entrance into the Church. At that moment, she became aware of the Icon of the Mother of God which had been above the entrance of the Church. **Filled with compunction of heart, she cried for her many sins.**

Mary sought a life of repentance for her wicked past by entering the desert. This we know was a time when thousands went out into the deserts of the eastern Roman Empire, living in hermitages or establishing monasteries. There she lived as a hermit for nearly fifty years, willfully depriving herself of all comforts of life and exposing her beauty to the harshness of the sun.

While in the desert one day, she met Saint Zosimus. According to the custom of Palestinian monks, this priest-monk had gone out into the wilderness in the first days of Holy Week to meditate on the Passion of Christ. She asked him to bring the Holy Eucharist to her on Holy Thursday. Joy and peace overcame her upon the reception of the Eucharist and she prayed the Prayer of St. Simeon: *"Now you may dismiss your servant in peace, O Lord. For my eyes have seen your salvation."*

She related her life to the priest, and then arranged with Zosimus to meet again in a year so she could confess and receive Communion again (frequent Communion was not common among these desert dwellers). **When he returned to the site in 421 AD, she was not there,** and he finally came upon her body. As happened with some other desert saints, a lion was near her body, and he helped Zosimus to bury her body, and then **the lion lay down and mourned** for her.



He Is Risen!

Mission Society Easter Cards

Our newly designed Easter cards (see front image) to support our mother church in Mukachevo, Ukraine **are on sale NOW**. Proceeds will help complete a new church in Uzhgorod (where Father Artur came to us from). The Russian-backed war has resulted in severe inflation, reducing income to only 50% of pre-war levels, crippling their work.

Please encourage your relatives, friends, co-workers to buy our cards and to spread the joy of Jesus' Resurrection by helping the resurrection of the Byzantine Catholic Church's mother eparchy!

A packet of 5 cards sell for \$10 including envelopes. Fill out the slip with the names of the recipients and return by mail or drop them by the parish office. All names will be sent to Bishop Milan Sasik in the Ukraine. On May 1stth (Old Calendar), the Bishop will place all of these names on the altar and pray for each individual.

The last day to purchase cards will be Palm Sunday, March 20th.

Knights of Columbus News

1. Knights will be serving refreshments and giving out Catholic information to pilgrims going to Chimayo on Good Friday during the day. Knights are also asked to sign up for the night and early morning hours for the Vigil at the Grave on Good Friday night/ Holy Saturday (Mar. 25-26)

2. Knights will be serving breakfast burritos on St Thomas Sunday (April 3) for the annual Svjashchenie Meal held that day. Food will include eggs, meat, potatoes, beans; guests are asked to donate free-will offering.

3. On the first Saturday Knights and families come to clean the church and grounds. We have had good turnouts lately, please keep it up.

4. The Homeless Outreaches have gone very well. The next one will be in late April.