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SCHEDULE

- Saturday, April 20**.....5:30pm Akathist to the Theotokos
6:00pm Great Vespers
7:00pm Private Confessions
- Sunday, April 21**.....9:30am Third and Sixth Hours
St. Mary of Egypt 10:00am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
11:30am Coffee Hour
12:00pm Choir Rehearsal
*5:00pm NJ Deanery Mission Vespers,
Holy Resurrection Church, Wayne*
- Monday, April 22**.....6:00pm Adult Study: "Doctrine & Teaching
of the Orthodox Church"

Wednesday, April 24.....6:00pm *Combined Presanctified Liturgy*

7:00pm Lenten Repast

7:45pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 27.....8:30am Private Confessions

Lazarus Saturday

9:00am Divine Liturgy of St. John

Chrysostom

10:00am First Confessions and Preparation

of Palms

6:00pm Great Vespers with Litiya

7:00pm Private Confessions

Sunday, April 28.....9:30am Third Hour

Entrance into Jerusalem

9:45am General Confession

(Palm Sunday)

10:00am Divine Liturgy

11:30am Coffee Hour

12:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 28 - May 4

HOLY WEEK



Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

April 21, 2024

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St Mary of Egypt. Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and his companions: Festus, Proculus, and Sosius—Deacons, Desiderius—Reader, and Eutychius and Acutius—laymen, at Pozzuoli (ca. 305). Hieromartyr Theodore of Perge in Pamphylia, his mother, Philippa, and

Martyrs Dioscorus, Socrates, and Dionysius (2nd c.). Martyrs Isaac, Apollos, and Quadratus, of Nicomedia (303). St. Maximian, Patriarch of Constantinople (434). The Recovery of the Relics of Saint Theodore of Sanaxar (1791).

Epistle: [Hebrews](#) [9:11-14](#)

Gospel: [Mark 10:32-45](#)

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5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt

Troparion — Tone 8

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, since it is immortal. Therefore your spirit, O holy mother Mary, Rejoices with the angels!

Kontakion — Tone 3

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, most glorious Mary, you are a Bride of the Kingdom!

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Teaching: *“Where shall I begin to weep for the actions of my wretched life? What first-fruit shall I offer, O Christ, in this my lamentation? But in Thy compassion grant me forgiveness of sins.” (The Canon of St. Andrew, Canticle 1,* vs. *2.)*

During Great Lent we remember and venerate Saint Mary of Egypt both on April 1 and the Fifth Sunday of Lent. With the Canon of St. Andrew, read in many churches during the first and fifth weeks of Lent, we uphold her as an icon of repentance, an example for every Orthodox Christian to emulate. Yet for many years, she lived a life of bondage to passions. If St. Mary of Egypt were alive today, would we welcome her into our assembly?

While we don't know about the very early years of her life, we do know that she lost her virginity at age twelve and ran away from home. For the next seventeen years she was a slave to her insatiable appetite[s].

For seventeen years, Saint Mary of Egypt lived a lifestyle that isolated her from the community and God. Covered with filth amassed over the years, her heart yet longed for union with God.

The healing of the venerable Saint Mary of Egypt was not instantaneous but required a rigorous and lengthy spiritual journey. Being led by the Holy Spirit, she retreated to the wilderness where she lived the life of a hermit for seventeen years, seeking freedom from bondage of the passions. She spent a further thirty years in the wilderness having obtained the true gifts of repentance, healing and freedom from the enslavement of sin.

During Great Lent, each of us seeks repentance, turning from our own vices and passions and setting our minds and hearts on God. Through the intercessions of the most Holy Theotokos, God grants us the gift of compunction to turn from our wounds and sins to find healing and comfort in Him.

Let us remember Saint Mary of Egypt and her wonderful redemption. During the remainder of this Lenten journey, may we pray to be freed from our imprisonment to the passions that enslave us.

-- An excerpt from www.oca.org/saints/lives

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Meeting in the Desert
of St. Zosimas the Monk and St.
Mary of Egypt
Read the Account:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/04/21/18-5th-sunday-of-great-lent-st-mary-of-egypt>

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“As a handful of sand thrown into the ocean, so are the sins of all flesh as compared with the mind of God. Just as a strongly flowing fountain is not blocked up by a handful of earth, so the compassion of the Creator is not overcome by the wickedness of His creatures.”

+St. Isaac the Syrian

THANK YOU to Lisa Olszowy for hosting last Sunday's Coffee Hour. Many Years, Lisa!

THANK YOU to Fred Marcinkowski for designing and building new bookcases for the choir loft.

THANK YOU to Eileen Soliman and her team (Amal Morcos, Marian Babiak, Lisa Lewis, Jill Williams and family, Bill Cullinan, Andy Nosal) for cleaning the interior of the church last Saturday.

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CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP - On April 20th there will be another clean-up of the **exterior** of the church and grounds. Remaining tasks are: finish spreading mulch, staining the bell tower, painting the church doors, and more gardening work. Work will begin at **9:00 a.m.** See Peter Dardaganis on Sunday for more info or email pdardaganis1@gmail.com

COMBINED PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY - On Wednesday, **April 24th** at 6:00pm we will be hosting this service and the repast afterward, inviting other area Orthodox parishes to join us in worship. *There will be no private confessions that evening.* A sign-up sheet will be provided in the narthex for people to bring something or to help clean up.



PASCHAL SEASON SIGN-UP SHEETS are available in the narthex for:

- * Vigil at the Lord's Grave,
- * dyed red, hard-boiled eggs, and
- * grave blessings on St. Thomas Sunday (May 12th)



LENTEN MISSION VESPERS will be celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Michael and area clergy on Sunday, April 21st at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Resurrection Church in Wayne, NJ. Responses will be sung by the Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir. All are invited to attend.

Flyer:

<https://mcusercontent.com/c4f1d2c6e7cdc04fe0540a5ff/images/431059d9-8fa5-f957-1c68-45be00ccccf4.jpg>



	FUTURE		COFFEE		HOURS
April	21	-	Pot		Luck
April	28	-	Austin		Guarisco
May 5	- PASCHA	-	No Coffee		Hour
May	12	-			open



1/3
of
the
load
of

mulch!



Who is that?? Why, it's Carpenter Extraordinaire Fred!! (Marcinkowski)
Assisted by Viktor Joganow and Tom Smock.

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