

# THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: ST MARY OF EGYPT (*Tone 8*)

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### 5TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (*Tone 8*)

#### Commemoration of St Mary of Egypt

*Saturday, 1 April (19 March, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

*Sunday, 2 April (20 March, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)

12:30 PM Adult Study

### ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS

*Thursday, 6 April (24 March, o.s.)*

8:15 AM Lenten Hours & Typika

9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

6:00 PM Vigil Service (Great Compline & Matins);  
Confessions

*Friday, 7 April (25 March, o.s.)*

8:15 AM Lenten Hours & Typika

9:30 AM Vespertal Liturgy

### LAZARUS SATURDAY

*Friday, 7 April (25 March, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Matins, First Hour;

Confessions

*Saturday, 8 April (26 March, o.s.)*

8:30 AM Baptism of Peter Mathé

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

### PALM SUNDAY

*Saturday, 8 April (26 March, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

*Sunday, 9 April (27 March, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)

6:00 PM Matins, First Hour

## FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

| Day of Week                             | Type of Fast                 |
|---|------------------------------|
| <i>5th Sunday of Great Lent</i>         | Wine & Oil permitted         |
| <i>6th Monday of Great Lent</i>         | Regular Fast Day (No Oil)    |
| <i>6th Tuesday of Great Lent</i>        | Regular Fast Day (No Oil)    |
| <i>6th Wednesday of Great Lent</i>      | Regular Fast Day (No Oil)    |
| <i>Thursday: Forefeast Annunciation</i> | Wine & Oil permitted         |
| <i>Friday: ANNUNCIATION</i>             | Fish, Wine & Oil permitted   |
| <i>Lazarus Saturday</i>                 | Caviar, Wine & Oil permitted |
| <i>Palm Sunday</i>                      | Fish, Wine & Oil permitted   |

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of 2 April

| 5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt |   |                      |
|--|---|----------------------|
| <i>5th Sunday</i>                          | <i>Matins Gospel: 8th Resurrection Gospel</i>   |                      |
|  | Heb. §321a (9:11-14)  | Mark §47 (10:32b-45) |
| <i>St Mary</i>                             | Gal. §208 (3:23-29)   | Luke §33 (7:36-50)   |
| SIXTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST               |   |                      |
| <i>5th Monday of Great Lent</i>            | <i>Sixth Hour: Isaiah 48:17-49:4</i>  |                      |
|  | <i>Vespers: Genesis 27:1-41 • Proverbs 19:16-25</i>   |                      |
| <i>5th Tuesday of Great Lent</i>           | <i>Sixth Hour: Isaiah 49:6-10</i>   |                      |
|  | <i>Vespers: Genesis 31:3-16 • Proverbs 21:3-21</i>  |                      |
| <i>5th Wednesday of Great Lent</i>         | <i>Sixth Hour: Isaiah 58:1-11</i>   |                      |
|  | <i>Vespers: Gen 43:26-31; 45:1-16 • Proverbs 21:23-22:4</i>                                 |                      |
| ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS              |   |                      |
| <i>5th Thursday of Great Lent</i>          | <i>Sixth Hour: Isaiah 65:8-16</i>   |                      |
|  | <i>Vespers: Genesis 46:1-7 • Proverbs 23:15-24:5</i>  |                      |
|  | <i>Festal Paramia: (1) Genesis 28:10-17 • (2) Ezekiel 43:27-44:4a • (3) Proverbs 9:1-11</i> |                      |
|  | <i>Matins Gospel: Luke §4 (1:39-49, 56)</i>   |                      |
| <i>5th Friday of Great Lent</i>            | <i>Sixth Hour: Isaiah 66:10-24</i>  |                      |
|  | <i>Vespertal Liturgy: Genesis 49:33-50:26 • Proverbs 31:8-32</i>                            |                      |
|  | <i>Festal Paramia: Exodus 3:1-8 • Proverbs 8:22-30</i>                                      |                      |
|  | Heb. §306 (2:11-18)   | Luke §3 (1:24-38)    |
| GREAT AND HOLY WEEK                        |   |                      |
| <i>Lazarus Saturday</i>                    | Heb. §333a (12:28-13:8)   | John §39 (11:1-45)   |
|  | <i>Palm Sunday</i>  |                      |
| <i>Palm Sunday</i>                         | Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12 • Zephaniah 3:14-19 • Zachariah 9:9-15                                 |                      |
|  | <i>Matins Gospel: Matt. §83 (21:1-11, 15-17)</i>  |                      |
|  | Phil. §247 (4:4-9)  | John §41 (12:1-18)   |

## NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Week of 26 March

**Namedays** – 30th (St Patrick of Ireland): Patrick Hinds;  
April 1st (Martyr Daria): Daria Smirnov.

**Birthdays** – 31st: Deacon Steven Barker.

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – 28th: Madeleine & Margaret Hotz.

### Week of 2 April

**Namedays** – 8th (Archangel Gabriel): Gabrielle Komleski.

**Birthdays** – 2nd: Vasily Yanovsky; 4th: Sbdcn Daniel Lieuwen.

**Baptism Anniversaries** – 2nd: Paul Schidlovsky (2009).

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – 7th: Nicolas Valcoff (+2015).

## THE REST OF APRIL

**Namedays** – 13th (St Innocent of Moscow): Innokenty (Ken) Yanovsky; 14th (St Mary of Egypt): Maria Asoyan, Jennifer Mary Hotz.

**Birthdays** – 12th: Angelina Schidlovsky; 14th: Maria Asoyan, Valentina Golikova; 17th: Anna Morin-Szydowski; 22nd: Katya Darenkov; 24th: Cliff Paul Brangwynne, Reader Gregory Maxey; 25th: Carolyn O'Brien; 26th: Daniel Yanovsky; 30th: Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne.

**Ordination Anniversaries** – 13th: Father David Straut (Holy Diaconate, 1986).

**Baptism Anniversaries** – 11th: Johan Mladineo (2009).

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 18th: Andrew & Carolyn O'Brien (2004).

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – 9th: Peter Mladineo (+2015); 28th: Oksana Stryzak (+2001).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos** (25 March / 7 April) is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church. It commemorates the Annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel to the All-Holy One the good news that God had chosen her to become the Mother of God. It is also the day on which we commemorate our Saviour's holy conception. All the faithful should attend as many of the services for the Feast as they are able.

**The schedule of services for the Feast** of the Annunciation differs from that of other Great Feasts because this Great Feast falls on a weekday of Great Lent and the Festal elements of the service are mixed with Lenten elements. The services are as follows:

*The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* (the Vespers of the Feast) on the morning of the Eve, 6 April, at 9:30.

*The Vigil Service* (Great Compline, Matins, and First Hour) on the Eve of the Feast, 6 April, at 6 o'clock,

*The Third, Sixth, and Ninth Hours, with the Typika* on the morning of the Feast, 7 April, at 8:15;

*The Vespertine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom* on the morning of the Feast, 7 April, at 9:30.

**Father can provide written excuses** for absence or lateness for students attending Liturgy for a Great Feast. Just let him know you need it in advance.

**Due to the Feast of the Annunciation, fasting** is mitigated on two days this week. On the Forefeast of the Annunciation (24 March / 6 April) wine and oil are permitted. On the Feast of the Annunciation itself (25 March / 7 April), fish, wine, and oil may be eaten.

**Great Lent ends on Friday?** Yes, it does! Great Lent is a period of 40 days from Pure Monday through the Friday before Lazarus Saturday. The Great and Holy Week begins with Lazarus Saturday and ends on Holy Saturday. Holy Week is a separate Fast. This is good news. Those of us who have been lax in our observance of the Great Fast, have a new opportunity to begin again!

**This Saturday is Lazarus. Saturday** This Feast commemorates Christ's raising his friend Lazarus from the

dead as a confirmation of the general resurrection on the Last Day. This feast is a joyful foretaste of Pascha. Matins for Lazarus Saturday will be served at 6 o'clock on Friday evening and the Divine Liturgy of the Feast will be served at 9:30 on Saturday morning.

**If you have not given a donation for flowers** to adorn the church on Holy Friday and Pascha, please do so today. We would like to have our church decorated in a fitting manner for this most sacred time of the church year.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**The Blessing of Palms and Pussy Willows** will place at the Vigil Service next Saturday evening, the eve of Palm Sunday, after the reading of the Matins Gospel. It is important for the faithful to be at this Vigil Service so that they can receive their blessed palms and pussy willows at the proper time.

**It is our established practice** that those who receive the Mystery of Confession during Holy Week (from the Eve of Lazarus Saturday onwards) are *not* required to go to Confession again in order to receive Holy Communion at the Liturgies of Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week. Should a grave sin be committed, however, Confession would of course be necessary before communing.

**Those desiring to make their Confessions** during Holy Week should go as early in the Week as possible. There will be times during or after the Holy Week services for Confession. Please note that after the beginning of the Paschal Vigil there will be no more Confessions.

**Orthodox Christians should attend** as many Holy Week services as possible. The Services from Holy Thursday morning through Holy Saturday morning are certainly the most essential. Because of the solemnity of these Holy Days, Orthodox Christians should take these days off from work or school. If it is impossible to take two weekdays off, then at least Holy Friday should be taken off.

### NEEDS FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA:

- **People willing to help clean the church** after the services of Holy Week.
- **Twelve dozen red eggs** for the Paschal Liturgy. Please let Father know how many dozen red eggs you plan to provide and bring the eggs with you to the Midnight Paschal Liturgy.
- **Paschal Foods for our Agape Meal** after the Holy Liturgy on the night of Pascha. Each family in the Parish is asked to bring a dish to share at this Festal Meal.
- **People willing to remain to the end** of the Paschal Meal to help clean up.
- **Five Families or Individuals willing to fill** 24 plastic eggs each with chocolates and other soft candy for the Egg Hunt, which will be held after Agape Vespers on Pascha. Please see Matushka Faith for your two dozen plastic eggs and plan to bring the filled eggs to church no later than Holy Saturday morning.