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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: ST JOHN OF THE LADDER (Tone 4)**

## THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

### **4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (Tone 4)**

**St John of the Ladder**

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

**Sunday, 10 April (28 March o.s.)**

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

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

12:30 PM Annual Parish Meeting

### **Thursday of the Great Canon**

**Wednesday, 13 April (31 March o.s.)**

6:00 PM Compline with Great Canon

**Thursday, 14 April (1 April o.s.)**

8:15 AM Lenten Hours & Typika

9:30 AM Vespersal Divine Liturgy

### **Friday of the Fifth Week of the Fast**

**Friday, 15 April (2 April o.s.)**

8:15 AM Lenten Hours & Typika

9:30 AM Vespersal Divine Liturgy

### **Saturday of the Akathist**

**Friday, 15 April (2 April o.s.)**

6:00 PM Compline & Akathist to Theotokos

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

**St Mary of Egypt**

**Saturday, 16 April (3 April o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

**Sunday, 17 April (4 April o.s.)**

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

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

12:30 PM Adult Study

## FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

**We are in the midst of the Great Lent.** Therefore all the days of this week are fast days. Monday and Tuesday are normal fast days, with no fish, wine, or oil permitted. On the rest of the days of the week the fast is mitigated, with wine and oil being permitted: on Wednesday and Thursday because of the Vigil of the Great Canon, and on Friday because of the Vigil of the Akathist Hymn. Next Saturday and Sunday, as on all weekends of Great Lent, wine and oil are also allowed.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

4th Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus		
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i>	<i>1st Matins Gospel:</i> Matt. §116 [28:16-20]	
	Heb. §314 (6:13-20)	Mark §40 (9:17-31)
<i>St John</i>	Eph. §229 (5:8b-19)	Matt. §10 (4:25-5:12a)
FIFTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST		
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Monday of Great Lent</i>	<i>Sixth Hour:</i> Isaiah 37:33-38:6	
	<i>Vespers:</i> Genesis 13:12-18 • Proverbs 14:27-15:4	
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Great Lent</i>	<i>Sixth Hour:</i> Isaiah 40:18-31	
	<i>Vespers:</i> Genesis 15:1-15 • Proverbs 15:7-19	
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Great Lent</i>	<i>Sixth Hour:</i> Isaiah 41:4-14	
	<i>Vespers:</i> Genesis 17:1-9 • Proverbs 15:20-16:9	
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Great Lent</i>	<i>Sixth Hour:</i> Isaiah 42:5-16	
	<i>Vespers:</i> Genesis 18:20-33 • Proverb 16:17-17:17	
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Friday of Great Lent</i>	<i>Sixth Hour:</i> Isaiah 45:11-17	
	<i>Vespers:</i> Genesis 22:1-18 • Proverbs 17:17-18:5	
5th Saturday of the Great Fast: Saturday of the Akathist		
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Saturday</i>	Heb. §322 (9:24-28)	Mark §35 (8:27-31)
<i>Akathist</i>	Heb. §320 (9:1-7)	Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)
5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt		
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i>	<i>2nd Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §70 (16:1-8)	
	Heb. §321a (9:11-14)	Mark §47 (10:32b-45)
<i>St Mary</i>	Gal. §208 (3:23-29)	Luke §33 (7:36-50)

## NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### LAST WEEK

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

**Birthdays** – 4th: Sbdcn Daniel Lieuwen.

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – 7th: Nicolas Valcoff (+2015); 9th: Peter Mladineo (+2015).

### THIS WEEK

**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.

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

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

**Chrismation Anniversaries** – 11th: Michael Carey (2009).

## THE REST OF APRIL

**Birthdays** – 22nd: Katya Darenkov; 24th: Cliff Paul Brangwynne, Reader Gregory Maxey; 25th: Carolyn O'Brien; 26th: Daniel Yanovsky; 30th: Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne.

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

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – 28th: Oksana Stryzak (+2001).

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## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The annual special collection** for the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in the Holy Land will be taken at the Sunday Liturgies at St Elizabeth's until Palm Sunday. What we collect will be sent to the Synod of Bishops for the R.E.M. This Palm Sunday collection is a major source of funding for our mission in the Holy Land, and some of us have had occasion to receive their hospitality. Please give generously.

**Many thanks to the Servants of God** who have made *Kolyva* (sweetened boiled wheat) and given it to the church for the Memorial Services for the Soul Saturdays we have celebrated during this period of the Lenten Triodion. The next Soul Saturday will be the Saturday before Pentecost.

**We will have a meal today right after the Liturgy** and before the Annual Meeting begins. All are invited to come to the meal and parishioners to remain after the meal for the Annual Meeting.

**St Elizabeth's Annual Meeting** will be held today (the third Sunday of March.) Year-in-review reports for the past year are to be presented by the Rector, Church Warden, Treasurer, Auditing Committee, and Building Committee. Planning for the current year will also take place. Parishioner concerns will be heard, and Parish Council members for the coming year elected. All voting members of the Parish are asked to attend.

**The Service of the Great Canon** will be served this Wednesday, the fifth Wednesday evening of Great Lent, at 6 o'clock. This is the same Great Canon that was sung during the first week of the Fast, except that the entire Canon is chanted on this night, rather than a quarter of it, as on each of the first four weekday evenings of Lent. St Andrew of Crete, an Archbishop and hymnographer who died in the 8th Century, composed this Great Canon of Repentance. It is a masterpiece of Orthodox hymnography, recounting incidents and personalities throughout the whole of Biblical history, weaving the theme of repentance throughout. Another feature of this service is the reading of the memorable Life of St Mary of Egypt written by St Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem. Participating in this moving service will strengthen us to complete the Fast with compunction.

**The Presanctified Liturgy will be served** this week on *Thursday* and Friday morning at 9:30 AM. The Lenten Services of the Third, Sixth, and Ninth Hours and the Typika, which precede the Liturgy, will begin at 8:15 AM.

**The Fifth Saturday of Great Lent** is the Saturday of the Akathist to the Theotokos. The Service of the Akathist Hymn will be served at St Elizabeth's on Friday evening at 6 o'clock. In this service, we chant the Akathist Canon to the Theotokos, as we have done for the past four Fridays, and the entire Akathist Hymn to the Most-Holy Mother of God will be sung, rather than a quarter of it, as we did in the previous weeks. Come sing the praises of the All Pure Mother of God at these beautiful services!

**It is our parish's practice** that those who receive the Mystery of Confession before the Liturgy of one weekend are generally permitted to receive Holy Communion at the Liturgies of the following two weeks. Regular communicants will only have to go to Confession every other weekend. Should a grave sin be committed, Confession would, of course, be necessary before communing. A Spiritual Father may give a stricter or more relaxed rule for Confession. Always follow your Spiritual Father's guidance.

**We need donations for flowers** to adorn the church on Holy Friday, Holy Saturday, and Pascha. If you would like to make a donation for this, please give it to either Father David or to our Church Warden, Patrick Brien. You may include a Commemoration List with your donation.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### 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.