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4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT *(Tone 8)*; Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

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THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT *(Tone 8)*
Forty Martyrs of Sebaste
Saturday, 21 March (8 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions
Sunday, 22 March (9 March, o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy; Trapeza (coffee hour)

Thursday of the Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete
Wednesday, 25 March (12 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Service of the Great Canon Confessions
Thursday, 26 March (13 March, o.s.)
8:15 AM Lenten Hours & Typika
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday of the Akathist to the Theotokos
Friday, 27 March (14 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Matins of the Akathist; Confessions
Saturday, 28 March (15 March, o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

5TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT *(Tone 1)*
St Mary of Egypt
Saturday, 28 March (15 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions
Sunday, 29 March (16 March, o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy; Trapeza (coffee hour)

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		
4th Sunday	*8th Matins Gospel:* John §64 (20:11-18)	
	Heb. §314 (6:13-20)	Mark §40 (9:17-31)
FIFTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST		
5th Monday of Great Lent	*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 37:33-38:6	
	Vespers: Genesis 13:12-18 • Proverbs 14:27-15:4	
5th Tuesday of Great Lent	*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 40:18-31	
	Vespers: Genesis 15:1-15 • Proverbs 15:7-19	
5th Wed of Great Lent	*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 41:4-14	
	Vespers: Genesis 17:1-9 • Proverbs 15:20-16:9	
5th Thursday of Great Lent	*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 42:5-16	
	Vespers: Genesis 18:20-33 • Proverb 16:17-17:17	
5th Friday of Great Lent	*Sixth Hour:* Isaiah 45:11-17	
	Vespers: Genesis 22:1-18 • Proverbs 17:17-18:5	
5th Saturday of the Great Fast: Saturday of the Akathist		
5th Saturday	Heb. §322 (9:24-28)	Mark §35 (8:27-31)
Akathist	Heb. §320 (9:1-7)	Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)
5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt		
5th Sunday	*9th Matins Gospel:* John §65 (20:19-31)	
	Heb. §321a (9:11-14)	Mark §47 (10:32b-45)
St Mary	Gal. §208 (3:23-29)	Luke §33 (7:36-50)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Birthdays – 21st: Zydrune Ann Mladineo.
Wedding Anniversaries – 16th: Father David & Matushka Faith Straut (1979).

THIS WEEK

Namedays – 23rd (Martyr Vasilissa): Vasilissa Seneko.
Wedding Anniversaries – 23rd: Sami and Natasha (Natalia) Ghandour.
Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 28th: Madeleine & Margaret Hotz.

THE REST OF MARCH

Namedays – 30th (St Patrick of Ireland): William Patrick Brien.
Birthdays – 31st: Deacon Steven Barker, Natasha (Natalia) Prokopenko Ghandour.

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APRIL

Namedays – 8th (Archangel Gabriel): Gabrielle Komleski; 14th (St Mary of Egypt): Jennifer Mary Hotz.

Birthdays – 4th: Sbdcn Daniel Lieuwen; 12th: Angelina Schidlovsky; 22nd: Katya Darenkov; 24th: Cliff Paul Brangwynne, Reader Gregory Maxey; 25th: Najib Ghandour, Carolyn O'Brien; 30th: Sami Ghandour, Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne.

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

Baptism Anniversaries – 2nd: Paul Schidlovsky (2009); 11th: Johan Mladineo (2009).

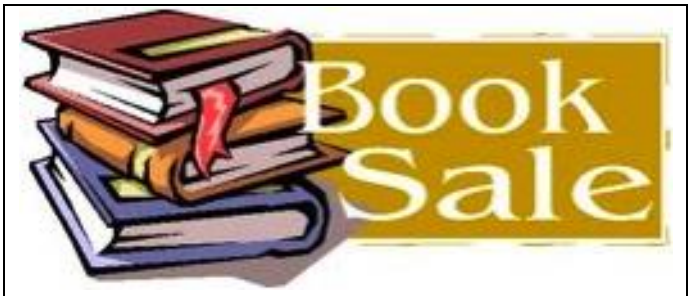
Chrismation Anniversaries – 11th: Michael Carey (2009); Peter Mladineo (2009).

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

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

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 during the month of March. What we collect will be sent to the Synod of Bishops for the R.E.M. at Palm Sunday. 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.



There will be a Book Sale featuring Lenten Reading at coffee hour today. Many thanks to Elizabeth Lieuwen for putting the Sale together!

Many thanks to the servant of God who provided *kolyva* (sweetened boiled wheat) for the last of the three mid-lenten Soul Saturdays.

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.

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 this time it is done during the Service of Matins rather than Great Compline, and 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. Participating in this moving service will strengthen us to complete the Fast with compunction.

The Presanctified Liturgy will be served this week on ***Thursday*** 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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Wednesday evening or Friday morning Presanctified Liturgy this week at St Elizabeth's.

The Fifth Saturday of Great Lent is the Saturday of the Akathist to the Theotokos. Matins will be served at St Elizabeth's on Friday evening at 6 o'clock. During Matins the canon to the Theotokos and the entire Akathist Hymn to the Most-Holy Mother of God will be sung. On Saturday morning the Divine Liturgy will also be served at 9:30, preceded by the Hours at 9:10. 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.