

# THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (*Tone 8*)  
Forefeast of the Annunciation

### THIS WEEK AT ST ELIZABETH'S

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

##### **Forefeast of the Annunciation**

##### **Saturday, 4 April (23 March, o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

##### **Sunday, 5 April (24 March, o.s.)**

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)

#### **ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS**

##### **Sunday, 6 April (24 March, o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

##### **Monday, 7 April (25 March, o.s.)**

8:30 AM Hours and Typika  
9:30 AM Vesperal Liturgy

##### **Thursday, 10 April (28 March, o.s.)**

6:00 PM Matins, First Hour;  
Confessions

##### **Friday, 11 April (29 March, o.s.)**

8:15 AM Lenten Hours & Typika  
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

#### **LAZARUS SATURDAY**

##### **Friday, 11 April (29 March, o.s.)**

6:00 PM Matins, First Hour;  
Confessions

##### **Saturday, 12 April (30 March, o.s.)**

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

##### **Saturday, 12 April (30 March, o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions;  
Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows

##### **Sunday, 13 April (31 March, o.s.)**

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Trapeza (coffee hour)

### FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Due to the Feast of the Annunciation, fasting is mitigated on two days this week. On Monday, the Feast of the Annunciation (25 March / 7 April), fish, wine, and oil may be eaten. On Tuesday, the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel (26 March / 8 April), wine (and according to some authorities oil) is allowed. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are normal fast days, with no fish, wine, or oil permitted. Next Saturday is Lazarus Saturday and caviar is permitted, in addition to wine and oil. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and fish, wine, and oil are allowed.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt	
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel: John §64 (20:11-18)
	Heb. §321a (9:11-14)   Mark §47 (10:32b-45)
SIXTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST	
Monday	<b>ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS</b>
	Vespers Paramia: (1) Genesis 28:10-17 • (2) Ezekiel 43:27-44:4a • (3) Proverbs 9:1-11 • (4) Exodus 3:1-8 • (5) Proverbs 8:22-30
	Matins Gospel: Luke §4 (1:39-49, 56)
	Heb. §306 (2:11-18)   Luke §3 (1:24-38)
5 <sup>th</sup> Monday of Great Lent	Sixth Hour: Isaiah 48:17-49:4 Vespers: Genesis 27:1-41 • Proverbs 19:16-25
5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Great Lent	Sixth Hour: Isaiah 49:6-10 Vespers: Genesis 31:3-16 • Proverbs 21:3-21
5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Great Lent	Sixth Hour: Isaiah 58:1-11 Vespers: Gen 43:26-31; 45:1-16 • Proverbs 21:23-22:4
5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of Great Lent	Sixth Hour: Isaiah 65:8-16 Vespers: Genesis 46:1-7 • Proverbs 23:15-24:5
5 <sup>th</sup> Friday of Great Lent	Sixth Hour: Isaiah 66:10-24 Vespers: Genesis 49:33-50:26 • Proverbs 31:8-32
Lazarus Saturday	Heb. §333a (12:28-13:8)   John §39 (11:1-45)
Palm Sunday	Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12 • Zephaniah 3:14-19 • Zachariah 9:9-15
	Matins Gospel: Matt. §83 (21:1-11, 15-17) Phil. §247 (4:4-9)   John §41 (12:1-18)

## NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### LAST WEEK

**Namedays** – March 30th (St Patrick of Ireland): William Patrick Brien.

**Birthdays** – March 31st: Deacon Steven Barker; April 4th: Reader Daniel Lieuwen.

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

### THIS WEEK

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

**Birthdays** – 12th: Angelina Schidlovsky.

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

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

### THE REST OF APRIL

**Namedays** – 14th (St Mary of Egypt): Jennifer Mary Hotz.

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

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

**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

We would like to acknowledge a gift of \$5000 from the K2TOG Fund of the Princeton Area Community Foundation for general support to St. Elizabeth's.

We will have a special collection for the Haiti Orthodox Mission of ROCOR at the Sunday Liturgies at St Elizabeth's until Pascha to provide the annual salary of one of our teachers in Haiti. A family in our parish will match the first \$900 raised by this collection. Please give generously.

**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 Vigil Service 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 8:30;

The Vesperal 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.

**The services of Matins and the First Hour** will be served this Thursday evening at 6:00 o'clock. These services are good preparation for those planning to attend the Presanctified Liturgy on Friday morning and receive Holy Communion. The Mystery of Confession will also be available during the services. But even those who are unable to be present at the Presanctified the next morning will benefit from experiencing the 'bright sadness' and compunctionate hymnography that characterize the lenten services.

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

**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 during Holy Week 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.

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## 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.
- **Ten 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.

**The Paschal Meal** following the Midnight Paschal Liturgy will be held this year downstairs in the church basement. Each family in the Parish is asked to bring a dish to share at this Festal Meal. We ask that *everyone* take any food or dish they have brought with them when they leave the meal. This will greatly assist those who remain to clean up.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AT ST ELIZABETH FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

### **PALM SUNDAY**

**Saturday, 12 April (30 March, o.s.)**

6:00 PM Vigil Service;  
Confessions

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

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;  
Coffee Hour

### **GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY**

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

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Monday;  
Confessions

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

8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika  
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

### **GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY**

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

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Tuesday;  
Confessions

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

8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika  
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

### **GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY**

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

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Wednesday;  
Confessions

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

8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika  
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

### **GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY**

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

4:00 PM Matins of Holy Thursday;  
Confessions

6:00 PM The Service of Holy Unction

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

8:50 AM Hours & Typika  
9:30 AM Vespers Liturgy of St Basil

### **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY**

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

6:00 PM Matins of the Twelve Gospels

**Friday, 18 April (5 April, o.s.)**

9:00 AM Royal Hours  
11:00 AM Decoration of the Tomb  
12:00 PM Great Vespers

### **GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY**

**Friday, 18 April (5 April, o.s.)**

6:00 PM Matins of the Lamentations

**Saturday, 19 April (6 April, o.s.)**

8:50 AM Hours & Typika  
9:30 AM Vespers Liturgy of St Basil

### **HOLY PASCHA**

**Saturday, 19 April (6 April, o.s.)**

11:15 PM Midnight Office & Procession

**Sunday, 20 April (7 April, o.s.)**

12:01 AM Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy;  
Paschal Trapeza (Meal)

### **BRIGHT MONDAY**

**Sunday, 20 April (7 April, o.s.)**

2:00 PM Agape Vespers;  
Children's Egg Hunt

**Monday, 21 April (8 April, o.s.)**

8:30 AM Paschal Matins and Hours  
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy