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FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (*Tone 5*)

Commemoration of our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

Our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt

Saturday, 13 April (31 March, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 14 April (1 April, o.s.)

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

Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Great Lent

Wednesday, 17 April (4 April, o.s.)

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

Friday of the Sixth Week of Great Lent

Friday, 19 April (6 April, o.s.)

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

LAZARUS SATURDAY

Friday, 19 April (6 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins;
Confessions

Saturday, 20 April (7 April, o.s.)

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

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, 20 April (7 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 21 April (8 April, o.s.)

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

GREAT & HOLY MONDAY

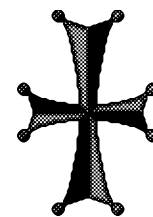
Sunday, 21 April (8 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins;
Confessions

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of 14 April

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



FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Week of 14 April

We are in the midst of the Great Lent. Therefore all the days of this week are fast days. Monday, Tuesday, 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.
- **Fourteen 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.
- **Ten 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.