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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. MARY OF EGYPT

**OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT; THE MARTYRS TERENCE
AND POMPEY OF CARTHAGE AND THOSE WITH THEM; NEW-HIEROMARTYR
GREGORY THE FIFTH, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; AND
NEW-MARTYR DEMAS OF SMYRNA**

LITURGY OF ST. BASIL

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for the Resurrection, in the First Tone: While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion of Mary of Egypt in in the Eighth Tone: Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

Troparion to St. Mark in the Fourth Tone: From thy childhood the light of truth enlightened thee, O Mark, and thou didst love the labor of Christ the Savior. Wherefore thou didst follow Peter with zeal and didst serve Paul as a fellow laborer and didst enlighten the world with thy holy Gospel.

Clergy: **Kontakion for the Theotokos in the Second Tone:** O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned, but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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Prokeimenon (Psalm 75.11,1) Tone 8: Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God. God is known in Judah. His name is great in Israel.

The reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (9:11-14)

Brethren, Christ having appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 94.1, 2) Tone 8: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; Let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior. Let us come into his presence in thanksgiving.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and scourge him, and spit upon him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those

who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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For the Liturgy of St. Basil, in lieu of the usual hymn to the Theotokos, we sing "In Thee Rejoiceth..." (See page 57 of the Congregational Liturgy book)

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Holy Oblations are offered today by Gisele Awayjan for the souls of her mother Laurice (1 year) and brother-in-law Selim

Coffee Hour today is given by Gisele Awayjan.

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Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, Therese Joubran, May Dabbah, Sylvia Saba, Tarek Fakhouri, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, Laura Anter (brain surgery), and the suffering people of Haiti, India, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.

This Week

Lent has begun: During Great Lent, the rules of the dietary fast are thus: All of Lent and Holy Week we are to abstain from all meat and animal products (including eggs, milk, animal fats, etc.) The only exceptions are shellfish. In addition, Mondays through Fridays, we are to abstain from wine and other alcoholic drinks and olive oil (in some Orthodox traditions olive oil is allowed). This is the "letter of the law." It is important for you and your family to participate in the "spirit of the law", working out this Lenten effort within your household in ways pleasing to God and beneficial for the soul. We all must be reminded that the purpose of the dietary fast is to help us to fast from

sin and ungodliness! If you have questions regarding Lenten discipline, please see Fr. Michael or Fr. Patrick.

Lenten Services this week

Monday April 11, Great Compline, 7:00 p.m..

**Wednesday April 13, Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:30 p.m.
(Lenten Pot-luck dinner after service)**

Friday April 15, 7:00 p.m. Little Compline with Canon of St. Lazarus

Saturday April 16, Lazarus Saturday Orthros 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Next week

Sunday April 17, Entrance of our Lord and Savior into Jerusalem {Palm Sunday} 8:45 a.m. Orthros, 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Annual Bake Sale after Divine Liturgy (see order form attached).

Holy Week Services

Sunday evening, April 17, 7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Orthros

Monday April 18, 7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Orthros

Tuesday April 19, 7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Orthros. *After this service is the last time set aside for Holy Confessions*

Wednesday April 20, 7:00 p.m. Holy Unction Service

Thursday Morning April 21: Orthros 9:00 a.m.,

Holy Thursday Vespers Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday Evening April 21: Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels, 7:00 p.m.

Friday Morning April 22: Royal Hours, 9:30 a.m.

Friday Afternoon April 22: Vespers of the Taking Down of our Lord's Body from the Cross, 3:30 p.m.

Friday Evening April 22: Service of Lamentations 7:00 p.m.

Saturday morning April 23 Holy Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Saturday night April 23/ April 24: PASCHA Rush, Procession, Orthros and Divine Liturgy 11:00 p.m. Pascha Breakfast following.

April 24, Great and Holy PASCHA, Agape Vespers, 1:00 p.m

Note: For Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Pascha night, there will be Special Altar Server Teams.

Quote from the Saints

When I only reflect on the evils from which Our Lord has delivered me I have imperishable food for hope of salvation. I am fed and clothed by the all-powerful Word of God, the Lord of all. For it is not by bread alone that man lives. Those who have stripped off the rags of sin have no refuge, hiding themselves in the clefts of the rocks."

St. Mary of Egypt

Fifth Sunday of Lent: St. Mary of Egypt

When Mary was only twelve years old, she left her parents and departed to Alexandria, where she lived a depraved life for seventeen years. Then, moved by curiosity, she went with many pilgrims to Jerusalem, that she might see the Exaltation of the venerable Cross. Even in the Holy City she gave herself over to every kind of licentiousness and drew many into the depth of perdition. Desiring to go into the church on the day of the Exaltation of the Cross, time and again she perceived a certain invisible power preventing her entrance, whereas the multitude of people about her entered unhindered. Therefore, wounded in heart by this, she decided to change her way of life and reconcile herself to God by means of repentance. Invoking our Lady the Theotokos as her protectress, she asked her to open the way

for her to worship the Cross, and vowed that she would renounce the world. And thus, returning once again to the church, she entered easily. When she had worshipped the precious Wood, she departed that same day from Jerusalem and passed over the Jordan. She went into the inner wilderness and for forty-seven years lived a most harsh manner of life, surpassing human strength; alone, she prayed to God alone. Toward the end of her life, she met a certain hermit named Zosimas, and she related to him her life from the beginning. She requested of him to bring her the immaculate Mysteries that she might partake of them. According to her request, he did this the following year on Holy and Great Thursday. One year after this, Zosimas again went thither and found her dead, laid upon the ground, and letters written in the sand near her which said: "Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of wretched Mary. I died on the very day I partook of the immaculate Mysteries. Pray for me." Her death is reckoned by some to have taken place in 378, by some, in 437, and by others, in 522. She is commemorated also on the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. Her life was recorded by Saint Sophronius of Jerusalem.

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