



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Church
(St. Mary's)**

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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 21, 2021

Sunday, March 21, 2021 5th Sunday of Great Fast

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular
For +Leonard Cain from Ann Woroniak

Sorokousty Service (Commemoration of all the faithful departed)

Sunday, March 28, 2021 Palm (Flowery) Sunday

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular
For special intention of Julian Faulkner from Ann Woroniak

Blessing & distribution of Willow branches

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5th Sunday of Lent-

Every year on the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast we remember our venerable mother Mary of Egypt. She is known in our Holy Church as the "Penitent Saint" and her story of life has been called "an icon in words of the theological truth of repentance". As part of our Lenten journey, Saint Mary of Egypt can teach us something very great. As our venerable father Seraphim of Sarov repeated more than once to those who came to see him, the difference



between a sinner who is lost and a sinner who finds his way to salvation, lies in nothing but determination. The grace of God is always there; but our response is not. But Mary of Egypt responded; through the horror of her new perception of herself she responded to the holiness, the grace, the wholeness and sanctity of the Mother of God, and nothing, nothing was too much for her to change her life. This example of hers is presented to us as a crowning moment of this spring of life, which is the Great Fast-Lent. The Church commemorates St. Mary for her recognition of her own sins as an example of how one can free oneself from the slavery and burden of wrongdoings. A week before we heard the teaching and call of Saint John of the Ladder, the one who has established a whole ladder of perfection for us to overcome evil and come to right. And today we see one who from the very depth of evil was brought to the heights of saintliness, and as the Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete says: "Be sure that God Who could heal the leprous could heal the leprosy which is yours." Her example of repentance should be an inspiration to all of us. We have a wonderful opportunity through the sacramental mystery of Penance to obtain forgiveness. The same Jesus who cured the leper with a touch and forgave sins with a word now uses a priest as His instrument to heal and forgive, to teach and console, to correct and encourage. As we near the final days of Lent, the Church gives us the example of Mary of Egypt so that we might not lose hope and to teach us that no sin is too great to be forgiven. In Scripture we read: "though your sins be red as scarlet, I shall make them white as snow." We still have time to make a good confession...May the example of Saint Mary of Egypt draw attention to our own need for repentance so that we, too, nourished by Holy Communion, may rededicate our lives to the service of God.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
(Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt)

Troparion (1): Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your immaculate body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind!

Troparion (8): In you, O Mother Mary, the faithful image shone forth; you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body, for it passes away, and how to value the soul, for it is immortal. Therefore, your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Kontakion (3): Once filled with all kinds of evil, now through repentance she appears as the bride of Christ. Leading an angelic life, she crushes the devils with the help of the Cross. Therefore, the venerable Mary has become a bride of the kingdom.

Prokimenon (1): Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. **Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. **Prokimenon of Mary of Egypt (4):** God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel.

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (Heb 9,11-14) Brethren: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. **Alleluia Verses:** Verse (1): God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his posterity for ever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

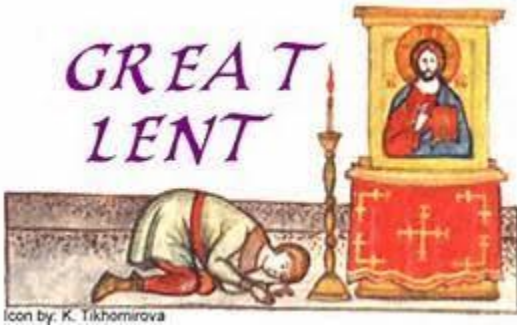
Gospel: (Mk 10,32-45) At that time, taking the Twelve aside Jesus again began to tell them what was going to happen to him. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish [me] to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." 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 or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." It is truly right... (Or the Hirmos of the Feast): In you, O Woman Full of Grace, the angelic choirs and the human race - all creation - rejoices. O Sanctified Temple, Mystical Paradise, and Glory of Virgins! He, Who is our God from before all ages took flesh from you and became a child. He made your womb a throne, and greater than the heavens. In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. All praise be to you!

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he will not fear. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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The Lenten Prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian.

In the Eastern Catholic Church, this prayer is added to church services during the Lenten season. Add it to your daily prayers!



- Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter. (Prostration)
- Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. (Prostration)

• Yes, O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brothers and sisters; for You are blessed now and ever and forever. Amen. (Prostration)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Dear Parishioners and Friends! We welcome you to our Sunday Liturgy with the indoor service. Please keep in mind that social distancing applies and wearing a mask during the celebration of the Liturgy is mandatory to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Support your Church In addition to caring for your neighbor and taking care of yourself, one of the most practical ways to help the Church is to continue to do what you have always done: support our parish with your financial resources. Please, continue to contribute to your parish, even during the period you are unable to attend the Liturgy, with your gifts of alms during this Great Fast. Parishioners' weekly contributions are the main source of financial support for our parish, and while some expenses may be a little lower during this time, parishes have many fixed costs that need to be attended to. You may send your donations to PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

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EASTER SCHEDULE 2021

GREAT THURSDAY, APRIL 01 6:00PM

- MATINS OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST
(Reading of Twelve Gospels)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 02 3:00PM

- VESPERS & PROCESSION WITH THE HOLY SHROUD

**SUNDAY, APRIL 04, EASTER SUNDAY –
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

8:00AM - NADHROBNE. PROCESSION.
RESURRECTION MATINS.

DIVINE LITURGY - BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS.

