

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt



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5th Sunday of Lent

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45



Welcome to all of our visitors! If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the *work of the people* and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

Weekly Schedule for the sixth week of Lent:

Wednesday 4/20 7:20 PM— Moleben (Prayer Service) To The Holy Cross followed by Discovering Orthodoxy Class *topic: Holy Week*

Friday 4/22 7:20 PM— Presanctified Liturgy followed by Potluck Dinner

Saturday 4/23 9AM Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy **10AM-2PM**- Confessions

Sunday 4/24 10AM— Divine Liturgy— Palm Sunday



Tropar Tone 5: Blue Book page 93, Red Book page 108.

Tropar and Kondak of St. Mary of Egypt - Blue book pg. 185, Red Book pg. 207.

The story of St. Mary of Egypt is a story of true repentance. It is a story for each of us to contemplate deep in our hearts and in our souls as we approach Holy Week. St. Mary's story tells us that we are not born Saints, but rather by the grace of God, through repentance, we can all become Saints.

Just like St. Mary of Egypt we are all tempted by the *passions* in this life. Whether they be lust, greed, pride, or any *passion*, each of us are tempted by them everyday. Just like St. Mary we all have within in us the potential to be a Saint! We all have the ability to do exactly what she did—we all have the ability to ask our Lord for forgiveness. We all have the ability to repent, with our whole heart and with our whole soul.

As you think about the story of St. Mary of Egypt think about the *passion* in your life that you must confess. Then ask God for the strength to make that confession, so that on Good Friday each of us can be with the Lord at the foot of His Cross.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Have you been to a Lenten service during the week yet?**- If not, your running out of time!
- **Panachida this morning-** For Helen Knuth + of the 3rd anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord. Eternal memory!
- **Confessions-** *Don't wait until Holy Week! Come for Confession an hour before any service except Sunday Divine Liturgy. Confessions are heard in the privacy of the sacristy or in front of the Iconostas is the Church is empty. This is an essential part of your life in the Church, this is how Christ heals us in our brokenness. You can't receive healing without first visiting the Divine Physician and receiving the medicine that only He can provide. This **Saturday from 10AM (Following Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy) -2PM** Fr. Matthew will be in the Church if you would like to come and receive confession at that time. If you need to receive Confession on a Sunday please see Fr. Matthew to make arrangements!*
- **Sunday School Project/Palm Sunday Preparations-** Today the Sunday School students (and anyone who wants) will be making Palm Crosses!
- **Coffee Hour-** Thank you to Pani Kathryn for providing this weeks Coffee Hour! Next will be provided by Cathy Sparks, and then we will be celebrating the Feast of Feasts together! Don't forget to bring your Easter Basket!
- **Palms, Willows, and Paschal Flowers-** Palms and willows for next Sunday have been donated in memory of George Page Sr.+ Eternal Memory! Thank you to **Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church** in Roswell for providing us with a generous donation for Easter flowers. If you would like to add any flowers to the arrangement in memory of a departed loved one or for the health of a loved one please make your donation by today!
- **ACRY Bowling Tournament-** The ACRY which is the Diocesan philanthropic and social organization will be visiting all of us soon! The group has members of all ages, and anyone who is interested in participating in the weekends activities is sure to have a wonderful and memorable time. You will make new friends and probably want to travel to the next event! The event will take place from May 27th through the 30th. All of the specific information can be found online at ACROd.org or specifically at <http://www.acrod.org/organizations/senioracry/acryn-e/acrycomevents/2016-bt>. If you have any questions please feel free to ask FR. Matthew! **For anyone interested in helping-Here are some things you can do!** - On Friday May 27th we can expect most guests to be arriving at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in Marietta. Anyone who like to help greet visitors and help them sign in for the weekend please let me know! Also there is traditionally a "hospitality room" at the hotel where people can get a free bite to eat after a long day of travel—anyone who would like to provide food for the hospitality room, let Fr. Matthew know. This is a great way to help! More things will come up as the days get closer but if you have any questions or want to help out in any way please let Father know!
- **Holy Week Schedule-** If you have not seen it yet, the Holy Week Schedule is posted on the front page of our website in the calendar. If you have seen it there are a few changes so take an extra look!
- **Thank you to everyone for working so hard around the Church all throughout the week!**
- **Mugs for Sale!**- Miriam Griffin would like to place an order of elegant coffee mugs with a Cross on them. The order needs to be placed this week! The total cost for the order will be around \$400. Anyone who would like to contribute to the cost of the order please see Miriam! All proceeds will go the building fund for the continued beautification of the Church grounds!



Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining , Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela , Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blanar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae , The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Milesenko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!

