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**The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**  
**Epistle:** *Hebrews 9:11-14*  
**Gospel:** *Mark 10:32-45*



### Christ is Among us!

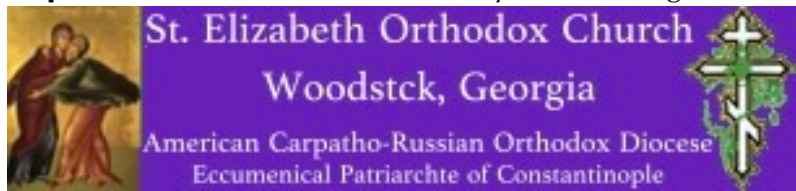
Christ is among us! He is and always shall be! Welcome to St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church and thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us!! What a joy it is to be together in God's House. If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before, you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the work of the people and that means that all of your prayers are necessary and you have a job to do this morning! 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 blessing be with all of you!



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Join us next door for Coffee, Food, and Fellowship in Christ!

### The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt



### Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

using the Blue Pew Book

**Tuesday 4/23 9am-** Cleaning/Organizing the Church Hall

**Wednesday 4/24 5:15-6:15-** Presanctified Liturgy  
**6:15-7:15-** Adult Catechism Class

**Friday 4/26 10 am-** Preparing Floral Arrangements  
**5:30 pm-** Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday 4/27 9 am-** Divine Liturgy: Lazarus Saturday

**4pm-** Great Vespers for Palm Sunday

**Sunday 4/28 10 am-** Divine Liturgy: The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem

**1 pm-** Bridegroom Matins

**Holy Monday 4/29 9 am -** Presanctified Liturgy

**5:15 pm-** Bridegroom Matins

**Holy Tuesday 4/30 9 am-** Presanctified Liturgy

**5:30 pm-** Bridegroom Matins

**Holy Wednesday 5/01 9 am-** Presanctified Liturgy

**6 pm-** The Sacrament of Holy Unction

**Holy Thursday 5/02 9 am-** Vespereal Liturgy: The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

**6 pm-** The Matins of Good Friday: The Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels

**8 pm-** *Setting up the Tomb & Preparing the Church for Good Friday*

**Holy Friday 5/03 9 am-** The Royal Hours of Good Friday

**7pm-** The Vespers of Good Friday: The Burial Service of our Lord

**Holy Saturday 5/04 9am-** The Vespereal Liturgy of Holy Saturday

**7pm-** Resurrection Matins

**PASCHA 5/05 10 am-** The Divine Liturgy on the Great Day of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior

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## Saint Mary of Egypt and Why Her Story Matters

The life of St. Mary of Egypt is a story of true repentance, conversion, and transformation in Christ. Born in Egypt in the 5th century, St. Mary lived a life of sin as a prostitute. She traveled to Jerusalem to indulge in her sinful lifestyle, but one day, while attempting to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, she was prevented from entering by an invisible force. After being prevented from entering the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, St. Mary of Egypt had a profound spiritual awakening. She realized that her life of sin had separated her from God and that her only hope for salvation was to repent and turn her life around. Filled with sorrow and remorse for her past sins, she resolved to dedicate the rest of her life to penance and spiritual discipline.

Feeling a strong calling to withdraw from the world and live a life of solitude and prayer, St. Mary left Jerusalem and made her way to the desert. There, she lived in isolation, subsisting on wild plants and herbs and wearing only rags for clothing. She spent her days in prayer and fasting, engaging in rigorous ascetic practices such as standing in prayer for hours on end, even when her body was in pain.

Despite the harsh conditions of her life as a hermit, St. Mary found great peace and joy in her relationship with God. Over time, she became known as a holy woman, and her reputation spread throughout the region. Many people sought her out for spiritual counsel and guidance, and she became a beloved figure in the early Christian Church.

St. Mary's example of radical repentance and self-denial continues to inspire Christians to this day. Her life reminds us that no matter how far we may have strayed from God, it is always possible to turn our lives around and to seek forgiveness and transformation through repentance and prayer.

St. Mary's is celebrated as an example of the transformative power of repentance and the potential for all people to become saints. Her story also illustrates the importance of humility, as she rejected her former way of life and lived in poverty and self-denial in the desert.

Just like St. Mary of Egypt, we are all tempted by the passions in this life. Whether it be envy, jealousy, lust, anger, greed, pride, or any sin; each of us are tempted by the devil and his lies every day. The Church reminds us, that just like St. Mary of Egypt we all have within us the potential to be a saint! We all have the ability to do exactly what she did. We all have the ability, the gift, and the obligation to ask our Lord for forgiveness. We all have the opportunity to repent, with our whole heart and with our whole soul just like St. Mary and just like the good thief on the cross. Not only can we change, but it is when we change that we truly become Christians.

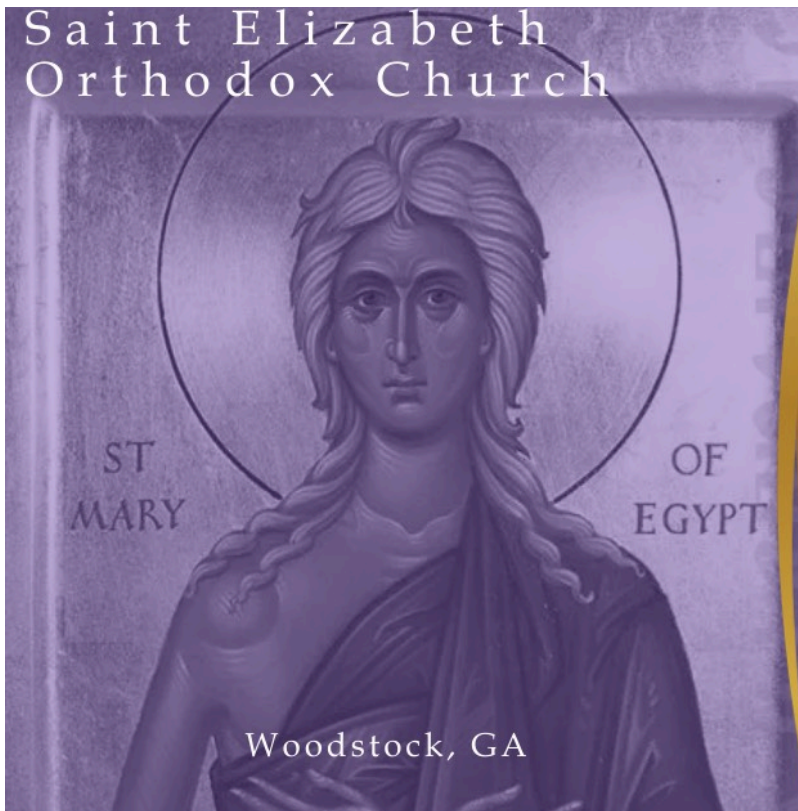
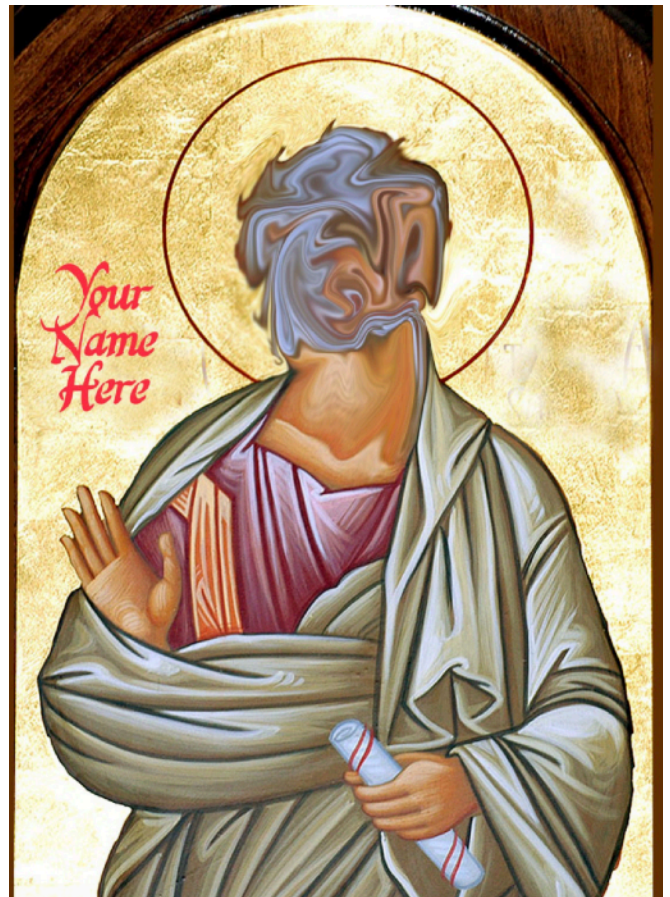
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## Saint Mary of Egypt and Why Her Story Matters Continued

Repentance is not just about confessing sins, it's about turning away from them and striving for holiness. As we approach Holy Week, we are reminded of the importance of repentance and self-examination. St. Mary of Egypt's life shows us that we can all change and become more Christ-like. By examining our own lives and confessing our sins, we move towards union with God.

St. Mary of Egypt's life teaches us that through the grace of God and the power of repentance, transformation to holiness and sainthood is possible for all of us. As we prepare for Holy Week, let us take inspiration from her example and renew our commitment to becoming holy like Christ is holy. May we all strive to become saints, following in the footsteps of St. Mary of Egypt and all the holy men and women who have gone before us.

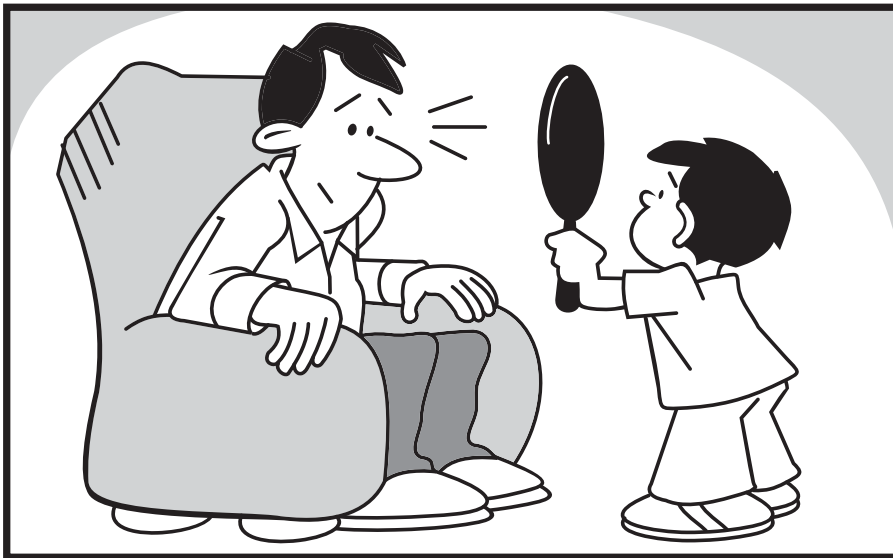
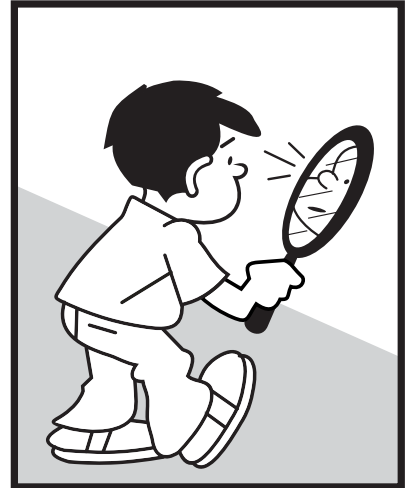


"Shine your compassion upon us, Saint Mary, as the desert sun shone upon your quest for purity and eternity. We also yearn for holiness, but without help we perish in our impure desires and worldly notions. For this reason, we humbly seek your blessings and pursue a life of prayer and worship: Rejoice, seeker of God's glorious restoration. Rejoice, for you worshipped on a steadfast rock of faith. Rejoice, knower of Christ's innocent sacrifice. Rejoice, for you prayed in a vast land of forgiveness. Rejoice, Saint Mary of Egypt, desert mother and fearless conqueror."  
-From the Akathist Hymn of Saint Mary of Egypt

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**PARISH LIFE (REFLECTIONS)**

**BY FR. MATT and JOHNNY**



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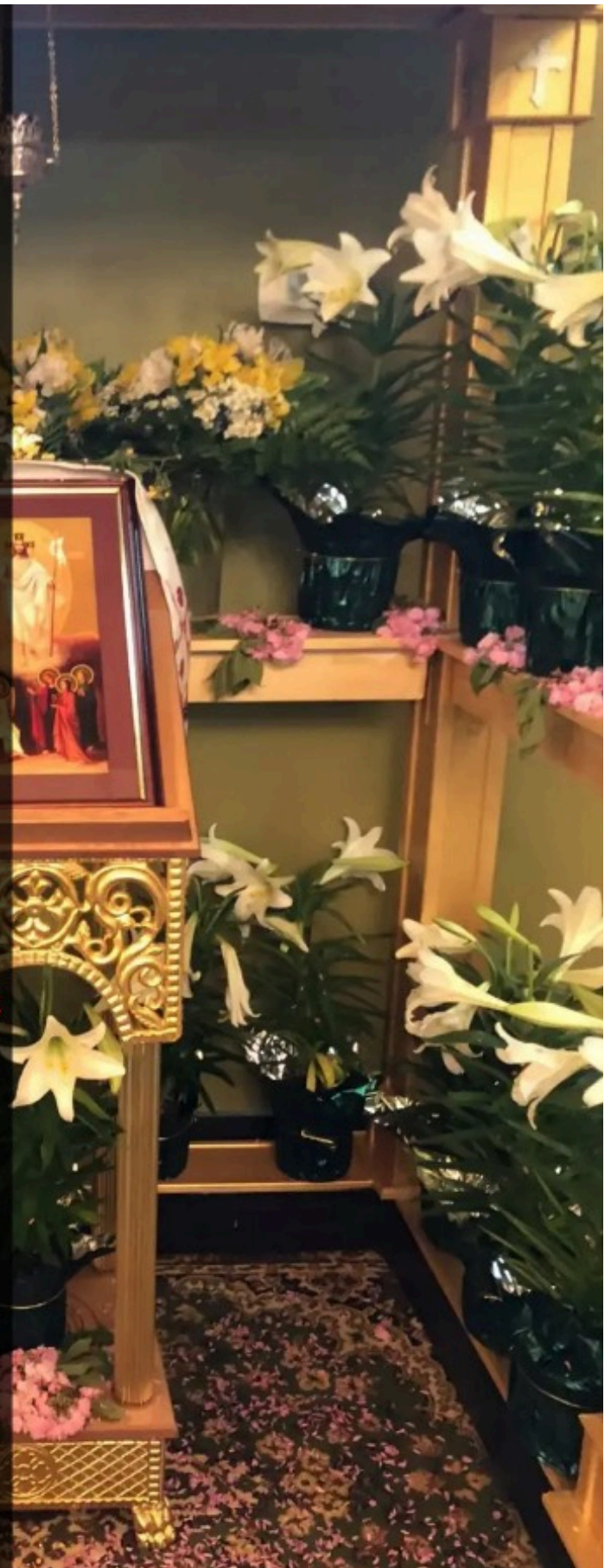
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TO BE REMEMBERED DURING  
THE PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY.**

*God Bless You!*

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## Invitation to the 74th Annual Memorial Metropolitan Orestes Bowling Tournament

Dear Members of the Saint Elizabeth's Parish Family,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits as we travel through the final days of great Lent and approach the solemn time of Holy Week. The members of our local ACRY chapter are writing to extend a warm invitation to you and your families to join us for a weekend filled with fellowship, and fun in Christ as we host the 74th Annual Memorial Metropolitan Orestes Bowling Tournament.



Before we delve into the exciting details and great opportunities of this event, we wanted to shed some light on the organization behind it - the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Youth (ACRY). The ACRY is more than just an organization; it's a vibrant community and family filled with Orthodox Christians from all across our diocese. The ACRY is dedicated to fostering fellowship, philanthropy, and spiritual growth. Local chapters like ours here at Saint Elizabeth's come together under the umbrella of the national organization, supporting our parishes, engaging in charitable endeavors, and nurturing strong bonds of camaraderie. As many of our local families here at Saint Elizabeth's have discovered, this group is for everyone!

Our parish began its relationship with the ACRY back in 2016, recognizing the value of connecting with fellow diocesan members and Orthodox Christians beyond the confines of our local community. Since then, we've witnessed the profound impact of this decision, both within our parish and in the wider diocesan family. It's been a source of joy to see individuals of all ages and backgrounds come together, united by their love for our faith in Christ, their desire to serve others, and promise of developing bonds of friendship with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

This year, we have the distinct honor of hosting the 74th Annual Memorial Metropolitan Orestes Bowling Tournament. This tournament holds a special significance as it pays homage to our founding bishop, Metropolitan Orestes, a beloved figure known not only for his spiritual leadership but also for his passion for sports, particularly bowling. It's a fitting tribute to his memory and a testament to the enduring spirit of fellowship that he championed throughout his life.

We invite you to partake in this weekend of celebration and fellowship, where you'll have the opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow parishioners, members of our diocesan family, and our beloved bishop, His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory. Whether you're a seasoned bowler or just looking to enjoy some quality time with your church community, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

In addition to the bowling tournament, we have planned a series of fellowship events and activities designed to deepen our bonds as a parish and strengthen our connection to the wider diocesan family. Aside from the bowling, there will be fellowship events and meals at the Church on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday this Memorial Day Weekend from the 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> of May. Please consider volunteering and participating in the events of the weekend by purchasing a meal package. A special prize will be offered to members and families who like to learn more about the ACRY and volunteer to host this special event in the life of our community. The Church will be full that weekend for Vespers and Liturgy and it is something you will be grateful that you attend. The memory of our Church full echoing the Paschal Hymn "Christ is Risen!" with full voice will be one to cherish.

Our priest, Fr. Matthew spent his childhood and young adult years very active in this organization and he currently serves as one of the spiritual advisors for the Jr. ACRY. This event promises ample opportunities to connect, learn, and grow together in faith and fellowship.

We sincerely hope you'll join us for this memorable weekend as we come together to celebrate our shared faith and the beauty of belonging to a faith community that extends far beyond the walls of our church. Together, let's embrace the spirit of unity and love that defines the ACRY and make this event one to remember.

With warm regards & love in Christ,

The members of Saint Elizabeth ACRY Chapter #9



WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA



# NATIONAL ACRY WEEKEND

74TH ANNUAL  
METROPOLITAN  
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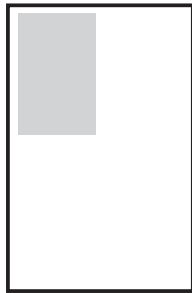
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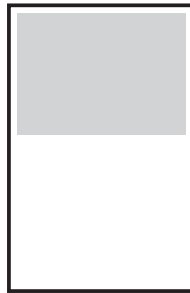
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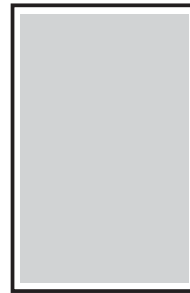
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# Am I Having A Good Lent?



A crossword puzzle grid with the following starting points:

- 1: Down, 10 cells
- 2: Across, 6 cells
- 3: Across, 11 cells
- 4: Down, 3 cells
- 5: Across, 8 cells
- 6: Down, 10 cells
- 7: Across, 11 cells
- 8: Down, 10 cells
- 9: Across, 8 cells

### ACROSS

- 2. Have I been abstaining from certain foods as a reminder that God is the very source of my life?
- 3. We do this in our homes this time of year, but have I done this for my soul?
- 5. Have I utilized this great Sacrament that reunites me to the church when I stray away like the Prodigal Son?
- 7. Have I made an increased effort to attend these not only on Sundays, but all throughout the week?
- 9. God has blessed me with so much, have I been \_\_\_\_\_?

### DOWN

- 1. Have I attended this evening service during the week where Holy Communion is offered?
- 4. Have I made sure to do this each morning and evening and throughout every day?
- 5. Have I shared the blessing given to me by God with my brothers and sisters who are in need? If I have then I've been this!
- 6. Have I \_\_\_\_\_ my brothers and sisters who may have sinned against me; just like my Father in Heaven does for me?
- 8. Have I been one of these for Christ and His Church by giving back to God what He has so richly blessed me with?

## Announcements:

- **It's already the 5th Sunday of Great Lent-** This Sunday and the following week are actually our last days of Great Lent. This Saturday is Lazarus Saturday and marks the first days of Holy Week. As we think about our spiritual efforts this Lent we should ask ourselves have I journeyed with Christ so far this Lent? Am I praying, fasting, repenting, and making my best effort to be fed by the Divine Service of the Church? Have I made a good Confession? If we have fallen short in our efforts to draw nearer to Christ, we still have time ahead of us. Don't be discouraged, take up your cross and follow after Christ! *Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!*
- **Palm Sunday Group Photo Next Week After the Liturgy!**
- **Sunday School Today-** The older kids will meet in the Church or the Narthex (or the kitchen if the teachers prefer) and the Youngers will meet in the middle Sunday School room.
- **Reorganizing After the Renovation-** If you would like to help organize the items moved and boxed during the renovation we will begin some of this work on Tuesday morning. This will be a process over the course of the week, along with the Hurstellers moving upstairs. Please feel free to reach out with times you are available and would like to help with these ongoing efforts so that our parish ready to go for Holy Week and Pascha!
- **Make a Special Donation for Flowers to decorate the Church for Holy Week and Pascha-** The Church is always so beautiful this time of year. Please consider helping to beautify the Church by making a special donations for flowers to decorate the Church. Donations can be made in memory or for the health of a loved one. If you make a special donation, please email me names and intentions to be posted in a special prayer list in the Easter Bulletin.
- **Help Needed to Prepare Flowers for Palm Sunday and Pascha-** Please consider spending some time here throughout the day this Friday to help prepare flowers for Palm Sunday, the tomb on Good Friday, and teh Church on Pascha. Join us around 10 am this Friday 4/26. This is usually an all day affair. If you are able please come offer a hand.
- **Make Sure to do the Crossword Puzzle as a way to examine how your Lenten Season is going.**
- **ACRY Weekend over Memorial Day-** Over a hundred faithful members of our Diocese and our Bishop will be here to visit with us for the National ACRY Weekend over Memorial Day! **I hope that all of you are able to attend the events of the weekend!** There is a meal package available for purchase that includes the hospitality welcome on Friday night at the Church, dinner on both Saturday and Sunday night and breakfast on Sunday morning. Please support this event by attending, you won't regret it! **Please also consider purchasing an add for the memorial booklet!** All purchases can be made at [www.ACRYWoodstock.com](http://www.ACRYWoodstock.com)
- **Coffee Hour During Lent-** Make sure to prepare lenten, fasting appropriate dishes that are meat and dairy free. Every Sunday is potluck, so bring a dish, and don't forget to make an offering in the coffee hour area to cover coffee hour supplies!
- **Help Your Parish Continue to Grow by Making a Special Lenten Contribution to the Building Fund!**
- **Church Hall Renovation-** The Work is Nearly Completed!
- **Saint Elizabeth Magazine** to be published in the Paschal Bulletin with articles written by you! All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this fruitful ministry. Write an article on anything related to the Orthodox Church and submit to Fr. Matthew for review and publication. Your article could be about theology, Church History, personal experience, parenting, spirituality, or really anything that would be appropriate in an Orthodox Magazine. Please consider writing an article during lent for everyone to enjoy on Pascha! The deadline to submit an article is Palm Sunday, April 28th.



# Traditional Saint Elizabeth's Parish Family Paschal Feast

Our Parish family at Saint Elizabeth's has a beautiful tradition we follow as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Following the Paschal Divine Liturgy, we bless baskets that we've all prepared in our homes, filled with our favorite foods, and share in the feast together. This tradition has become something that we love and look forward to with great anticipation each year. Sharing in the joys of the Resurrection in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ is so important for all of us. It's good for the soul. I ask all of you to please stay after the Liturgy on Pascha (05/05) and share in this joyous event with your parish family. Invite your family and friends and give them the blessing of sharing in the joys salvation given to us by our Lord. There will be seating inside and outside under tents and the grills will be hot! Make the most of the rest of the days of Lent to truly appreciate the joys of the Great Day!



# How do I make an Easter Basket?

The next page has pictures and descriptions of many items that you would find in a Traditional Carpatho-Rusin Easter Basket. Similar foods could be found in any Eastern European or Russian basket. But that doesn't mean that's what you need to put in yours. You can use the picture on the next page as guide. A basket usually has a basket cover and candle (*along with the food of course!*).

The basket is filled with all the foods that we've fasted from in Church over the days of Lent & Holy Week. That means that your basket should be filled with all the things you plan to eat as you *break the fast* and celebrate the Paschal Feast here at Saint Elizabeth's.

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, we celebrate the Feast of Feasts; and so like with any celebration, we should share in a joyous meal. It is a long standing tradition in the Church to prepare a basket with the foods you've been fasting from and bring it to Church to have it blessed by the Priest. At Saint Elizabeth's we bless our Easter Baskets following the Divine Liturgy on Pascha. Bring your basket and share in the feast!

If you have any questions about preparing an Easter Basket please let me know. **You can make this a tradition that your children will cherish, associate with Christ's Resurrection, and look forward to each year!**



*The Blessing of Easter Baskets*

# HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET

"TEXT ADAPTED FROM AN ARTICLE BY FR. BASIL KRAYNYAK, GCU MESSENGER, APRIL, 1979" ILLUSTRATED BY FR. JONATHAN BANNON



**PASCHA** - The Easter Bread (Pron. Pa-ska.) A sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait given it a crowned effect or Greek

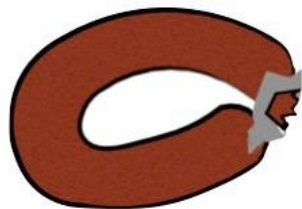
**CHEESE** - (Rusyn: Hrudka or Sirec) A custard type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.



**HAM** - (Rusyn: Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The Flesh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.



**BUTTER** - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

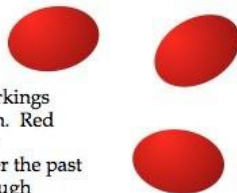


**SAUSAGE** (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron. kolbus-i.) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.

**BACON** - (Rusyn: Slanina pron. sla-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



**EGGS** (Rusyn: Pisanki pron. pi-sun-ki) Hardboiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax, indicative of new life and resurrection. Red eggs are also traditional date back to a story with St. Mary Magdalene. Having been dyed with onion skins saved over the past year, red shows the color of life and victory that came through Christ's blood.

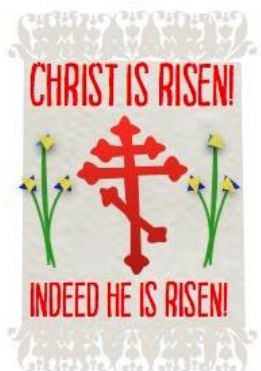


**SALT** - (Rusyn: Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



**HORSERADISH** (Rusyn: Chrin pron. khirin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (optional) symbolizes the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket. A decorated candle is placed inside and is lit at the time of the blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church. In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought





# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

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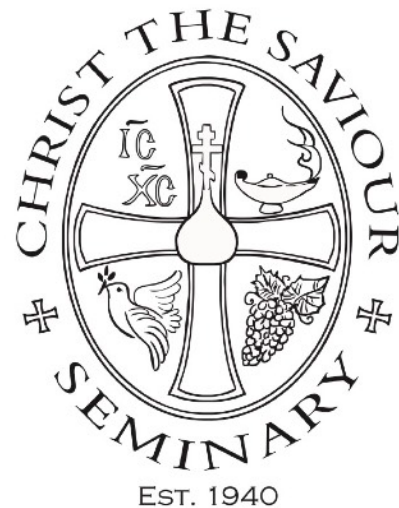
SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
4th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 14th</b>	 <b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 21st</b>	 <b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 28th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 ..... <b>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</b> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>MAY 3rd</b>	 <b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <b>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</b> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>MAY 5th</b> NO FASTING!	 ..... <b>BRIGHT WEEK</b> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

## Prayer For Vocations

Master of all, You promised us, "I will be with you always, even until the very end of the world," and You have taught, "I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Mindful of this pledge, we beseech Your great goodness to inspire men to the Holy Priesthood, the service of Your Holy Orthodox Church, so that she may properly be able to fulfill Your will for Your people in this age. There are children to baptize, the sick to heal, and the dying to care for. There is the Bread of Life to distribute, and the Word of God to teach. There are sins to forgive, and charity to be done in Your Name. Send Your Church in this hour and in every age "vessels of clay" to be instruments of Your presence. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.

## Prayer For The Priesthood & For our Diocesan Seminarians

O Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of Your sheep, light the fire of ardent love in the hearts of all Your priests, that they may ever and in all things seek only Your glory. Remember especially, Lord, our Metropolitan Gregory, and our spiritual fathers who are laboring in Your vineyard for the salvation of all those whom You have entrusted to them. Remember also, O Lord, all our Seminarians and their families. Make their lives as holy as the word they preach. Keep them from being discouraged. Hear their prayers for our salvation. Give them wisdom and courage to proclaim Your truth. Make them priests after Your own heart. For You are a merciful God who loves us, and to You we give glory, together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.



### Parish Family Prayer List

*For the Health of:* The Melnikoff Family, Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Kara, Joanna, James, Athanasia, Ethel, Tyler, Maria, Page Family, Dean, Margaret, Metropolitan Gregory and his family, David, Joseph, Maria Starcova, David & Paulette Novak, Suzette, Bob, David, Marilyn & family, Mark, Fr. Dcn. Stephen, Michelle, James, Rachel, Kate, Fr. Blaschak & Family, Larry, Alexandra, Tammy, Trahan & Skiba Family, The Hood Family, the Milesenko Family, the Blonar Family, Burt, Sandy, Stephanie, Mary, Tommy, Stephen, Emilia, Simon, Alisha, & Aaron Zak, the Puziculiks Family, Fr. Andy, Davina, & Alexandra, Stan, Fr. Dcn. Charlie & Family, Justin, Charlie, Herbert Schleining, Spencer, Julie, Anna, Galina & Family, Irinia & Family, Fr. Jim & Pani Kathy Dutko, Rick, Katlain, Elenor, Teddy, Mark, Robert & Cindy, Melissa, Ben, Anthony, Rachel, Christine, Cora, Rick, Michelle, Tim, Robert, The Kelemecz Family, Leonard, Leo, & the Olaru Family, Joanna Price, Kim, Isaiah, the Wells Family, Dave, Ashley & family, Mary, Tim, Andrew, Robert, Derrick, Michael, Eli, Ean, Ellie, Amber, Christopher, Deborah, Nick & Rosemary, Mike, Elaiane, Roy, Lin, Dave, Sarah, George, & Edward, Stephen, Caleb, Amelia, Simon, David, the Gdovin Family, the Rodgers Family, the Kundrat Family, Yvone, George, Amberly, & baby Stella, Jessie, Dexter, Julia, Dan, Cora, Gabriel, Ethan, Tripp, Rachel, Lilly, Emmie, Charlie, Michelle, Serge, Mark, Johnny, Yvette Christine, Johanna, Nicole, Caroline, Alexander, Kelly, Henery, & Benjamin

*For the Departed:* Evelyn & Boris Melnikoff+, Patricia+, James+, Stephen+, Anna+, Charles+, Robert+, Loraine+. Helen+, Lewis+, Jean+, Vera+, George+, George+, Ernie+, Eddie+, Maria+, Carl+, Mark+, Barry+, Josph+, Phillip+, Jenny+, Peter+, Bryan+, Rebecca+, Fr. Paul+, Maria+, Fr. Hazuda+, George Smisko+, Helen Spanovich+, Bob+, Alma+, Bo+, Saddy+, Fr. William George+, Violet+, Fr. Kozar+, Benjamin+, John Haddad+, Fred & Helen Milesenko+, Anna+, Natalie+, Lilly+, Christine+, Anna+, Tamara+, Anastasia+, Yvonne+, John+, Betty+, Ada+, Peter+ & Wanda+, George+, Jerry+, Barb+ & Harry+, Beth+, Louise+, Nikolay+, David+, Fr. Michael+, Natalie+, Helen+, Ted+, Tom+, Mike+, Madeline+, Tim+, Fr. John Baranek, Reader Stephen+, Dean+, Fr. Larry+, Kris+, Wathen+, Pani Elenor+, Fr. Michael+, Sally+, David+, Gene+, Kenny+, Ava+, Fr. Tony Josph+ & Pani Patsy+, Anatoly+, Fr. Scott+, Steve+, Claudia+, Dave+, Fr. John Duranko, Michael+, Sarah Elizabeth+ Ester+, Julie+, +Michael, +Joe, Mary+

*Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers & Mothers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!*

Holy Saint Elizabeth Pray for us!



Keep Your Parish Family in Your Prayers!

Eternal Memory!



Christ is Among us!