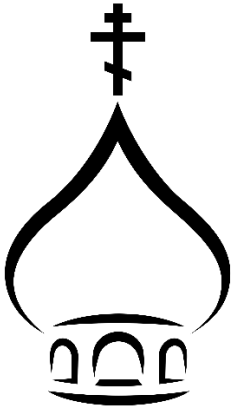


**Divine Liturgy**  
Sunday, April 10, 2022  
**Fifth Sunday of Great Lent**  
**St. Mary of Egypt**



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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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# Schedule for the Week of April 10, 2022

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 1. St Mary of Egypt.** Martyrs Terence, Pompeius, Africanus, Maximus, Zeno, Alexander, Theodore, Macarius, and 33 others, beheaded at Carthage (3rd c.). Martyrs James (Jacob) the Presbyter, and Azadanus and Abdicius–Deacons, of Persia (ca. 380). Hieromartyr Patriarch Gregory V of Constantinople.

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Nikolai's day off (call only with emergencies)

Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Coffee hour hosted by Victoria Dimonie

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

*\*\*\*Live Stream will also be available for all services.\*\*\**

### Sunday, April 10

#### St. Mary of Egypt

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Clergy Brotherhood Vespers - at Assumption UOC, Northampton

### Wednesday, April 13

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

### Friday, April 15

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Lenten Fish Dinner

7:00 pm - Compline (Lazarus)

### Saturday, April 16

#### Lazarus Saturday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 17**

**Palm Sunday**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Great and Holy Week**

**Monday, April 18**

**Holy Monday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Tuesday, April 19**

**Holy Tuesday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

**Wednesday, April 20**

**Holy Wednesday**

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Holy Unction

**Thursday, April 21**

**Holy Thursday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

7:00 pm - Matins of Holy Friday with the 12 Passion Gospels

**Friday, April 22**

**Holy Friday**

9:00 am - Royal Hours

4:00 pm - Burial Vespers

7:00 pm - Matins Lamentations

All Night Watch

**Saturday, April 23**

**Holy Saturday**

9:00 am - Vespertal Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday

**GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**

11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by the blessing of baskets & Agape meal

11:00 am - Agape Vespers

**Sunday, April 24**

**Monday, April 25**

**Bright Monday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Saturday, April 30**

**Sunday, May 1**

**St. Thomas Sunday**

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves

# Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 10, 2022  
**Fifth Sunday of Great Lent**  
**St. Mary of Egypt**

**Tone 1      Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

**Tone 8      Troparion**      *(St. Mary of Egypt)*

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother, for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

**Tone 1      Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

**Tone 3      Kontakion**      *(St. Mary of Egypt)*

Having been a sinful woman, thou becomest through repentance a bride of Christ. Having attained angelic life, thou didst defeat demons with the weapon of the Cross. Therefore, O most glorious Mary, thou art a bride of the Kingdom.

**Tone 1      Prokeimenon**      *(Resurrection)*

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! *(Ps. 32:22)*  
*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)*

**Tone 4      Prokeimenon**      *(St. Mary of Egypt)*

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. *(Ps. 67:35a)*

## Epistle

Read by David Metz

**(Hebrews 9:11-14)** But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**(Galatians 3:23-29 (St. Mary of Egypt))** But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

### Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)*

*He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)*

### Tone 1

*I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my supplication. (Ps. 39:1)*

## Gospel

**(Mark 10:32-45)** Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to 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 on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

**(Luke 7:36-50 (St. Mary of Egypt))** Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One

owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following)*

### **Hymn to the Theotokos**

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*  
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Red Egg Sign Up Sheet**

If you would like to donate a dozen red eggs, please sign up at the candle desk. Other Pascha sign up sheets are also available for grave watch and processions.



# **Candle Offerings**

## **Sunday, April 10, 2022**

### **Votives in Altar**

In Memory of Parents, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

### **Crosses**

In Memory Of Parents, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

### **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

In Memory Of Pauline Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

### **Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)**

In Memory Of Alex Hasenecz, Offered by Family

### **Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)**

Happy Birthday Margie Kavchok, Offered by Larissa, Joe, Aurora, Little Joe

### **Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)**

Happy Birthday Margie Kavchok, Offered by Joe

### **Altar Candles for Great Lent**

For the Health of Stetz and Grammes Families, Offered by Pat & Joan

## **Donations Received In Memory**

**In Memory of Paul Havrilko:** Offered by Alyssa Chrush-Weaver, Damian Drasher, Jane Florenz, Michael Isbansky, Nadine & Larry Miedreich, Carol Peto, Marie Polyniak, Gordon & Val Roberts, Pat & Wash Telepchak,

**In Memory of Nancy Junda:** Offered by Andrea Burns, Corey Gaby & Cora Capell, Michael Isbansky, Eric & Jaime Roth, Daria & Vladimir Selepouchin, Kimberly Zetts

**In Memory of Helen Karel:** Offered by Gordon & Val Roberts

**In Memory of Mary Radio:** Offered by Elizabeth Fedora

**In Memory of Paul Stepanoff:** Offered by Elizaeth Fedora, Elaine Kasmer, Michael & Francine Slivka,

## **Pussy Willow Branches**



Reminder: It will soon be time for pussy willows to start blooming. Please cut the branches of willows and bring them to the church as soon as they bloom. Since Pascha is April 24<sup>th</sup> we will need to store the willows until Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> for Palm Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please wrap the willows loosely in newspaper so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



## **Event Chairperson Wanted**

Given the recent success of our Christmas Bazaar and first fish dinner, it seems reasonable to discuss planning for a Russian Days festival, even a one day event would be fantastic, let's brainstorm! If you have any interest in chairing or co-chairing the event with a few other parishioners please see Father Nikolai or Lori Lezinsky. Thank you

## **Frozen Pierogi For Sale**

We have a surplus of frozen potato cheese pierogi in the downstairs freezer. To help us clear out the freezer, we are making a special one time only deal for parishioners. The price for a dozen of pierogi will be \$5.00 - you can't beat the price for our wonderful hand pinched pierogi. Please see Patty Felix during coffee hour. Please note this one time only deal is for parishioners only. And yes, we will give some to charitable organizations such as the soup kitchen, New Bethany Ministries, etc Thank you for your support of the pierogi project.

## **Spring Clean Up**

Volunteers wanted to assist with spring clean up of landscaping and trimming of hedges around the church. Weather permitting, we will meet at church on Saturday, April 9, 2022 immediately following the Divine Liturgy (approximately 10:30 am). If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Pat Grammes.

# **Children's Bulletins Are Back**

Children's bulletins are back, along with a weekly activity sheet. Look for them on the small stand to the left of the regular bulletin shelf, or on the lower half of the main bulletin shelf.

## **Fish Dinners**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our April 1st fish dinner a success! In order to have the same success on April 15th your support is needed. Please consider lending a hand on Friday, April 15th. Preparation will start after Liturgy. Any time you are able to give will be helpful, thank you!

## **Reminder - Fish Dinner Baked Goods**

Reminder to those who have volunteered to bake cakes for our Lenten Fish Dinners to please deliver to the church by 3:00 pm on April 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Grammes.

## **A Note of Thanks**

I want to thank my St. Nicholas parish family for the cards phone calls and prayers. They have been a great comfort to me during this difficult time. I really miss being in church and am so looking forward to get back to attending services. Wishing you all a blessed journey to the Great Feast of Pascha.

With love in Christ,  
Matushka Pat

## **A Note of Thanks**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my St. Nicholas family for their very generous gifts. Your support is deeply appreciated at this challenging time. I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

In Christ,

Laura Riley

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:**

**Metropolitan Herman**

**Igumen David Lewis**

**Archbishop Paul Gassos**

**Archpriests:** Thomas Edwards, John Perich, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

**Priests:** Nikolai Breckenridge, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

**Subdeacons:** Michael (Frank) Guydan

**Matushki:** Liudmyla Breckenridge, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

**Servants:** Ann Marie Bretz, Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Michael Bzik, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Betty Fedora, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Emily Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Joseph Pinkowicz, Regina Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Laurel Riley, Gordon Roberts, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Dorothy Stafiniak, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witaneck, Robert, Alaina

**Handmaidens of God:** Lara Bessman, Tosha Roberts, Valerie Stepanoff, and their unborn children, Stephanie Sica and her newborn daughter.

**Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.**