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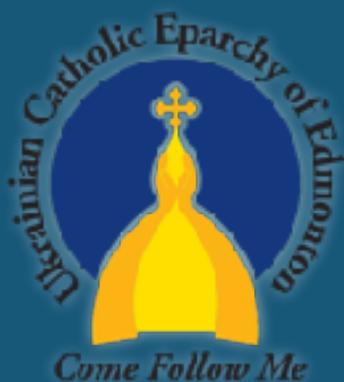
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Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast: Our Venerable Mother, Mary of Egypt. Tone 4. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of the Monastery of Medicus (824)

Our Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2022

PALM SUNDAY:	10 AM <i>Divine Liturgy with Willow blessing</i>
GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY:	6 PM <i>Matins of the Passion</i>
GOOD FRIDAY:	3 PM <i>Vespers with the laying out of the Shroud.</i> Followed by: <i>Confessions.</i>
HOLY SATURDAY:	3 PM <i>Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil</i> Followed by: <i>Nadhrobne</i>
PASCHA - EASTER SUNDAY	9 AM <i>Resurrectional Matins,</i> Followed by: <i>Resurrectional Divine Liturgy</i> Followed by: <i>Blessing of Easter Baskets.</i>

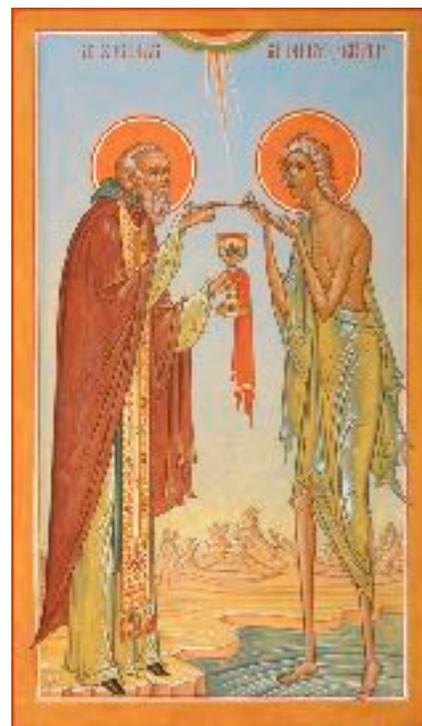
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

recalls the memory of Saint Mary of Egypt, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that no amount of sin and wickedness can keep a person from God if he truly repents. Christ himself has come "to call sinners to repentance" and to save them from their sins (Lk 5.32). In addition, Saint Mary tells us that it is never too late in life—or in Lent—to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him even at the eleventh hour of their lives. But their coming must be in serious and sincere repentance.

written by Fr. Thomas Hopko

The life of St. Mary of Egypt is **VERY WORTHWHILE READING...** but it is a little long for this bulletin. I encourage you to find it online. One link where you can find it is:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/04/01/100963-venerable-mary-of-egypt>



Venerable Nicetas the Confessor, Abbot of Medikion

Saint Niké̄tas the Confessor was born in Bithynian Caesarea (northwest Asia Minor) of a pious family. His mother died eight days after his birth, and his father Philaretos became a monk. The child remained in the care of his grandmother, who raised him in a true Christian spirit. From his youth Saint Niké̄tas attended church and was a disciple of the hermit Stephanos. With his blessing, Saint Niké̄tas set off to the Mydicia monastery, where Saint Niké̄phoros (March 13) was the igumen.

After seven years of virtuous life at the monastery, famed for its strict monastic rule, Saint Niké̄tas was ordained presbyter. Saint Niké̄phoros, knowing the holy life of the young monk, entrusted to him the guidance of the monastery when he himself became ill.

Not wanting power, Saint Niké̄tas devoted himself to the enlightenment and welfare of the monastery. He guided the brethren by his own example. Soon the fame of the lofty life of its inhabitants of the monastery attracted many seeking salvation. After several years, the number of monks had increased to one hundred.

When Saint Niké̄phoros departed to the Lord in his old age, the brethren unanimously chose Saint Niké̄tas as igumen.

The Lord granted Saint Niké̄tas the gift of wonderworking. Through his prayer a deaf-mute child received the gift of speech; two demon-possessed women were healed; he restored reason to one who had lost his mind, and many of the sick were healed of their infirmities.

During these years under the emperor Leo the Armenian (813-820), the Iconoclast heresy resurfaced and oppression increased. Orthodox bishops were deposed and banished. At Constantinople a council of heretics was convened in 815, at which they deposed the holy Patriarch Niké̄phoros (806-815), and in his place they chose the heretical layman Theodotus. They also installed heretics in place of exiled and imprisoned Orthodox bishops.

The emperor summoned all the heads of the monasteries and tried to bring them over to the Iconoclast heresy. Among those summoned was Saint Niké̄tas, who stood firmly for the Orthodox confession. Following his example, all the igumens remained faithful to the veneration of holy icons. Therefore, they threw him into prison. Saint Niké̄tas bravely underwent all the tribulations and encouraged firmness of spirit in the other prisoners.

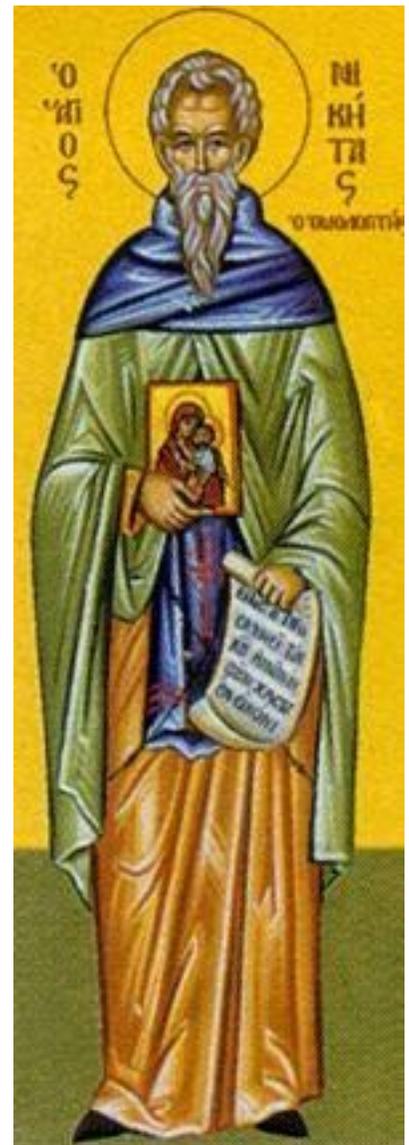
Then the emperor and the false patriarch Theodotus attempted to trick those who remained faithful to Orthodox teaching. They promised that the emperor would give them their freedom and permit the veneration of the icons on one condition: that they take Communion from the pseudo-patriarch Theodotus.

For a long time the saint had doubts about entering into communion with a heretic, but other prisoners begged him to go along with them. Acceding to their entreaties, Saint Niké̄tas went into the church, where icons were put out to deceive the confessors, and he accepted Communion.

But when he returned to his monastery and saw that the persecution against icons was continuing, he then repented of his deed, returned to Constantinople and fearlessly denounced the Iconoclast heresy. He ignored all the emperor's threats.

Saint Niké̄tas was again locked up in prison for six years until the death of the emperor Leo the Armenian. Enduring hunger and travail, Saint Niké̄tas worked miracles by the power of his prayers: through his prayer the Phrygian ruler released two captives without ransom; three shipwrecked men for whom Saint Niké̄tas prayed, were thrown up on shore by the waves.

Saint Niké̄tas reposed in the Lord in 824. The saint's body was buried at the monastery with reverence. Later, his relics became a source of healing for those coming to venerate the holy confessor.



'I'm sorry for the tears,' says Ukrainian Catholic leader as he details life under bombardment



By [Hannah Brockhaus](#)

Rome Newsroom, Mar 29, 2022 / 12:25 pm

A Ukrainian Catholic leader became **visibly emotional** on Tuesday as he described the situation in the capital Kyiv, where he and other Catholics have been under Russian bombardment for over a month.

Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the leader of the **Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church**, was speaking via video to participants of an **online** and in-person meeting organized by the **Pontifical Oriental Institute** in Rome on March 29.

"I'm sorry for the tears," the major archbishop **said**. "With my people, I feel a duty to be a preacher of hope."

Starting a few days after Russia's full-scale invasion on Feb. 24, Shevchuk began to publish **daily video messages** about the situation in Ukraine.

The major archbishop noted that people had told him the messages were often an important source of information for them about what is happening in Ukraine.

He choked up as he said: "But they were spontaneous, just to let everyone know that I'm alive, that the city of Kyiv is alive."

"Some people said, I read, that I hid myself in a bunker. This makes me laugh because we don't have a bunker," Shevchuk said, adding that maybe some politicians have a bunker. "I have only my cathedral with a crypt."

The major archbishop said that on the day of the invasion, he and his priests tried to figure out what they could do to help. There were bridges that were closed and many people trying to leave the city were stuck and showed up at the cathedral for shelter.

"We received almost 500 people with empty hands," he said.

"We lived through these first days together, with fear, with this ... invasion, without knowing what to say."

Shevchuk called it a miracle that he was able to speak at that moment from Kyiv.

"No one understands how we've been able to resist for so long. It's the strength of the Ukrainian people that surprises the world, surprises everyone," he said.

"Every day we are bombarded. It's a miracle that we have lights and internet to be in connection with you. It's a miracle," he said, with tears in his eyes. "Because every day they launch rockets and missiles to destroy the infrastructure of the cities of Ukraine."

He noted the grave destruction that Russian forces are causing to the cities, destroying even monuments and churches. Two churches are destroyed every day in Ukraine, he said, and priests are being killed.

"Brothers and sisters," he underlined, "you know that everything we can have again," such as homes and economic support. "But the priests they have killed we will never have again."

Innocent blood is being shed, he said.

Visibly choked up, the major archbishop told the story of one of his priests whose wife gave birth to their child last week in a hospital without lights or heat. The nurses had to light candles at night.

This priest was given an opportunity to flee Ukraine with his family at the start of the war, Shevchuk said, but the priest had told him he would not leave his people.

"Our parishes have become humanitarian hubs," he explained, noting that the church spaces have been opened up to welcome people, provide help, and give counsel.

"What does the Church do? The Church prays, welcomes," and distributes goods, he said.

Shevchuk thanked Pope Francis for the March 25 **consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**, for which he said both Catholics and Orthodox were grateful.

The presence of the Immaculate Conception among us is "very important" for Ukrainians, he said, who are surviving this moment only through supernatural force.

"There is an apocalyptic clash between good and evil happening before our eyes. We are surviving only by a continuous miracle," he stated.

In his daily **video message** on March 29, Major Archbishop Shevchuk referred to reports that residents of besieged Ukrainian cities were being forcibly deported to Russia.

He said that the reported practice echoed the population transfers that took place under the Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin.

"Various voices full of weeping and ...

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...despair appeal to me, in particular, from those who are forcibly deported from Ukrainian soil," Shevchuk said.

"We have heard about such deportations of residents of the Mariupol suburbs and the occupied quarters of this city. But the same is happening in cities such as Maryanka, Volnovakha, and other cities and villages of Donbas. The cities and villages that have become ghost towns."

He went on: "People are forcibly deported to Russia, their passports are confiscated, they are issued temporary documents and taken to the island of Sakhalin in the far east of Russia, where they are not allowed to leave this designated place of exile for two years."

"We see that just as entire nations were deported from their lands under Stalin, the same is being repeated today on Ukrainian soil."

"I call on the whole world to stand up for our Ukrainian people in the ways that you can, so that Ukrainians can live on their native Ukrainian land. And so that no one might drive them into captivity as they have been for centuries."

Parish News

(and news from beyond our parish too)

- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Mickey, Sister Andrea, Kristopher, Greg, Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann & Louis.
- **Happy birthday** to **Christopher Bawol, Joshua Gnutel, Mia Kennedy and Paul Sharek** who celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- The Parish still requires three more volunteers (& 2 backups) for the **upcoming casino** to be held on Thursday June 2 & Friday June 3 at the Starlight Casino West Edmonton Mall. Please contact Alex Schabel @ 780-908-3339 to be added to the volunteer list.
- **PPC members:** The chancellor of the eparchy puts together a "Communicator" (newsletter) which has information that is useful for PPCs. To read it click on this link: <https://eeparchy.com/2022/04/01/the-pastoral-centre-communicator-march-31-2022/>
- **Blessing of the new PPC...** we haven't talked about it yet, but it shall be done... on one of the upcoming Sundays. Stay Tuned.

- Our UCWLC **has already completed baking Paskas**. They are no longer taking orders.
- **Fellowship after Liturgy has returned!** As we used to do before covid, after liturgy people are invited to visit over a cup of coffee or tea (or juice). All are welcome.
- **Confessions:** Fr. Bo is always happy to hear confessions. Just me know and I will make some time for you. (Before Liturgy is possible only if we book some extra time in advance as we do not want to start Liturgy late.) I have also set aside time on Good Friday after the "Shroud" service for hearing confessions.
- The Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council is **seeking to hire** someone on a full-time basis to help respond to the Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine, including in the area of immigrant settlement, assisting those fleeing the war in Ukraine, settling in Alberta. Ukrainian language skills an asset. Interested persons can contact Dr Roman Petryshyn at petryshynr1@gmail.com (780.431-1473) with a copy to president@uccab.ca.



Session #3 Eparchial Lenten Series is coming up April 7 @ 7:00 pm!



Learn from the Liturgy

Have you heard of the Anaphora but don't really know what it is? Any idea why it is important? Fr. Roman Planchak will walk us through the answers to these questions and help us to see and understand what is occurring as we prepare for the reception of the Eucharist and what this reception should truly mean for us in our lives as we go out into the world!

LOCATION: In person Holy Eucharist Parish: 6425 120 Ave NW, Edmonton. or online click here to join: [Learn from the Liturgy Zoom](#) or go to the Eparchy of Edmonton website: www.eeparchy.com or the Eparchy of Edmonton Facebook page for the link. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. No registration necessary.

CONTACT: education@edmontoneparchy.com if you have other questions.

From the Eparchial E-Bulletin for March

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE

It has been over a month since Ukraine was invaded by the Russian Federation leading to a violent war which has claimed thousands of lives and displaced millions of people. The world is watching and coming to the aid of Ukraine.

Through the generosity of our parishes, faithful and friends, the Eparchy of Edmonton alone has raised over \$1.6 million dollars (as of March 25, 2022) to help the innocent victims whose lives and country are being destroyed in this senseless attack on their sovereignty.

Our donations will “follow the people” wherever the need is greatest including:

- Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine supporting organizations on the ground including Caritas Ukraine, Ukrainian Greek Catholic eparchies, Sheptytsky Hospital (L’viv) and others. Donations are forwarded through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), an organization providing pastoral and humanitarian support to the most vulnerable people around the globe.
- Humanitarian Aid to help countries welcoming the over 3.5 million Ukrainian refugees, mostly women and children. Poland has taken over 2 million refugees, with Romania, Moldova and Slovakia together accepting over 1.5 million refugees. CNEWA is helping to direct funds where needed.
- Humanitarian Aid for refugees arriving in Alberta and welcomed by families throughout the province. We are working with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and Ukrainian Canadian Social Services to support the settlement, integration, and spiritual needs of those arriving in our province.

The outpouring of love and support has been truly amazing, but the need is great, and it will continue to be as Ukraine defends its freedom for all their citizens in all parts of the country. We ask that you continue to be generous with your gifts, but mostly we ask for your prayers. Let us pray to God our Father and Our Most Holy Mother for an end to the suffering of war and for justice and peace in Ukraine.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Given the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, the **annual collection** for the “Aid to the Missionary Church in the World” traditionally taken up on Pentecost Sunday, **will not take place this year.**

The 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF) will take place with Pope Francis in Rome from June 22 to 26, coinciding with the close of the “Amoris Laetitia Family Year.”

The Apostolic See, as a result of COVID-19, is only accepting 24 delegates from Canada nominated by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to participate in the World Meeting of Families. However, parishes are encouraged to celebrate the World Meeting of Families locally.

For resources and information to facilitate local celebrations of the World Meeting of Families, you are invited to visit “Celebrating the Amoris Laetitia Family Year” on the CCCB website: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/celebrating-the-amoris-laetitia-family-year/>

The 2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The theme for this 2nd World Day is: “In old age they will still bear fruit” (Psalm 92:15). The intended purpose of the theme is to convey “how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.”

The Pontifical Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life indicates that a series of pastoral tools will be made available on its website (www.laityfamilylife.va) and that a Message from the Holy Father will also be published.

Interested in learning more about God, your faith, and the Church? Sign up for an online course (or two or three) or even work towards a Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions at Newman Theological College (Edmonton).

The course offerings include Scripture, Eastern Christian Theology I and II, Eastern Catholic Worship and Spirituality, the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments), and Praying with Icons.

Each course consists of 10 online sessions, spanning 5 weeks, requiring some 4 hours of work per week (2 hours per lesson). No exams. Cost of registration per course \$85.00 plus the cost of books.

To register and for more information, visit Newman.edu/CCS, or contact Bernie Mandrusiak education@eeparchy.com or Andrea Leader admin@eeparchy.com or call the Pastoral Centre (780) 424-5496.

Year I: Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions I (EASI)

CCS-050 The Holy Mysteries: An Introduction (April)
(Inexhaustible Delights: God With Us Series) – Rev. Danylo Kuc

CCS-049 Praying with Icons (mid-May to mid-June) (Icons in the Church) – Rev. Bohdan Nahachewsky

The 10th World Meeting of Families

June 21-26, Rome

His Excellency Bishop David and the entire Chancery staff and volunteers extend to the clergy, religious, monastic, and faithful of the Eparchy of Edmonton a blessed and holy celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Dormition Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 </p> <p>Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast: Our Venerable Mother, Mary of Egypt. Octoechos Tone 4. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of the Monastery of Medicius (824) Great Fast Day 35. Matins Resurrectional Gospel 1. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today. Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29; Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Special UCWLC Collection for flowers.</p> <p>Panachyda for Irene Laschuk Pawlus & Dmytro Laschuk.</p> <p>Fellowship to follow Liturgy</p>	<p>4 </p> <p>Our Venerable Fathers Joseph the Hymnographer (886) and George of Maleum Great Fast Day 36. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 48:17-49:4; Vespers - Genesis 27:1-41; Proverbs 19:16-25;</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>Christopher Bawol's Birthday</p>	<p>5 </p> <p>The Holy Martyrs Theodulus and Agathopedes and Those with Them (c. 305) Great Fast Day 37. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 49:6-10; Vespers - Genesis 31:3-16; Proverbs 21:3-21; Deuteronomy 1:8-17; Deuteronomy 10:14-21; Wisdom 3:1-9;</p> <p>10 am Meeting with St. Basil's Camp & Bishop</p> <p>10:30 am Liturgy at Venta Care Centre Cancelled due to lockdown</p> <p>7 pm Confessions at St. Nicholas UGC Parish</p> <p>Joshua Gnutel's Birthday</p>	<p>6 </p> <p>The Repose of Our Holy Father Methodius, Teacher of the Slavs (885) and our Holy Father Eutychius, Archbishop of Constantinople (587) Great Fast Day 38. All-Nighth Vigil Feast. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 58:1-11; Presanctified - Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16; Proverbs 21:23-22:4; Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16</p> <p>10 am Meeting re: Camp Oselia Fundraising</p> <p>7 pm Presanctified. (Yes, earlier I thought Bishop Milad was in... but I got the date wrong, it's May 6)</p> <p>Mia Kennedy's Birthday</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>Our Venerable Father George, Bishop of Mitylene (829-42); Passing into Eternal Life (1919) of Blessed Josaphata Hordashevka, First Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Great Fast Day 39. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 65:8-16; Vespers - Genesis 46:1-7; Proverbs 23:15-24:5;</p> <p>5 pm Appointment</p>	<p>8 </p> <p>Last Day of the Great Fast.</p> <p>The Holy Apostles Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncretus, Phlegontus and Hermes Great Fast Day 40. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 66:10-24; Presanctified - Genesis 49:33-50:26; Proverbs 31:8-31;</p> <p>4:30 pm Fr. Bo celebrates Vespers at Holy Spirit Seminary</p> <p>Paul Sharek's Birthday</p>	<p>9 </p> <p>Holy Week Begins</p> <p>Lazarus Saturday Hebrews 12:28-13:8; John 11:1-45</p> <p>3 pm First Solemn Communion Class</p> <p>Fr. Bo has a family appointment all night</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Palm Sunday: The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem Holy Day of Obligation. Philippians 4:4-9; John 12:1-18</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy with the blessing of Pussy Willows (Flowers & Palm Branches if you bring them too)</p> <p>Special UCWLC Collection for flowers.</p> <p>Fellowship to follow Liturgy</p> <p>Theodore Nahachewsky's Birthday</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>Great Monday Great Week.</p> <p>Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Matins - Matthew 21:18-43; Sixth Hour - Ezekiel 1:1-20; Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - Exodus 1:1-20; Job 1:1-12; Matthew 24:3-35;</p> <p>10 am Appointment</p> <p>2:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>Catherine Bawol's Birthday</p>	<p>12 </p> <p>Great Tuesday Great Week.</p> <p>Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Matins - Matthew 22:15-23:39; Sixth Hour - Ezekiel 1:21-2:1; Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - Exodus 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22; Matthew 24:36-26:2;</p> <p>10 am Clergy Conference</p>	<p>13 </p> <p>Great Wednesday Great Week.</p> <p>Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Matins - John 12:17-50; Sixth Hour - Ezekiel 1:2:3-3:3; Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - Exodus 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10; Matthew 26:6-16;</p> <p>Stella Benko's & Jordan Schabel's Birthdays</p>	<p>14 </p> <p>Great Thursday Great Week.</p> <p>Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated in the late afternoon today. Matins - Luke 22:1-39; Vespers with Liturgy - Exodus 19:10-19; Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5; Isaiah 50:4-11; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; Matthew 26:2-20; John 13:3-17; Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-45; Matthew 26:40-27:2;</p> <p>6 pm Matins of the Passion aka: Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels</p> <p>Matins - John 13:31-18:1; John 18:1-28; Matthew 26:57-75; John 18:28-19:16; Matthew 27:3-32 Mark 15:16-32; Matthew 27:33-54; Luke 23:32-49; John 19:25-37; Mark 15:43-47; John 19:38-42; Matthew 27:62-66;</p> <p>Don Kwas' Birthday</p>	<p>15 </p> <p>Great Friday Great Week. Strict Fast. Abstinence from meat, dairy and eggs, and foods that contain these ingredients. According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. First Hour - Zechariah 11:10-13; Galatians 6:14-18; Matthew 27:1-56; Third Hour - Isaiah 50:4-11; Romans 5:6-11; Mark 15:16-41; Sixth Hour - Isaiah 52:13-54:1; Hebrews 2:11-18; Luke 23:32-49; Ninth Hour - Jeremiah 11:18-23; 12:15,9-11,14,15; Hebrews 10:19-31; John 18:28-19:37; Vespers - Exodus 33:11-23; Job 42:12-16; Isaiah 52:13-54:1; 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2; Matthew 27:1-38; Luke 23:39-43; Matthew 27:39-54; John 19:31-37; Matthew 27:55-61;</p> <p>3 pm Vespers with the laying out of the Burial Shroud of Christ (Plaschanytsia)</p> <p>Confessions to follow.</p>	<p>16 </p> <p>Great Saturday Great Week.</p> <p>Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated in the late afternoon today. Matins - Ezekiel 37:1-14; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Galatians 3:13,14; Matthew 27:62-66; Vespers - Genesis 1:1-13; Isaiah 60:1-16; Exodus 12:1-11; The Book of Jonah; Joshua 5:10-15; Exodus 13:20-15:19; Zephaniah 3:8-15; 1 Kings 17:8-24; Isaiah 63:11-64:5; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Daniel 3:1-23 and the Song of the Holy Children (Apocrypha); Liturgy - Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-20;</p> <p>3 pm Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great</p> <p>"Nadhrobne" (On the Grave) service to follow.</p> <p>Lillian Gregory's Birthday</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Pascha: the Resurrection of our Lord God and Saviour, Jesus Christ Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17</p> <p>9 am Resurrectional Matins,</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bright Monday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 1:12-17; 21-26; John 1:18-28</p> <p>5:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>Anthony Setback's Birthday</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Bright Tuesday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 2:14-21; Luke 24:12-35</p> <p>11 am Appointment</p> <p>Tasha Orysiuk's Birthday</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bright Wednesday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 2:22-36; John 1:35-51</p> <p>Nola Sokolowski's Birthday</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bright Thursday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 2:38-43; John 3:1-15</p> <p>Julianna Bryson's Birthday</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bright Friday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 3:1-8; John 2:12-22</p> <p>Iris Kirschner's, Brian Ostopowich's & Jonathan Sharek's Birthdays</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bright Saturday. The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George Bright Week. All-Night Vigil Feast. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 3:11-16; Acts 12:1-11; John 3:22-33; John 15:17-16:2</p> <p>Simon Pryma's Birthday</p>

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast: Our Venerable Mother, Mary of Egypt. Tone 4. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of the Monastery of Medicus (824)

Troparion: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy.”

Troparion: The divine image was faithfully preserved in you, O mother,* for taking up the Cross, you followed Christ.* By your deeds you have taught us to see beyond the flesh, which passes,* and care for the soul, a thing immortal.* And so, O venerable Mary,* your spirit rejoices 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: Once you were filled with every impurity,* now through repentance you have been revealed as a bride of Christ,* following the angelic life, you crushed demons with the weapon of the Cross.* Therefore, O glorious Mary, you have been shown to be a bride of the kingdom.

Prokeimenon:

How great are Your works, O Lord* You have made all things in wisdom.

verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. (*Psalms 103:24,1*)

verse:* God is wonderful in His saints,* the God of Israel.

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 (NRSV)

Brothers and sisters, when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, 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, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Alleluia verses:

Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45 (NRSV);

At that time, Jesus took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, “See, 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; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.” 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 he said to them, “What is it 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 be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then 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.” When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Hymn to the Mother of God

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins’ pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.