

Looking Ahead . . .

April
April 14 - Holy Thursday Dinner - Please sign up if your plan to attend
April 24 - Parish Easter Dinner

Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

St. Mary of Egypt

Our holy mother Mary was born in Egypt. She had left her parents at the age of twelve to go to Alexandria, where she spent the next seventeen years offering her body to any man, not being forced to it, but as though she were consumed by the fire of a desire that nothing was able to appease. One day, seeing a crowd moving towards the port, she followed them and set sail with them for Jerusalem, offering her body to pay her fare. When they arrived in the Holy City, she followed the crowd towards the church. When she reached the threshold of the church, an invisible force prevented her entering in spite of repeated efforts on her part, although the other pilgrims were able to go in without hindrance. Left alone, she realized that it was her life choice that was preventing her from approaching the holy cross. She burst into tears and smote her breast and, seeing an icon of the Mother of God, prayed that she may enter and promised to change her ways if God would let her enter. She felt herself suddenly freed from the power that had held her and was able to enter the church. There she venerated the Holy Cross and, returning to the icon of the Mother of God, declared herself ready to follow the path that the Virgin would show her. A voice replied to her from on high: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find rest." The next morning, she crossed the river and lived in the desert, remaining there for forty-seven years without ever encountering any living thing. During the first seventeen years, her clothes soon fell into rags, burning with heat by day and shivering with cold by night, she fed on herbs and wild roots. More than the physical trials, she had to face violent assaults from the memory of her sins and, throwing herself on the ground, she implored the Mother of God to come to her aid. After all the years, a holy elder called Zosimas saw a human form with a body blackened by the sun and with hair white as bleached linen to its shoulders. He ran after it and asked for a blessing and some saving words. When he came within ear-shot, Mary, calling him by name, revealed to him that she was a woman and asked him to throw her his cloak so that she might cover her nakedness. At the urging of the monk, the Saint recounted to him the story of her life and conversion. Then, she begged him to come the following year to the Jordan River with Holy Communion. When the day arrived, Mary appeared on the far bank of the river. She made the sign of the Cross and crossed the Jordan, walking on the water. Having received Holy Communion weeping, she said: "Lord, now let Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation" (Luke 2:29). She then asked him to meet her the following year in the place where they had first met. In a year, Zosimas found the Saint's body stretched on the ground, her arms crossed and her face turned towards the East. He at first did not notice an inscription traced on the ground by the Saint, which read: "Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of the humble Mary; give what is of dust to dust, after having prayed for me." After he tried to break up the earth with a stick, he saw a lion approaching Mary's body and licking her feet. On the orders of the Elder, the beast dug a hole with its claws, in which Zosimas placed the Saint's body. Mary has, for a great many souls crushed under the burden of sin, become a source of hope and a model of conversion. This is why the Holy Fathers have placed the celebration of her memory at the end of the Great Fast as an encouragement for all who have neglected their salvation, proclaiming that repentance can bring them back to God even at the eleventh hour.

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Our
Weekly
Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Apr 3	5th Sunday of Lent St. Mary of Egypt	✠ Michael & Helen Loden
Apr 4	No Liturgy	
Apr 5	No Liturgy	
Apr 6	No Liturgy	
Apr 7	No Liturgy	
Apr 8	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 5:00PM	
Apr 9	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Apr 10	Triumphal Entry of our Lord and Savior into Jerusalem	✠ Wolodymyr Woloszczuk

Week of April 3 to April 10, 2022

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ
and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part
of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

5th Sunday of the Great Fast - St. Mary of Egypt

Hebrew 9:11-14

Mark 10:32:45

Troparion (Tone 4)

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 (Tone 8)

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 flesh, which passes, and care for the soul, a thing immortal. And so, O venerable Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

Kondakion (Tone 3)

Glory be ... 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.

Prokeimen (Tone 5)

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and forever.

Verse Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

God is wonderful in His saints, The God of Israel.(Tone 4)

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever;
from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse For You have said: Mercy shall be built up forever;
In the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise the Lord from the heaven; praise Him in the highest.
The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.
Alleluia. (3)

Today the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated. Turn to page 274 in the blue book for the Great Entrance to the Hymn to the Mother of God. Then turn to page 153 for the rest of the Divine Liturgy

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - March 27, 2022 - \$1,080.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$2,397.00.

Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Saturdays with Jesus - Saturday, May 14, 2022

10:00AM - Adult class

2:00PM - Children from 5 and up

Relief for Ukraine - Anyone wishing to help send financial help to Ukraine may do so by writing a check to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine. Place it in the collection basket and it will be sent to the chancery.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family,

Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Tuinstra family, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family, Lindsey Lamer.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Joke of the Day

One day a grandson went to visit his grandfather. During the visit the grandfather asked his grandson to stay for supper. At supper, the grandson noticed the dishes had not been cleaned too well. He asked his grandfather about the dishes. The grandfather said, "It's as good as cold water gets them. The grandson was feeling sorry for his grandfather and never realized the water situation with his grandfather. When supper was over, the grandson offered to help with the dishes. The grandfather said, "Thank you but I can get them. " Then grandfather the yells, "Here Cold Water come here boy!"



Pray for Peace in Ukraine