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SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. St. Mary of Egypt. St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople (582). St. Methodius, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Moravia and Enlightener of the Slavs (885). St. Platonida (Platonis) of Nisibis (Syria—308). 120 Martyrs of Persia (344-347). Martyrs Jeremiah and Archilias the Presbyter (3rd c.). Ven. Gregory the Byzantine (1308). Monk Martyr Gennadius of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos—1818).



Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions:

Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

Vespers:

Saturdays at 6pm
Eve of Feasts at 7pm

Vigil

Divine Liturgy:

Sundays at 9:30am
Feast Days at 9:15am

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun, April 6: **St. Mary of Egypt.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Lenten Mission Vespers, Assumption of the Holy Virgin (OCA) Philadelphia - 4pm

Wed, April 9: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts-9:30am, Prison Ministry 7-9pm

Fri, April 11: Great Vespers with Litya – 7pm

Sat, April 12: Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Vigil for Palm Sunday – 6pm

Sun, April 13: PALM SUNDAY. Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour and Scrip Program – 11:15am, Bridegroom Matins at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Philadelphia – 4pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adult Education: Adult Education will focus on a Bible Study of the **Epistle to the Ephesians**. B.Y.O.B. Following the Presanctified on Wednesday mornings of Lent.

Bishop Mark Installation: Saturday May 10th at St. Stephen's Cathedral. Divine Liturgy at 9:30am, Banquet at Radisson at 1pm. Dinner is \$35 a person; children's menu for \$12.50. Sponsorships are also available in the commemorative book for \$50, \$100 and \$200. Forms for both the banquet and the book are available in the vestibule.

Coffee Hour: Please sign up to offer the Coffee Hour. Nothing elaborate is required, team with another person/family. The calendar is on the side table. Sign up for a Sunday that is convenient for you. For advice/direction you may talk to Jeanette, Larissa, Martha, Sharon, or Heidi.

Confessions: After all scheduled services, or by appointment. It's time to return to the house of our Father.

Easter Food Sale: Thank you to all who contributed in any and every way to another successful sale.

Membership: If you have not filled out a membership form please do so. This information is necessary for effective ministry to the parish and for good administration. Please cooperate in the process of renewing our parish life on all levels.

Pysanky Sale: Next Sunday from Noon to 3pm.

Scrip Program: Next order day is NEXT SUNDAY. To place orders see Larissa Ravetto, phone (215) 766-1220 or email ravetto2001@gmail.com, or fill out an order form in the vestibule and leave it with payment with Larissa, Julia, Doug, or Jeanette.

Stewardship: *is a relationship with God that both receives and gives, making all things possible. Christian stewards recognize their gifts, contemplate all that is in their lives, and devote themselves daily to the conviction that they, as Christians, are invited into a state of duality: as a child of God, the Christian is gift, and as steward, giver.* Michael O'Hurley-Pitts. **THE PASSIONATE STEWARD.** 14.

Work Day(s): There is much to be done in order to prepare for Holy Week/Pascha and Bright Week, both inside and outside the Church. If you are willing to offer a couple of hours on Saturday morning's or afternoons to do either type of work please speak with Father. Thank you to those who have done so.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Please make the effort to bring at least one item each week. Our parish is responsible for pasta and sauce, and all congregations are asked to donate tea, coffee, or juice. For the 125 Easter Baskets, we need to collect rice and beans, peanut butter and the usual staples. Please be generous. Thank you to those who contribute, continue to store up treasure in heaven. And **if you are looking for a way to store up heavenly treasure, bring some food for the cupboard, the yield on the investment is eternal!**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Daria and Andrew Cortese – 4/8

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From Lucy Znak

For the Health of:

Michael, Michelle

From the Ristvey Family:

In Memory of

Departed members of the Ristvey, Tatusko and Gaydos Families

For the Health of:

George, Margaret, Stephanie, Adnrew, Lorelly, Karen, Margaret

From the Sedor Family:

For the Health of

Pam, Dmitri & Serge

In Memory of

Newly Departed Don, Anna

THE LIFE OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



"Believe me, I have not seen a human face ever since I crossed the Jordan, except yours today. I have not seen a beast or a living being ever since I came into the desert. I never learned from books. I have never even heard anyone who sang and read from them. But the word of God which is alive and active, by itself teaches a man knowledge. And so this is the end of my tale. But, as I asked you in the beginning, so even now I implore you for the sake of the Incarnate word of God, to pray to the Lord for me who am such a sinner."

And at sunset of the holy day of the Last Supper, put some of the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ into a holy vessel worthy to hold such Mysteries for me, and bring it. And wait for me on the banks of the Jordan adjoining the inhabited parts of the land, so that I can come and partake of the life-giving Gifts. For, since the time I communicated in the temple of the Forerunner before crossing the Jordan even to this day I have not approached the Holy Mysteries. And I thirst for them with irrepressible love and longing. And therefore I ask and implore you to grant me my wish, bring me the life-giving Mysteries at the very hour when Our Lord made His disciples partake of His Divine Supper. Tell John the Abbot of the monastery where you live. Look to yourself and to your brothers, for there is much that needs correction. Only do not say this now, but when God guides you. Pray for me!"