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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St. Mary of Egypt. Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and his companions: Festus, Proculus, and Sosius—Deacons, Desiderius—Reader, and Eutychius and Acutius—laymen, at Pozzuoli (ca. 305). Hieromartyr Theodore of Perge in Pamphylia, his mother, Philippa, and Martyrs Dioscorus, Socrates, and Dionysius (2nd c.). Martyrs Isaac, Apollos, and Quadratus, of Nicomedia (303). St. Maximian, Patriarch of Constantinople (434).

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



Confessions: Following Vespers on Saturdays
Also by appointment

Vespers: Saturdays at 6pm
Vigil Eve of Feasts at 7pm

Divine Liturgy: Sundays at 9:30am
Feast Days at 9am

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sun, Apr 21:** **St. Mary of Egypt.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour – 11:15am, Deanery Lenten Mission Service at St. Michael the Archangel Russian Church, Philadelphia – 4pm
- Wed, Apr 24:** Presanctified Liturgy **for the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark** followed by Adult Education – 9:15am
- Thur, Apr 25:** Parish Council Meeting – 7:30pm
- Fri, Apr 26:** Presanctified Liturgy – 7pm
- Sat, Apr 27:** **Lazarus Saturday.** Divine Liturgy – 9:15am, Great Vespers with Litya and Blessing of the Palms – 6pm
- Sun, Apr 28:** **Palm Sunday.** Hours – 9:10am, Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Fellowship Hour – 11:15am, Parish Health Inventory Session – 12pm. Bridegroom Matins at St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia – 4pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parish Revitalization: Next Sunday, Chapter 2 on the Liturgical Life of the Parish will be reviewed. This will be done by the Parish Council, but all are encouraged to participate. You can review the PHIM here:

<http://www.doepa.org/files/RevitalizationCommittee/PHIM-with-revisions-ver1.5.pdf>

The Scrip Program: The profit this month was \$127.54 and the profit for the year is \$424.02. 14 Households regularly participate. Join them if not already participating.

Lenten Mission Schedule: The Lenten Mission Schedule for 2013. All services are at 4pm.

- 04/21 – St. Michael the Archangel Russian Church, Philadelphia
- 04/28 – Bridegroom Matins • St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia

Parish Feast Day: Thursday is the Feast of St. Mark the Apostle and Evangelist. The Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday will be for his feast. As a parish we will have

our annual parish celebration when His Grace, Bishop Mark visits us on Sunday, June 16th.

Temple Maintenance: If you are available to help clean the Church please speak to Nancy Letzo who is coordinating teams. Weekly, monthly or any availability would be welcome for Friday mornings. **Nancy can be reached at 215-946-3259.**

Thank you to those who attended the Retreat yesterday and brought various forms of nourishment.

Food Donation: Please bring a non-perishable item of food when you come to Lenten services. All items will be donated to a local food pantry. We have partnered with the Wrightstown Food Cupboard.

Visitations: Please let Fr. Martin know if someone is in the hospital. Hospitals do not notify clergy if someone is there due to privacy laws. Family members, friends, or neighbors are the only way we have of knowing, so please drop an email or make a phone call.

THE GREAT FAST

Of all created beings, man alone has been endowed with the gift of speech...the very means of his self-fulfillment, it is for this very reason the means of his fall and self-destruction, of betrayal and sin. The word saves and the word kills; the word inspires and the word poisons. The word is the means of Truth and it is the means of demonic Lie...When deviated from its divine origin and purpose, the word becomes idle. Fr. Alexander Schmemmann. **Great Lent.** 35-36

YOUTH INFORMATION:

ARE ORTHODOX WORSHIP SERVICES RELATED TO THE BIBLE? Not just related to the Bible, but completely based on it in language and in imagery. The words are often directly from the Bible—the Psalms, for example, are chanted in full or in part during every service. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament are liberally quoted. Lamentations 3:41 gives us the words "Let us lift up our hearts"—these are said by the priest as part of the Anaphora. In Philippians 2:5-7 we read that Christ, "though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant." Saint Basil's Liturgy uses these words, sometimes translated a little differently, in the Prayer of Commemoration. As we've seen, Exodus describes the form and manner of worship in Old Testament times. The Book of Revelation describes that form and manner in the Kingdom of God. Orthodox worship is solidly based on these descriptions. We remember and honor the worship of our Old Testament ancestors. We anticipate taking part in the worship of the Kingdom. From OCA.org.

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From Nancy Letzo:

In Memory of

Michael Letzo, Eve Letzo, Olga Hanton, Thomas Hanton

For the Health of

Ann Kush, Mary Lorchak

From the Peridikis Family:

In Memory of

Arthur Sr.

For the Health of

Patricia, Angelo, Arthur Jr., Colleen, Michelle, Thomas

WINE AND INCENSE

For the Health of Andrew, Theodora, Sergius, Thomas, Melody and Sophia

From Sonya Lengel