



HOLY GHOST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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APRIL 21 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 5

St. Mary of Egypt

<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
MONDAY, APRIL 22 Genesis 27:1-41 Proverbs 19:16-25 TUESDAY, APRIL 23 Acts 12:1-11 Proverbs 15:17-16:2 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 Genesis 43:26-31, 45:1-16 Proverbs 21:23-22:4 THURSDAY, APRIL 25 1 Peter 5:6-14 Mark 6:7-13 FRIDAY, APRIL 26 Genesis 49:33-50:26 Proverbs 31:8-31 SATURDAY, APRIL 27 Hebrews 12:28-13:8 John 11:1-45	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 Presanctified Liturgy.....5:30 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 19 Presanctified Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. SATURDAY, APRIL 20 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m. SUNDAY, APRIL 21 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT St. Mary of Egypt Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Parish Council Mtg.....11:30 a.m. Mission Vespers-Uncion.....4:00 p.m. Three Saints Orthodox Church, 26 Howard Ave, Ansonia WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 Presanctified Liturgy.....5:30 p.m. Pot-Luck Fasting Friendly Meal.....7:00 p.m. SATURDAY, APRIL 27 (LAZARUS SATURDAY) Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m. SUNDAY, APRIL 28, ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM – Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Bridegroom Matins.....4:00 p.m. All Saints Orthodox Church, 205 Scarborough St., Hartford MONDAY, APRIL 29 Confessions.....4:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins.....5:30 p.m.

All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/>

Reminder: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, holyghostbpt.org. The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church's account. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.

5th Sunday of Great Lent: St. Mary of Egypt

Commemorated on April 21

Saint Zosimas (April 4) was a monk at a certain Palestinian monastery on the outskirts of Caesarea. Having dwelt at the monastery since his childhood, he lived there in asceticism until he reached the age of fifty-three. Then he was disturbed by the thought that he had attained perfection, and needed no one to instruct him. “Is there a monk anywhere who can show me some form of asceticism that I have not attained? Is there anyone who has surpassed me in spiritual sobriety and deeds?”

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, “Zosimas, you have struggled valiantly, as far as this is in the power of man. However, there is no one who is righteous (Rom 3:10). So that you may know how many other ways lead to salvation, leave your native land, like Abraham from the house of his father (Gen 12:1), and go to the monastery by the Jordan.”

Abba Zosimas immediately left the monastery, and following the angel, he went to the Jordan monastery and settled in it.

Here he met Elders who were adept in contemplation, and also in their struggles. Never did anyone utter an idle word. Instead, they sang constantly, and prayed all night long. Abba Zosimas began to imitate the spiritual activity of the holy monks.

Thus, much time passed, and the holy Forty Day Fast approached. There was a certain custom at the monastery, which was why God had led Saint Zosimas there. On the First Sunday of Great Lent the igumen served the Divine Liturgy, everyone received the All-Pure Body and Blood of Christ. Afterwards, they went to the trapeza for a small repast, and then assembled once more in church.

The monks prayed and made prostrations, asking forgiveness one of another. Then they made a prostration before the igumen and asked his blessing for the struggle that lay before them. During the Psalm “The Lord is my Light and my Savior, whom shall I fear? The Lord is defender of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?” (Ps 26/27:1), they opened the monastery gate and went off into the wilderness.

To Continue Reading: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/04/21/18-5th-sunday-of-great-lent-st-mary-of-egypt>



CONFESSION SCHEDULE ... Please take the opportunity in this Great Lenten season of repentance to come to confession. According to the holy canons of the Orthodox Church, confession at least once per year is required for membership in good standing. Fr Mark will be available to hear your confession at church every Wednesday 30 minutes before Presanctified Liturgy, and every Saturday for 30 minutes before and after Vespers. You can also schedule confession individually with Fr Mark if you are not available those times. May God give us all grace and courage to come and be reconciled to Christ and His Church!

Hebrews 9:11-14*(Epistle)*

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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.

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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.

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For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

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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*(Epistle, Saint)*

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But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

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Therefore, the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

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But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

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For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

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For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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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.

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And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Mark 10:32-45*(Gospel)*

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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:

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“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;

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and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

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Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”

Mark 10:32-45*(Gospel Cont'd.)*

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And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

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They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

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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?"

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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;

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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."

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And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

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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.

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Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

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And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

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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*(Gospel, Saint)*

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Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

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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,

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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.

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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."

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And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So, he said, "Teacher, say it."

Luke 7:36-50

(Gospel, Saint Cont'd.)

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“There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

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And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?”

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Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have rightly judged.”

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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.

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You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.

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You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.

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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.”

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Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

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And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

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Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

CANDLE DESK DUTY

April 21 – Tim Savisky

April 28 – Daria Ploski-Slavin

If you are unable to make your scheduled day, please switch with another member.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL MONITORS ...

Teachers	<u>Debbie Rapaport</u>	<u>Steve Pronechen</u>	<u>Mat Claire</u> *
*4/21	Chris Savisky	Rich Jankura	Daria DeAngelis
5/12	Melania Moyher	Bill Savisky	Jerry Kopko
5/19	Mike Nettle	Dave Lepesko	Rich Jankura
5/26	Joe Curran	Rich Kendall	Javier Trinidad

*Fr Mark will teach Matushka Claire’s class with a lesson on the sacrament of Confession this Sunday, April 21st.

If there are any schedule conflicts, please see Carole Kaputa.

PUSSY WILLOWS ARE STILL WELCOMED FOR PALM SUNDAY ... Thank you!

LENTEN SOUP FUNDRAISER ...

Week	Name 1	Soup	Name 2	Soup
April 21	Jackie/Rich Jankura	Onion Soup	Carol & Daria	Cabbage Soup
April 28 Palm Sunday	Barb & George Dulin	Lentil Orzo Soup w/ Spinach (& veggies)		

Pick up your soup today!

CHURCH DEEP-CLEAN DAY ... On **Saturday, April 20**, we will have a church deep-cleaning day. If you have not signed up yet and wish to volunteer, please see LoveAnn Curran. Note: everyone should arrive at church by 8:00AM, or 9:00AM at the latest, and will be assigned a task. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help. Many hands make light work!

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MTG. is scheduled for **today!**

POT-LUCK MEAL, PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY ... Following Presanctified Liturgy on **Wednesday, April 24**, we will have another potluck! Please bring a fasting-friendly item to share.

FLOWERS FOR PASCHA... Today is the last day to place your order. Please find attached, an order form for flowers. You will be able to purchase them for the “health of” or “in loving memory of” and can take them home on May 12th, Thomas Sunday. Order forms are available near the candle desk. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE ... Please bring non-perishable food donations to church over the next few weeks (**thru May 5th**) and place in the boxes provided on the stage in the church basement (or feel free to hand it to any Sunday School student to place in the boxes!)

The children will be delivering the collected food items to a local shelter. Please see the attached flyer.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR ALTAR BOY ROBES, specifically purple and white for Lent and Pascha. Donations will be accepted at the Candle Desk. Thank you very much!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2024 YOUTH RALLY... August 5th thru 10th -- flyer is attached (more to follow).

“SECOND SUNDAYS” ... Another successful, delicious meal was prepared and enjoyed! Thanks to all who participated!



Please join us for the next one on **May 12th**!



Fr Mark's parents visited Holy Ghost April 14th



Photos by LoveAnn Curran and George Kasper.

PARISH METRICS (APRIL 21 THRU APRIL 27)

BIRTHDAYS

Sophie Rogers, April 22nd; John Gulash, April 22nd; Christian Boyles, April 24th (22 years); and Iva Roosien, April 27th (12 years)

ANNIVERSARIES

None Listed.

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

APRIL 21– Alexander Osedach, 1940; Michael Koliada, 1978 (58); Ernest Pistey, 1999 (75)

APRIL 22 – Adam Kanoch, 1918 (infant); Stephen Kochiss, 1928 (44); Anna Fetkovich Bernacki, 1957 (65)

APRIL 23 – Michael Chanda, 1937 (60); Serafima Bondar, 1961 (68); Vera Abramchik Markewicz, 1970 (83); Olga Serdechny, 1975 (65)

APRIL 24 – Anna Labash, 1950 (76); Natalia Gotta, 1967 (72); Mary Yacko Zelnik, 1980 (70); Peter Hardy, 1989 (91); Alexandra Komarowsky Oleinik, 1996 (92)

APRIL 25 – Serge Dragivsky, 1915 (35); Vasilissa Iasygen, 1926 (29); Theodore Stelmashuk, 1946 (58); Theodore Ostopchuk, 1959 (64); Anna Kotrady Jankura, 1970 (73); Michael Pistey, 1970 (83); Peter Oleinik, 1973 (78); Peter Hylwa, 1989 (71); Helen Gullick Buzgo, 1993 (83)

APRIL 26 – Stella Poluhovich Kisliak, 1995 (93); Mae Kimak, 1999 (84); Olga Kutniewski, 2017 (93)

APRIL 27 – Jacob Merena, 1956 (72); John Trigubetz, 1967 (83); Mary Hudan, 1985 (94); Catherine Pistey, 1999 (92)

Memory Eternal! Вечная память!

