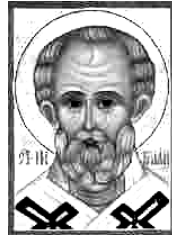


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## Fifth Sunday of Great Lent – St Mary of Egypt

### Schedule of Services and Activities

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM**

Lenten reception to follow. Everyone is invited downstairs.

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM**

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM**

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM**

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM**

Lazarus Saturday.

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM**

Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM**

**Deanery Vespers**

**Lenten Daily Vespers**

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**Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

**Lenten Daily Vespers**

**Moleben for the Sick**

**Divine Liturgy**

**Church School**

**Great Vespers with Litiya**

**Festal Divine Liturgy**

**Bridegroom Matins**

**Our parish will host the Deanery Mission Service** on Sunday evening, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM (St Mary of Egypt Sunday). Everyone is asked to attend. *Because of this evening's service and reception, there will be no coffee hour this morning.*

**Please remember the poor and those in need** by participating in our Easter Baskets for Needy Families. It's easy! Consult the insert in today's bulletin and find what is available to donate. You may either purchase the items or contact Donya Yewisiak to give a financial contribution for staple items. Today is the deadline for your donations! And thanks for your generosity!

**This Wednesday's Presanctified Liturgy** will be the last one during the Lenten season in our parish. Please make every effort to attend this magnificent service, especially if you've not had the opportunity to attend yet. Parishioners are asked to bring a Lenten dish for the Potluck following.

**The next Church School** will be held this Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> (Lazarus Saturday) beginning at 9:30 AM and ending at 1:00 PM. Please note that Church School will *not* be held at the usual time.

**Pictures for the 2009 Directory** will be taken by Yuri Chtchurakov. Please see him after church today.

**Thank you for the Sisterhood's leadership** in making all of the delicious food and wonderful arrangements during yesterday's visit with Bishop Tikhon. May God richly bless you for your efforts!

**Mark your calendars** for the Annual Paschal Open House at the Soroka Residence, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> (Bright Saturday) beginning at 4:00 PM. Join us for good fellowship and delicious food! Everyone is welcomed!

**Vigil Light Donations** (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family, Anita Wasilko and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck, Anita Wasilko and sisters, Doris & Marsha. **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From David Namsinak** for the departed servants, Melissa and Richard Shancey; for the health of Carol Kowalcheck, Helen Shancey, Marsha, Aaron, Rihn and the Soldier Douglas. **From Tom & Georgiann Robes** for the departed servant, George Porvaznik; for the health of Carol Kowalcheck, Michael Soroka, GeorgiAnn, Anna and Nick Robes. **From Irene Kulchock** for the departed servant, Stephen Pravlochak; for the health of Jim Borza. **From Paul, Lois & Katharine Fuller** for the health of Soldier Justin. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck and Tom Robes; special intention. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, (brother & nephew) Nicholas, Nicholas and Ann---Memory Eternal; for the health of children, Amelia, Andrea, Richard & families, Mildred, Violet, Carol, John; community of St. Nicholas; men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From Helen M. Shancey** for the departed servants, her husbands, Richard Shancey and John March, Norma Jean Evans, Joyce Duster, Ray Cobb, Ann Hruch, Mat. Olga and all deceased members of the Halajcio & Shancey families; for the health of Dr. Chris Baxter & family, Halajcio & Shancey families, Danny Parsons, Dale Halajcio, Jim & Leslie Wokutch, Helen Cobb, Olga Novak & son, Bittner family, Hruch family, Doris Wasilko, Kasnot family, Namisnak family, Barsom family, Kovacs family, Carol Kowalcheck, Robes family, Steve Meno, Reader Michael Soroka, Fr. Thomas, Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell and their families and all parishioners. God Bless America. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health grandson, Michael Lopez, Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, David Zeronksi, George Shaytar, John Barsom and Peter Kerchum.

**From the Life of St Mary of Egypt:** Approximately one year before her death, she recounted her life to St. Zosimas of Palestine who encountered her in the desert. When he unexpectedly met her in the desert, she was completely naked and almost unrecognizable as human. She asked Zosimas to toss her his mantle to cover herself with, and then she narrated her life's story to him, manifesting marvellous clairvoyance. She asked him to meet her at the banks of the Jordan on Holy Thursday of the following year, and bring her Holy Communion. When he fulfilled her wish, she crossed the river to get to him by walking on the surface of the water and received Holy Communion, telling him to meet her again in the desert the following Lent. The next year, Zosimas travelled to the same spot where he first met her, some twenty day's journey from his monastery, and found her lying there dead. According to an inscription written in the sand next to her head, she had died on the very night he had given her Communion and had been somehow miraculously transported to the place he found her, and her body preserved incorrupt. He buried her body with the assistance of a passing lion. On returning to the monastery he related her life story to the brethren, and it was preserved among them as oral tradition until it was written down by St. Sophronius.

