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BULLETIN OF APRIL 1, 2012

SUNDAY/APRIL 1

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 1)

St. Mary of Egypt (Wine & oil)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

4:00p.m. Deanery Vespers at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Bayonne

End of the 5th and beginning of 6th week of the Great and Holy Fast

MONDAY/APRIL 2

7:00p.m. vespers

TUESDAY/APRIL 3

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confession

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 4

9:30a.m. Akathist to Passion; Confession

6:30p.m. Pre-sanctified Liturgy

THURSDAY/APRIL 5

7:00p.m. Mystery of Holy Unction

(Orthodox Christians who wish to partake of this Sacrament must have been to Confession and Holy Communion prior to this service in the time of the Great and Holy Lent)

**As we begin with eagerness O ye faithful,
the sixth week of the Holy Fast,
Let us sing in a hymn in preparation for
the Feast of Palms, to the Lord Who comes
with glory to Jerusalem in the power of
the Godhead, that he may slay death.
So with reverence let us prepare the
branches of virtues as emblems of victory;
and let us cry: Hosanna! To the Creator of
all!**

FRIDAY/APRIL 6

7:00p.m. Matins; Confession

8:15p.m. Palms and Pussy Willows Work Party

End of the 40 Days

LAZARUS SATURDAY/APRIL 7 (Wine & oil)

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:30a.m. Baptism of Vasiliki

3:00p.m. Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil and blessing of Palms; Confession

PALM SUNDAY/APRIL 8 (Fish, wine & oil)

Entrance of Our Lord Into Jerusalem

(One "of the 12 Great Feasts" of the year)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour; Church School

6:30p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Beginning of Great and Holy Week



ST. ZOSIMA AND ST. MARY OF EGYPT

Offerings for the week of April 1

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina, in memory of Vaschen and Emilia.; for the health of Nicholas (birthday); in memory of Gabriela, Floarea, Gheorghe, Maria, Alexandru, Sasinca, Margartea, Aurelia, Ilie, Alexandru, Maria, Ioan, Nicole, Mihael, Mariona, Elena, Elena, Petre, Valeria, Romeo, Maria, Vera, Grigori.

Wine - for the health of Father Roman (90th anniversary)

Flowers – in memory of Joan and Sandy.

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

Apr. 16 40th Day Mary Rosocha
Apr. 01, 1966 John Huzinec
Apr. 01, 1974 Thomas Wytovich
Apr. 02, 1917 Ignatius Shevchuk
Apr. 02, 1928 Elias Zhak
Apr. 02, 1972 Eugenia Kiryluk
Apr. 02, 1987 Michael Mahalick
Apr. 02, 2003 Stephanida Kozura
Apr. 04, 1957 Joseph Yarik
Apr. 03, 1959 Helen Hnatuk
Apr. 05, 2011 Helen Macinko
Apr. 06, 1974 Gregory Tscherwinski
Apr. 06, 1977 Eva Marchuk
Apr. 06, 1992 Stephen Mock
Apr. 06, 1995 Anna Burd
Apr. 07, 1968 Fr. Basil Dziama



Coffee Hour Hosting

Coffee Hour Hosts are reminded that in the Great and Holy Lent we do not serve meat, dairy or fish.

Apr. 01 - Kita, Nevitt and Keller
Apr. 08 - Inga, Eka and Marina
Apr. 15 - No Coffee Hour

Ushers Schedule

Apr. 01 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz
Apr. 08 - T. Gorbatuk and Jerome Stone
Apr. 15 - P. Parsells and Charles Dunaenko

Bright Monday – April 16

All of the faithful are encouraged to “take off” this day from work and school and celebrate as the parish family the Resurrection of our Lord. After the Divine Liturgy we will have a festal meal. Please speak with Maria Torrisi or Kathryn Motoviloff about foods.

Incense Fragrances In Usage

Week of Apr. 01 - “Lindsfarne”
Week of Apr. 08 - “Violet”
Week of Apr. 15 - “Byzantine”

The Mysteries of Holy Confession and Holy Communion

Should be received by all the faithful in this time of the Great Fast of 40 Days – ending, April 7th. It is best no to wait until the last days for these Holy Mysteries. Confession is not scheduled in the Great and Holy Week (April 8-14).

Great and Holy Week Task Sheet

During this time (April 8-14), many small but important tasks need to be done. Please examine the task sheet on the vestibule stand and sign-up to help out. The Lord bless!

Vigil Watch Sign-Up

For Great and Holy Friday and Saturday may be found on the vestibule stand. It is necessary to have at least two persons during the period from midnight to 6:00a.m..

Lenten Offerings End Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is April 8th. You are asked to return on or before this day:

- 1) OCMC Mission Coin Boxes
- 2) Offering Envelope for Christ the Savior Mission in Maryland. The Lord bless your offering!

“Day of Joy” Paschal Commemoration of the Departed

On Monday, April 23rd a Paschal Memorial will be held at the Cemetery at 6:30p.m. (Rain Date: Tuesday, April 24th at 6:30p.m.)

Movie – April 22nd, Sunday at 11:45a.m.

“Behind the Sun” Samir Majan, a young man born and raised a Muslim in the Middle East comes to the USA and receives a degree from a university in Chicago. He returns home, but he has also become a Christian. This is a story of a young man’s choice...a father’s pain...and a family torn apart. Samir faces persecution, loneliness and even death. The 56 minute film depicts the real-life drama of Muslims, converting to Jesus Christ.



The Sacrament of Holy Unction is offered for healing of soul and body and for forgiveness of sins. When offered during Holy Week it is part of our preparation for receiving the Eucharist at the Liturgy celebrated on Holy Thursday.

James 5:14-15 is the basis for the Sacrament: "If any is sick among you, let him call the presbyters of the Church; and let them pray over him; and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

The rite itself calls for seven priests, seven readings from the Epistles and Gospels, seven prayers and seven anointings with oil specifically blessed for the service. (The seven anointings are done when the service is conducted for an individual.) Although it is not always possible to perform the Sacrament in this way, the normal procedure is to gather as many priests and people as possible.

Seven candles — representing the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit — are lit around the vessel containing the wine and oil. The oil which is the visible sign of God's healing Grace, symbolizes God's mercy; the wine, the Blood of Christ shed upon the Cross for our salvation. Also present is wheat which symbolizes new life in the Resurrection.

At the end of the service the priest anoints the faithful as he makes the sign of the cross on the forehead and top and palms of the hands saying, "For the healing of soul and body."

Order of the Service

1. Introductory Prayers and Psalms 143 & 51

In these Psalms we confess our sinfulness before God and ask Him to cleanse us and make a "new and right spirit within us" (Psalm 51:10).

Holy Unction

APRIL 5TH — 7:00 P.M.

2. Canon

In this series of verses that are read or sung, we ask God to show mercy upon us and cleanse our souls, to drive away all evil powers, to grant salvation to those who are sick or suffering, and to grant us the healing of our souls and bodies. At the end of several sets of verses, we ask God to renew our lives so that we may bless, thank and glorify Him forever.

3. Short Prayers or Troparia to the Saints

We pray to the saints — especially those who have helped the sick and suffering, and to those who have been martyred for the glory of God — and to the Mother of God to intercede for us for the salvation of our souls.

4. Epistle and Gospel Lessons and Prayers

There are seven sets of Epistle and Gospel readings and prayers.

- 1 James 5:10-16 and Luke: 10:25-37
- 2 Romans 15:1-7 and Luke 19:1-10
- 3 I Cor. 12:27-31; 13:1-8 and Matthew 10:1,5-8
- 4 II Cor. 6:16-18, 7:1 and Matthew 8:14-23
- 5 II Cor. 1:8-11 and Matthew 25:1-13
- 6 Galatians 5:22-6:2 and Matthew 15:21-28
- 7 I Thessalonians 5:14-23 and Matthew 9:9-13

In some parishes the open Gospel book, which contains the accounts of Jesus' many miracles, is laid with the printed pages down upon the heads of those who are ill. By doing so it is hoped that they will also receive physical and spiritual healing and that the faith in the written word of our Lord will be strengthened in the minds of those present. Just as Christ laid His hand upon the sick when He performed His many miracles, the priest lays his hand upon the Gospel which rests on the heads of the faithful.

Each of the seven prayers asks for the remission of our sins, for the healing of our souls and bodies and for life everlasting.

Orthodox Christians who have been to Confession and Holy Communion in the period of Great Lent may partake of this Mystery.

Totalitarianism Arrives in Increments

<http://www.aoiusa.org/blog/2012/03/totalitarianism-arrives-in-increments/>

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March 27, 2012 2:08 PM | Fr. Johannes Jacobse

Behind the efforts to remove Christian symbols from the public square lurks a desire to erase Christianity from the collective memory. Why? Because Christianity references something higher than the state as the source and judge of morality and thereby affirms man serves first God and neighbor and only secondarily the state, and only then as far as this first and greatest commandment is not violated.

Source: Russian Orthodox Church Department of External Church Relations

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Department for External Church Relations, speaking during the weekly programme 'The Church and the World' on Russia 24 TV channel on March 24, 2012, commented on the British authorities' decision to defend in the European Court of Human Rights the legitimacy of the corporate policy adopted by some British commercial companies to ban the wearing of baptismal crosses.



'I very much regret such developments as happening in England. I myself used to live in that country and witnessed the way in which liberal and anti-Christian norms conquering ever greater areas in the public space. Because these people have not experienced persecution against the Church, they do not know what it is when your crosses are torn away from you', he said. He also shared his own remembrances of how a teacher in the school he attended, having discovered a baptismal cross under his shirt, began to tear it off.

'A grave mistake is made by today's Western liberals who actually impose on free people the standards of totalitarian regime', the DECR chairman said.

'I believe it is a sign of some madness and extreme moral decay when such norms are not only introduced but even discussed. What is wrong with a cross worn on one's neck? Who and how can it harm? Why one can wear beads, an amulet, an image of some variety singer but a believer cannot put on an underwear cross? We will never agree with it and will fight against it', he said.



FOR CONSIDERATION

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

St. John of the Ladder says: "He who in his heart is proud of his tears and secretly condemns those who do not weep is like a man who asks the king for a weapon against his enemy and then commits suicide with it" (Step 7). If your heart is softened, be it from repentance before God or be it from knowing the boundless love of God toward you, do not become proud toward those whose hearts are still hard and calloused. Remember how long it has been since you had a hard and calloused heart. There were seven brothers who were ailing in a hospital. One of them was restored to health and rose to his feet. He hurried to serve his other brothers with fraternal love and concern so that they too would recover. You be like that brother also. Consider that all men are your brothers, sick brothers. If you feel that God has given you health before them, know that it was given to you through mercy, so that even you as a healthy person may serve others who are sick. Of what do we have to be proud? As though good health comes from ourselves alone and not from God. As though a mud hole can cleanse itself and not from a source deeper and cleaner.