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BULLETIN OF MARCH 29, 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY OF FAST/MARCH 29

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Question & Answer Period
4:00p.m. Deanery Vespers in So. River

MONDAY/MARCH 30

7:00p.m. Vespers

TUESDAY/MARCH 31

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 1

9:30a.m. Akathist to the Passion; Confessions
6:30p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

THURSDAY/APRIL 2

7:00p.m. Mystery of Holy Unction
*Confession & Communion should have been
Received in this period of 40 Day Lent to receive
This Holy Mystery*

FRIDAY/APRIL 3

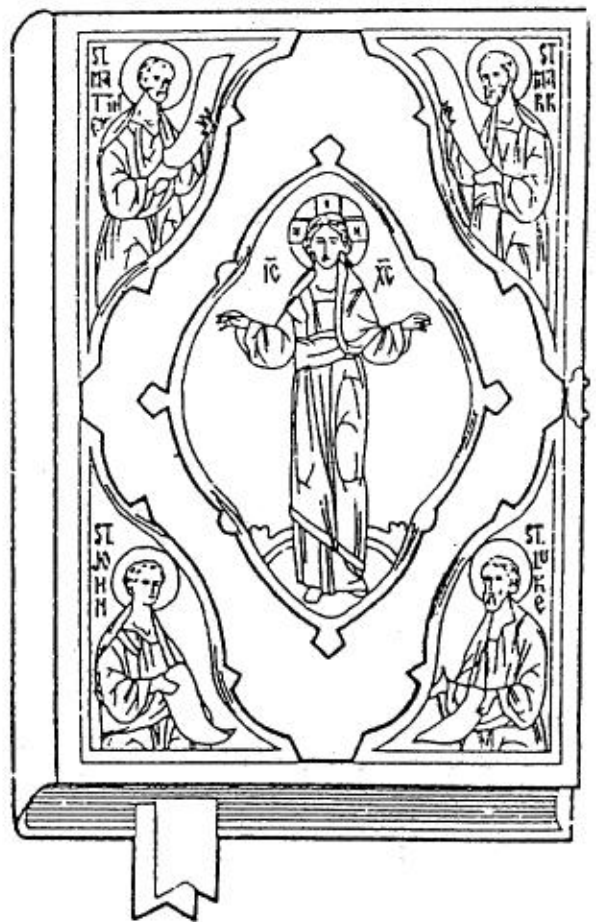
7:00p.m. Matins; Confessions

LAZARUS SATURDAY/APRIL 4

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
3:00p.m. Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

PALM SUNDAY/APRIL 5

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy &
Procession; Coffee Hour
6:30p.m. Bridegroom Matins



Offerings Week of March 29

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Rosalia, Justina Anastasia, Anna; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Daria (birthday); for the health of Mindy (birthday).

Wine: for the health of Zachary.

Memory Eternal!

To the newly-departed Sophie Olszyk of Hillsborough, a long time parishioner. Sophie reposed at the age of 95 on March 20th. Her funeral was held on March 23rd and burial in our parish cemetery. Our sympathy is expressed to her family.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Apr. 28th 40th Day for Sophie Olszyk
Mar. 29, 1942 John Kudelko
Mar. 29, 2007 Anastasia Kornacki
Mar. 30, 1959 Julius Kisel
Mar. 30, 1968 Pauline Bulat
Mar. 31, 1931 George Andrejko
Mar. 31, 1985 Alexander Rudzina
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. 04, 1959 Helen Hnatuk

Coffee Hour Hosts – Fasting Foods

Mar. 29 Kita, Nevitt, Keller & Turri
Apr. 05 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona
Apr. 12 No Coffee Hour

Usher Schedule

Mar. 29 Timothy S. & Peter B.
Apr. 05 Timothy S. & Peter B.
Apr. 12 To be scheduled

Appreciation Is Expressed

We have two past Saturdays for General Church Clean-Up and our thanks to all those who devoted a few hours for the beautiful work of cleaning the House of the Lord.

2015 Equal Sacrifice Model is in Effect

Each of our 70 parishioners (100%) is asked to make an extra offering over the amount of your usual offering of \$2.87 to \$8.62 per week to cover this year's deficit. This is based on 12 months, with 2 months already over. The Lord bless your sacrifice and generosity! If absent, please mail your offerings in.

Holy Confession: Foundational in the Season of Great Lent

Great Lent is the season of "repentance." The Mystery (Sacrament) of Penance should be received by all the faithful in this period of 40 days, **ending April 4th, the eve of Palm Sunday.** In Great & Holy Week (April 5-11) Confession is not scheduled, but available for College Students.

Axios! ("He Is Worthy!")

The Holy Synod of Bishops has elevated Bishop Michael to the rank of Archbishop at their Meeting of March 17-19th. Many Blessed Years!

Great & Holy Week Work Sheet

This sheet on the vestibule stand lists various tasks necessary of Holy Week.

Vigil Watch Great & Holy Friday & Saturday

This sheet on the vestibule stand offers "12 Periods" of keeping vigil at the Tomb of Christ.

Forth-Coming on Calendar

April 13 Bright Monday – Parish Celebration
(no school – no work)
April 19 Sunday Luncheon for Rebecca Oliver
Mission Journey to Mexico
April 20 Monday – 6:30p.m. Paschal Memorial at Cemetery
April 25 Saturday – Deanery Parish Council
Workshop in Clifton 9:30-3:00p.m.

OCMC – Orthodox Christian Mission Center Lenten Boxes

Please return the coin boxes (also holds paper money and checks) on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Your offering helps Orthodox Mission work throughout the world.

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 THE LIFE OF
ST. MARY
 OF
EGYPT
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 marymexico.blogspot.com



MARY WAS FROM EGYPT, AND SHE LIVED A LIFE OF SHAME. ONE DAY SHE GOT ON A BOAT TO GO TO JERUSALEM.



SHE WANTED TO GO IN THE CHURCH TO SEE THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS...



...BUT SHE COULDN'T GO IN! SHE SAW AN ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, AND WEPT FOR ALL HER SINS.

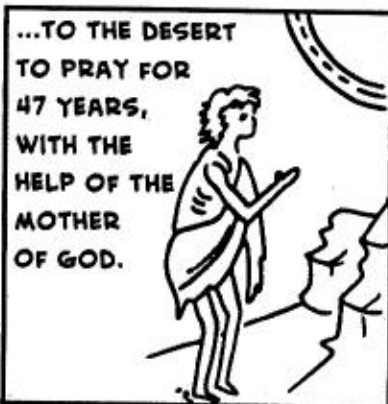
SHE HEARD A VOICE FROM THE HEAVENS...



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"Cross the Jordan to find glorious rest."
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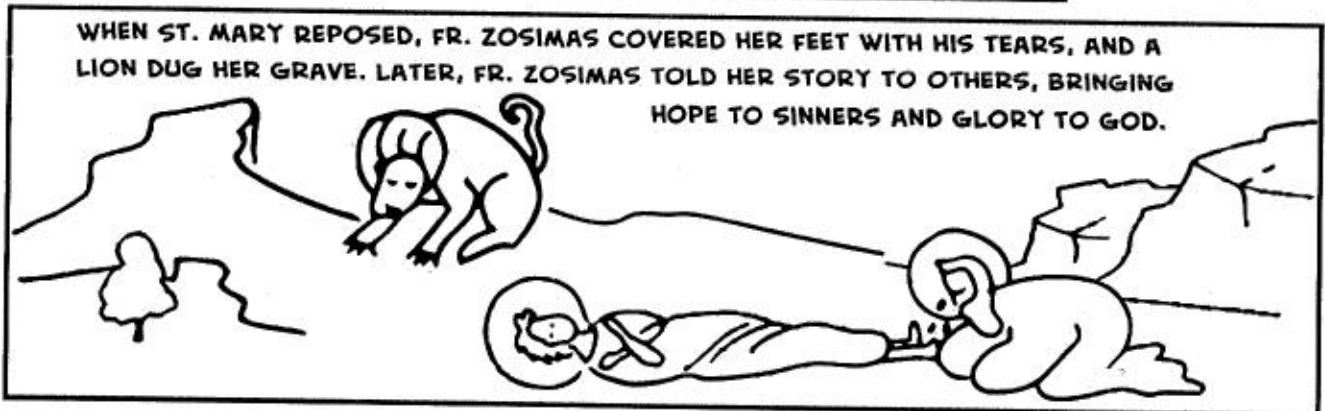
...SO SHE WENT ACROSS THE JORDAN...



...TO THE DESERT TO PRAY FOR 47 YEARS, WITH THE HELP OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.



SHE MET FR. ZOSIMAS IN THE DESERT. WHEN HE BROUGHT HER HOLY COMMUNION SHE WALKED ACROSS THE JORDAN AS ON DRY LAND.



WHEN ST. MARY REPOSED, FR. ZOSIMAS COVERED HER FEET WITH HIS TEARS, AND A LION DUG HER GRAVE. LATER, FR. ZOSIMAS TOLD HER STORY TO OTHERS, BRINGING HOPE TO SINNERS AND GLORY TO GOD.

HOLY ST. MARY OF EGYPT, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!

**FOR CONSIDERATION
FROM THE PARISH RECTOR
“On Various Subjects”**

One: On perpetual lateness to the Divine Liturgy.

The Divine Liturgy and the celebration of Holy Sacraments (Baptism, Marriage, Holy Unction, etc.) are the joint work of the Holy Spirit and the People of God. Since God is “serving,” good piety requires of us to be on time – if not early – for the Divine Liturgy and Sacraments.

It is difficult to understand, how people who are “on time” for work, school, sporting events, movies, and all other kinds of appointments can be continually late for the Divine Liturgy. Such tardiness demonstrates either a lack of understanding of the spiritual reality taking place and the presence of the Holy Spirit; or worse, a disregard of it. Continually lateness to the Divine Liturgy is not only a bad habit, sets a bad example and is sinful.

Two: Why our services are public and communal.

There are no real “private” or “services by invitation only” in our Orthodox understanding. An individual person – by virtue of Baptism – is a member of the community of believers. Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals are for the benefit of individual persons “of the community,” in the context of community. All the believers are part and the very prayers offered express the well-being not only of the individual, but of the community. Therefore, Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals are open to everyone and it is expected that members of the community come and prayer for the particular individual or individuals in accordance with the given need.

Three: Funerals must be served for a departed church member.

An experienced priest can tell you stories about family members who do not wish to have a Funeral for their departed relatives (i.e. parents or siblings). Sometimes this is because they do not wish to have a long service (but the funeral service is less than an hour); or they have not come to terms with the question of death in their own lives; or they are non-believers; or opt for cremation – strictly forbidden in the Orthodox Church - which does not allow for a funeral service. The Funeral is not for the living but for the one departed. As members of the community of believers they deserve a Funeral Service. The religious conviction of the departed one and his or her belonging to “the community of believers” should be paramount. The Church has a duty to her members, and if the family does not want to have a Funeral Service for the departed loved one, the Church itself still has a Funeral (even if the body is not present). It is very important that members of the Church make very plain – and in written form – their funeral wishes to their family members. Failure to do so, may mean that you may be deprived of the Funeral Service you desire and are entitled to.

Four: On the reading of the Gospel of the Resurrection and Veneration of the Gospel.

The Saturday evening service is the preparatory service and “first” celebration of the Day of Resurrection (Sunday). The participation in this evening service has always been understood as our “entrance into the Day of the Lord.” The most important part of this service (Vespers and Matins), is the proclamation of the Gospel accounts of the Lord’s Resurrection and our veneration of the Gospel. This is done in the Matins part of the service. If we cannot be at the whole Vigil, the better part for us to participate in, is the Matins, at least until after the veneration of the Gospel.

55 MAXIMS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
By Father Thomas Hopko (+ March 18, 2015)

1. Be always with Christ and trust God in everything.
2. Pray as you can, not as you think you must.
3. Have a keepable rule of prayer done by discipline.
4. Say the Lord's Prayer several times each day.
5. Repeat a short prayer when your mind is not occupied.
6. Make some prostrations when you pray.
7. Eat good foods in moderation and fast on fasting days.
8. Practice silence, inner and outer.
9. Sit in silence 20 to 30 minutes each day.
10. Do acts of mercy in secret.
11. Go to liturgical services regularly.
12. Go to confession and holy communion regularly.
13. Do not engage intrusive thoughts and feelings.
14. Reveal all your thoughts and feelings to a trusted person regularly.
15. Read the scriptures regularly.
16. Read good books, a little at a time.
17. Cultivate communion with the saints.
18. Be an ordinary person, one of the human race.
19. Be polite with everyone, first of all family members.
20. Maintain cleanliness and order in your home.
21. Have a healthy, wholesome hobby.
22. Exercise regularly.
23. Live a day, even a part of a day, at a time.
24. Be totally honest, first of all with yourself.
25. Be faithful in little things.
26. Do your work, then forget it.
27. Do the most difficult and painful things first.
28. Face reality.
29. Be grateful.
30. Be cheerful.

31. Be simple, hidden, quiet and small.
32. Never bring attention to yourself.
33. Listen when people talk to you.
34. Be awake and attentive, fully present where you are.
35. Think and talk about things no more than necessary.
36. Speak simply, clearly, firmly, directly.
37. Flee imagination, fantasy, analysis, figuring things out.
38. Flee carnal, sexual things at their first appearance.
39. Don't complain, grumble, murmur or whine.
40. Don't seek or expect pity or praise.
41. Don't compare yourself with anyone.
42. Don't judge anyone for anything.
43. Don't try to convince anyone of anything.
44. Don't defend or justify yourself.
45. Be defined and bound by God, not people.
46. Accept criticism gracefully and test it carefully.
47. Give advice only when asked or when it is your duty.
48. Do nothing for people that they can and should do for themselves.
49. Have a daily schedule of activities, avoiding whim and caprice.
50. Be merciful with yourself and others.
51. Have no expectations except to be fiercely tempted to your last breath.
52. Focus exclusively on God and light, and never on darkness, temptation
53. Endure the trial of yourself and your faults serenely, under God's mercy
54. When you fall, get up immediately and start over.
55. Get help when you need it, without fear or shame.

