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*Celebrating 49 years of Proclaiming the Truth of Orthodox Christianity*

## SUNDAY APRIL 1, 2012

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 1. St Mary of Egypt.** Ven. Mary of Egypt. Ven. Euthymius of Suzdal'. Martyr Abraham of Bulgaria. Ven. Gerontius, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves. Ven. Macarius, Abbot of Pelecete. Martyrs Gerontius and Basilides. Righteous Achaza.

**Epistle:** Galatians 3:23-29  
Hebrews 9:11-14

**Gospel:** Luke 7:36-50  
Mark 10:32-45

### UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Apr 1, Sun:** **St. Mary of Egypt.** Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy* -9:30am; Church School -11am; Fellowship -11:15am; *Mission Vespers (Mt. Carmel)* -4pm  
*Hour Readers:* (3<sup>rd</sup>) **Bill Kuchta** (6<sup>th</sup>) **Scott Staller** • Altar Servers – **All welcome**
- Apr 3, Tue:** Choir Rehearsal -7:30pm
- Apr 4, Wed:** Bible Study (33 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St) –noon; *Pan-Orthodox Pre-Sanctified Liturgy* -6:30pm followed by Lenten Pot-Luck
- Apr 5, Thu:** **Martyrs Agathopodes, Theodulus and their Companions.**
- Apr 6, Fri:** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy* -6:30pm, followed by Lenten Pot-Luck
- Apr 7, Sat:** **Lazarus Saturday.** *Baptism, Chrismation & Divine Liturgy* -9:30am; *Vespers & Confession (blessing of Palms)* -6pm
- Apr 8, Sun:** **Palm Sunday, Entrance into Jerusalem.** Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy* -9:30am; Church School -11am; Fellowship -11:15am; *Bridegroom Matins* -7pm  
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- **ANCIENTFAITHRADIO.COM** - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio
- **OrthodoxyinAmerica.org** (Traveling or Going on Vacation?) **check it out!**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!!!** Please join us for fellowship in the church hall and sign our guest book in the vestibule. **If you are interested in becoming a part of our community please ask to speak to Fr. Stephen. Please note:** Only those faithful who are Orthodox Christians and have properly prepared themselves by fasting (*from all food and drink from midnight*), prayer, and recent confession; and who were present for the reading of the Epistle and Gospel, should approach to receive the Eucharist.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST:

*Please remember the following persons during your daily morning and evening prayers. **Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless requested.** Submit names to the office by Wednesday for inclusion.*

**AILING: PARISHIONERS:** Archpriest Michael Kovach; Salwa Shunnara; infant Cole John Schilling; **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Gina Rosso (niece of Bill Kuchta); Robert Rester & Taylor Samuel (Jessica Drebot's friends); Scott Blazek (Troy's brother); Carrie Faust, Lynn Wheeler, Emily Campbell, Landon Payne (friends and family of Jerry & Ann Cole); Diane Broskey, Joseph Salvador (Libby's niece & nephew); Irene Priggin's (Christine's mother); Theodore & Nicholas Demopolous (Samantha's father and Cousin); Diane Chambers and Marlene Kalenak (Anna Doray's daughter and neice); Infant Elizabeth Ruzanka; Jamie Krempasky & Irene Pagel (George's great niece, daughter and friend); Keturah Faust (J. Barns and L. Shuga's friend); Matthew Kocsis; Pauline Lapinsky, & John Fatich (Janet Kuzupas' siblings); Christine and Joseph, and Steven Demchak (Sue's sister and brothers)

**HEALTH & WELL-BEING: PARISHIONERS:** Daniel Bretz; Elizabeth & Paul Pellegrini; Ron Hancher, Sr.; Robin Kuzupas; John R. Barns; **HOME-BOUND & IN CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Danko; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Nicholas Essis; **CATECHUMENS:** Dana Watt; John & Sharon Shingara; Jonathan Dunnavent; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Rebecca Lange; Natalie Schilling Murphy; Pelegia Adams and the children to be born of them; **MILITARY:** Stephanie King; Jessica Shingara; Kevin Leonhard; Matthew Pylypciw; Steven Heberle; Thomas Shingara; **SPONSORED SEMINARIAN:** Fr. Ian & M. Priscilla Shipley and family; **OCMC MISSIONARY TO ROMANIA:** Christina Semon; **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Archpriest Alexander Atty; Cassandra Millet (friend of Anastasia Nikolaeva); Matthew & Viviana Sysak; Cathy Rusynyk Geppert (Nick & Wilma Sutovich's friend); Rene Symcak (Dave Hancher's wife); Lowell Lundberg, Christine Kihm, Addison Holl, Van Milbrand, and Margaret & Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's friends, aunt & cousin); Becky Voras (friend of Lydia Mantle); Addison, Judy & Greg (family of Christine Priggins); Mattie Martin; Myron Starinshak (Libby's brother); Willard Brown; Thomas Ridenour & Christian Ridenour (son & grandson of Suzanne Mioff); Tom & Bernadine Antolick (Mary Ellen Osuch's sister & brother-in-law);

**NEWLY DEPARTED:** Alexandra Logwintschuk – March 25 (Krempasky's friend); Stephen Kudrikoff (cousin of Mat. Ressetar) – Mar 16; Alice Kelly (Kathy Kuchwara's cousin) - Mar 11; Joseph Graham (Tatiana's father-in-law) – March 4; Michael Drobish (Harry Sysak's friend) - Feb 9; Luis Baez – Feb 28<sup>th</sup>; John Daiz (Manny's Uncle) – Feb 29;

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED:** Mary Hubiak Sysak, mother of Harry, Apr 1 -38<sup>th</sup>; Paraskevia Latanishen, grandmother of Bill Kuchta, Apr 1 -69<sup>th</sup>; M. Helen Fedorchak, Apr 2 -10<sup>th</sup>; Richard Kalenak, nephew of Anna Doray, Apr 2 -7<sup>th</sup>; Michael Fatich, Janet Kuzupas' brother, Apr 2 – 10<sup>th</sup>; Peter Krempasky, George's father, Apr 3 – 51<sup>st</sup>; Thomas White, Gerald's brother Apr 3 – 4<sup>th</sup>; Vera S. Auman, Apr 4 -13<sup>th</sup>; Samuel Sumple, father of Basil, Apr 5 -28<sup>th</sup>; Neoma Dorosh, Apr 5 -27<sup>th</sup>; Avis Wagner, grandmother of Kathy Drebot, Apr 6 -11<sup>th</sup>; Christine McKeown, April Apr 6 - 6<sup>th</sup>; Alexander Prisley, brother of Mat. Theodora, Apr 7 -7<sup>th</sup>;

**CANDLE OFFERINGS:** *For information on how to purchase commemoration candles, please go to the candle desk or speak with one of the vestrymen. Please note: offerings must be in the office by Wednesday for inclusion.*

❖ **Seven Day Votive** is offered in **Health & Salvation** of **Christine Demchak**, sister of Suzanne

**MANY YEARS:** *Please submit to [ctsocahbg@aol.com](mailto:ctsocahbg@aol.com) by the preceding Wednesday.*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jim & Lindz Krut –Apr 7; Dan & Kristen Seitz – Apr 8

**BIRTHDAYS:** Katharine Macut - Apr 1; Jacob Vernak – Apr 2; Hannah Zerat – Apr 7

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

**New Lamp Posts:** We would like to express our gratitude to the Osuch and Rodak families who donated the new lamp posts which adorn the front of our church property. They were donated in memory of **John and Helen Osuch**; and **John and Irene Rodak**. May their memories be eternal!

**Pascha Decorated Candles:** A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please place donation in the basket and mark "paid" next to your name.

**Grave Watching:** There is a sign up list in the vestibule for *Grave Watch at the Tomb of our Lord*. Grave watching begins at Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and will continue until Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

**Annual Lenten Soup Sales:** Every Sunday during Lent (except March 25) our Men's Club will be providing soup and bread at fellowship. There is a "free will" offering & proceeds will be donated to **The Smile Train** (a nonprofit organization which helps provide cleft lip and cleft palate surgery to children in need).

**Ham Raffle Tickets:** This year proceeds from the raffle will help to reduce Church siding project debt. You do not need to be present at the time of the drawing which will be *Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>*. Please note, bring or send your returns on or before April 8<sup>th</sup>. Extra tickets are located in the office.

**SALES DESK:** Available at the Sales Desk are Easter Basket covers, a limited supply of Pascha cards, Pysanky eggs, and egg stands. Our cookbook is also available for \$12 and would make an excellent hostess gift.

- Special thanks to Anna Doray for the donation of 3 dozen Pysanki eggs and egg holders to be sold at the Sales Desk. Also to Effie Spaseff who also donated some Pysanki (many decorated by Mary Lou Klippa) for sale.

**Seminarian Support:** Our parish is once again offering a half scholarship to **Fr. Ian and M. Priscilla Shipley** and family for this academic year. We are given the challenge to raise \$3,750.00 in support of his tuition. Please make checks payable to "Christ the Saviour" and write "Seminarian Support" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Fellowship Hour Schedule:** Parishioners are asked to help by bringing at least **48** servings of baked goods and to serve them during their assigned fellowship hour. Please check the dates below and mark your calendar accordingly. ***The complete list through next May 2012 is available at the parish hall.*** If you are unable to be at church on your scheduled date contact **Nadzia Schilling** at 652-2759.

April 1:*	Kathy Kuchwara	Effie Spaseff	Marie Spaseff
April 8: *	Chet Lubecki	Nora Lubecki	Christine Priggins
April 15:		<b>PASCHA</b>	

\*Great Lent, we ask that you provide baked goods made without eggs or dairy products.

**LAST SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 196**

## EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Agia Sophia Coffee House & Bookstore is seeking parishioners to volunteer. Please see Joanne Wevodau at [jwevodau@verizon.net](mailto:jwevodau@verizon.net) with any inquiries.

**Children's Orthodox Book Signing:** Sheena Hisiro will be holding three upcoming book signings for a new children's book she illustrated called "Josiah and Julia Go to Church." The book is a young child's guide to church etiquette and was written by Kelly Ramke Lardin. Our church is featured in the book as well as at least a few other familiar faces. The book signings will be held **Saturday, Apr. 28, and Tuesday, May 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Agia Sophia Bookstore and Coffee Shop and on **Sunday, April 29** at our church during Fellowship hour. Please visit her website at [www.oodlesofdoodles.tumblr.com](http://www.oodlesofdoodles.tumblr.com).

**Saint Tikhon's Summer Camp:** Registration is now open for St. Tikhon's summer camp which will be held **July 1<sup>st</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup>**. Registration forms must be postmarked by May 31<sup>st</sup>. For forms please go to [www.sttikhonscamp.org](http://www.sttikhonscamp.org) or inform the church office and they will be able to print the forms for you.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 1, 2012

### ***Galatians 3:23-29 (Epistle, Saint)***

*Brethren*, before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. <sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

### ***Hebrews 9:11-14 (Epistle)***

*Brethren*, 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> 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?

### ***Luke 7:36-50 (Gospel, Saint)***

*At that time*, one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. <sup>37</sup> 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, <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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." <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." <sup>41</sup> "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> 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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<sup>44</sup> 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. <sup>45</sup> You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. <sup>47</sup> 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."<sup>48</sup> Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."<sup>49</sup> And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"<sup>50</sup> Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

### ***Mark 10:32-45 (Gospel)***

*At that time, Jesus Disciples* 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: <sup>33</sup> "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; <sup>34</sup> and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."<sup>36</sup> And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"<sup>37</sup> They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."<sup>38</sup> 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?"<sup>39</sup> 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; <sup>40</sup> 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."<sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. <sup>44</sup> And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

**GLORY TO THEE O LORD, GLORY TO THEE!**