

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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29 MARCH 2020 / 7528 5th SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST MEMORY OF OUR HOLY MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT

Epistle, Hebrews 9:11 – 14 Christ as High Priest
GOSPEL, Mark 10:32 – 45 The Request of James and John

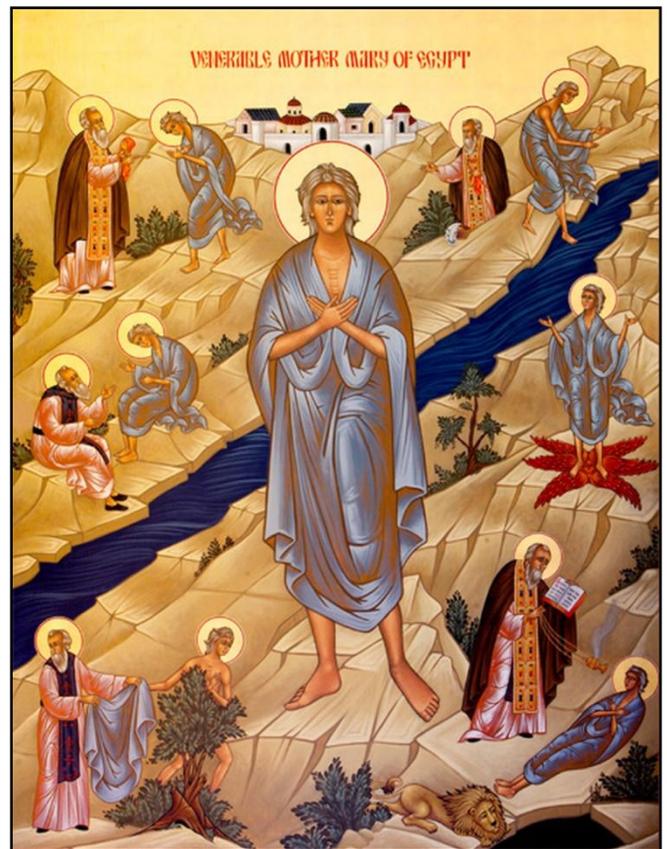
MARY OF EGYPT: With the sword of temperance, you have cut down the passions of the soul and flesh; you choked evil thoughts with the silence of an ascetical life. Watering the desert with the stream of your tears, you bore the fruits of repentance. We now celebrate the memory of your holiness, O venerable Mother Mary.

Formerly Moses was glorified by the vision of God on Sinai, thus sketching a new mystery; and now Mary bows before the most pure icon [of the Theotokos], before the vessel that contained the manna, and she shares the life of angels.

She who once defiled your temple in her flesh, wished to see, as David sang, the beauty of Your house and the glory of Your holy temple. O Christ, through the intercession of your Mother, the spouseless temple, make me the temple of your Spirit Who is everywhere present.

She whose glance once captured many men, with the bait of the flesh, for a passing pleasure, so that they became the prize of the Devil, now herself is caught by divine grace on the hook of the Cross; and she brings delight to Christ.

We now praise you with our hymns, O lamb and daughter of Christ; for you came forth from the stock of the Egyptians, and you have become a precious flower for the Church, struggling in temperance and prayer beyond the measure of mortals; thus, you were exalted in Christ, by the merits of your life and deeds; therefore, the venerable Mary has become a bride of the Kingdom.



Read about the life of St. Mary of Egypt, who is always remembered on this Sunday. St. Sophronios, Patriarch of Jerusalem wrote a biography of her life. An abridged version begins on p. 533 in your "Publican Prayer Book". Many versions can be found on-line

https://orthodoxwiki.org/Mary_of_Egypt.



SIXTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST: During this week, we go from the canon of Lazarus, the poor man abused by Dives – the rich man – and follow Christ on His way to Bethany to give life to His friend Lazarus, the promise of resurrection to all. On Friday, April 3rd, the Forty Days of the Great Fast ends and we begin the Fast of Great and Holy Week. At Vespers, we read the story of Joseph and his brothers who sold him into slavery in Egypt (Genesis, chapters 37, 39 - 45). Joseph is a type of Jesus the Messiah, Who died and is risen.

Kontakion: Jacob lamented before the coat, as the brothers revealed their cruelty. Making a slave of Joseph, they sold him to the impious, but he placed all his hope in God, and from Him received a royal crown, as he proclaimed, «The Lord alone is great. He is our Savior.»

With fervor, let us begin the sixth week of the holy Fast; O faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise to the Lord in preparation for the feast of Palms. For He comes in glory and the power of His divinity; He draws near to Jerusalem to vanquish death. Therefore, let us prepare symbols of victory, the palms of our virtues, that we may cry: Hosanna to the Creator of the world.



03 / 22 / 2020	Adults: \$955	Children: \$6	Flowers: \$120	Candles: \$6
COLLECTION	Lenten Off.: \$25	Eastern Europe: \$20	TOTAL: \$1132	



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

If you tried to watch services from our Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Munhall, there's a typo in the link the Archeparchy sent out to the parishes. The correct link is:

www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com

FROM MCI DIRECTOR FR. DEACON JEFF MIERZEJEWSKI: At the request of Bishop Milan of Parma, I am posting a version of the complete people's book for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. It is not *quite* the same as the published one, since the page layout was changed, but it should help the faithful who participate in the Presanctified from home via live-streaming.

Presanctified Book Available Online

<https://mci.archpitt.org/sheetmusic/general/PresanctifiedGifts.pdf>

The **People's Book for the Divine Liturgy** is also available as a PDF:

<https://mci.archpitt.org/servicebooks/DivineLiturgies.pdf>

Live-streamed Liturgical Services

The following is the best collection I have found of live-streamed Eastern Catholic liturgical services, so that you can participate in worship from home:

<http://liveliturgy.com/>



Parents w/ young children: resources during Covid-19. Please note that I have not researched any of these children oriented sites. Parents should judge what is appropriate for their children.

❖ NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

<https://email.nationalgeographic.com/H/2/v400000171028ca64daa47ad6e966a31b0/c677c449-c18c-42f1-92f6-6963118f7f6a/HTML>

- ❖ **WQED:** <https://www.wqed.org/covid19> For more educational resources, visit <https://www.wqed.org/education/online-learning-resources>
- ❖ **RELIGIOUS:** I have not found anything yet from the Ruthenians. Until I do, check out: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America: The Department of Religious Education has created a "Religious Education at Home" website that you might find helpful.

<https://www.goarch.org/-/religious-ed-at-home-week-1?inheritRedirect=true&redirect=%2Fdepartments%2Freligious>

KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS YEAR THE ORTHODOX LITURGICAL CALENDAR IS ONE WEEK BEHIND US. This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the Great Fast for us, for them it is the 4th.

ADULTS: The Melkite Greek Catholic Church has the following from their Office of Educational Services: «**Great Lent at Home**» (PDF, 556KB, 28 pages) <https://melkite.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Great-Lent-at-Home-Complete-w-Cover.pdf>



LOOKING AHEAD...

PALM SUNDAY: I plan to bless Palms and Pussy Willows. The question is how best to distribute them and observe social-distancing. Talking with brother priests there are a couple of options worth consideration, both would be «drive through» in nature. This would allow you to stay in your car and six feet of separation would be easily observed. More specific details in the next news letter.

GOD WITH US – ON LINE «Many of us are deeply saddened and shocked by the unanticipated turn this Great Lent has taken. It is so important for us to stay firm in the faith! Amidst the uncertainty of these days, we as Christians know with certainty that Christ has the victory. Whether we can join together physically or not, we remain united in prayer, faith and hope in the Resurrection of Christ our God. Our journey to Pascha continues on!»

To prepare for Great Week and Pascha, we invite you to join us April 1st at 8-9 PM EST for ***the Sacrifice of God: The Mystery of the Cross in the Eastern Christian Tradition*** with Rev. Stephen Freeman. The Webinar is free, but you must register using the link below.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_30vDULMbT0qugVuLtudrhQ

Rev. Stephen Freeman is an archpriest in the Orthodox Church in America and serves as pastor emeritus of St. Anne Orthodox Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He was educated at Furman University, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and Duke University. He is author of the popular blog, Glory to God for All Things, and of the weekly podcast, Glory to God, on Ancient Faith Radio. His work has been widely translated and published in Europe and Russia.

GOD WITH US ONLINE is an outreach project of the Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED) and the Eastern Catholic Associates (ECA) and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church's call for a new evangelization.

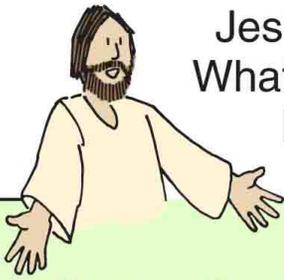
James and John Ask for Special Places

James and John came to Jesus, asking to be seated to His right and left in His glory.
How did Jesus reply to them?

Find 12 differences between the two pictures below.



“Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”



Jesus spoke to the disciples.
What did He say to them about
how to be truly great?



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