

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church

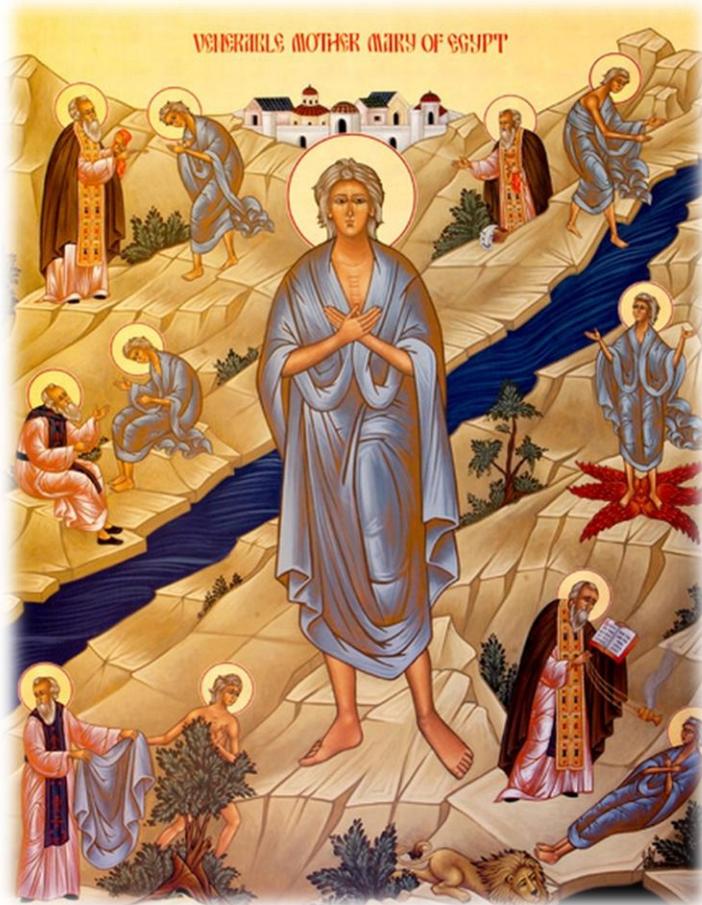
Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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21 March 2021 / 7529: 5th SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
Memory of our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt
Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Mar. 20 17:00 Vigil: Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast – Memory of our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt Suffrages for the health and well-being of Larry Sieg – Mary Ann Kontir
- Sun. Mar. 21 10:30 Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast – Memory of our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt Suffrages pro populo, esp. for +Agnes Osif – Martin Osif Family
- Wed. Mar. 24 18:30 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- Thurs. Mar. 25 18:30 Annunciation of the Theotokos

Fri. Mar. 26 18:30 **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** End of the Great Fast
 Sat. Mar. 27 09:30 **Lazarus Saturday**
 17:00 Vigil: **Palm Sunday**
Suffrages for +Michael Bankovich –James Knouse
 Sun. Mar. 28 10:30 **Palm Sunday** *Suffrages pro populo*



03 / 07 / 2021	Adults: \$1188	Children: \$15	Lenten Off.: \$25
COLLECTION	Candles: \$64	Easter flowers: \$110	TOTAL: \$1402

SUNDAY LECTORS IN MARCH: March 28: Susan V.



HISTORICAL NOTE: This past Friday marked the end of the forty-day fast before Pascha that runs from the Monday after Forgiveness Sunday until the day before Lazarus Saturday. In origin this fast seems to be an imitation of the forty-day fast Jesus made after His baptism in the Jordan. In Egypt, it prepared the catechumens for the reception of baptism on the fortieth day after Theophany. Today it is done immediately before Pascha and concludes with a day of baptism on Lazarus Saturday. Great and Holy Week remains as a period of six days of even more intense penance of prayer and fasting as an immediate preparation for Pascha, perhaps originating in the Jewish Week of Unleavened Bread, which was understood as a time of fasting. The Paschal Fast of Holy Week is, therefore, more ancient than that of the Great Forty-Day Fast.

Saint James, Bishop and Confessor, was inclined toward the ascetic life from his early years. Saint James left the world and entered the Studite monastery, where he was tonsured. He led a strict life, full of works, fasting and prayer. Pious and well-versed in Holy Scripture, Saint James was elevated to the bishop's throne of Catania (Sicily).

During the reign of the iconoclast emperor Constantine V Copronymos (741-775), Saint James was repeatedly urged not to venerate the holy icons. They exhausted him in prison, starved him, and beat him, but he bravely endured all these torments. Saint James died in exile.



~ ANOUNCEMENTS ~

- **Ancient Faith Radio** announces the launch of their new English-language music channel! Now you can listen to beautiful Orthodox music 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in English. You'll hear choirs from parishes and monasteries around the United States. Click on the following link to listen:

https://www.ancientfaith.com/player/afmusic_en.php

- **The Liturgy of Jerusalem: History, Theology, and Lessons for Today:** The Church of Jerusalem was the cradle of Christianity, influencing when and how Christendom celebrated the conception, birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ and the memorials of the Theotokos, apostles, and martyrs.

For the Byzantine Catholic Seminary's 21st annual Sts. Cyril and Methodius Lecture, the Reverend Deacon Daniel Galadza presents Jerusalem's liturgical year, its historical sources, and theology. His lecture will illustrate connections between the "Byzantinization" of the Eastern Patriarchates at the end of the first millennium and the Latinization of the Eastern Catholic Churches from the middle of the second millennium onward.

Father Deacon Daniel Galadza completed studies at the University of Toronto and the Sheptytsky Institute before defending his doctorate in Byzantine liturgy at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome in 2013. He has been a junior fellow at the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection in Washington, D.C., assistant professor at the University of Vienna, visiting professor at the Pontifical Oriental Institute, and is currently a research fellow at the Centre of Advanced Studies of the University of Regensburg, Germany. In February of 2018, Oxford University Press published his *Liturgy and Byzantinization in Jerusalem*: the first study dedicated to the question of the Byzantinization of Jerusalem's liturgy, providing English translations of many liturgical texts and hymns for the first time.

