

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

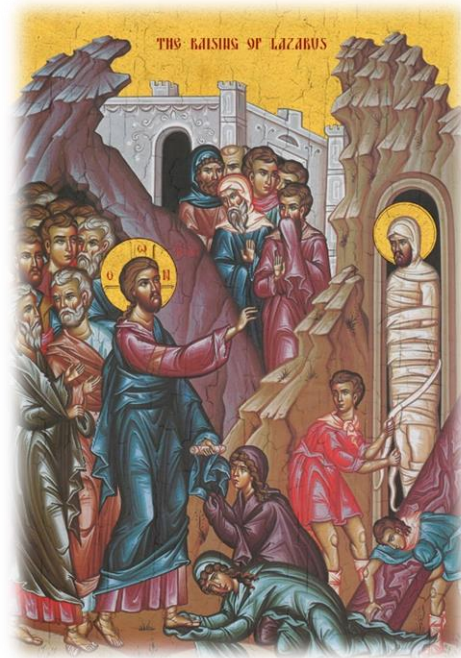
St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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17 MARCH 2024 / 7532 FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
MEMORY OF OUR HOLY MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Mar. 16 17:00 VIGIL: **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Suffrages pro populo

Sun. Mar. 17 10:30 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Suffrages for +James Kontir – daughter, Natalee

Wed. Mar. 20 18:30 **LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**
Suffrages for +James Kontir – Helen DeFlorio

Sat. Mar. 23 17:00 VIGIL: **PALM SUNDAY**
Suffrages for +Michael Bankovich – The Bankovich Family

Sun. Mar. 24 10:30 **PALM SUNDAY** *Suffrages pro populo;*
esp. for + James Kontir – Andrew Regalla

Mon. Mar. 25 18:30 **GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY – ANNUNCIATION**
OF THE THEOTOKOS *Suffrages for +Robert Hulyk – wife, Marge*



03 / 10 / 2024
COLLECTION
TOTAL: \$1103

Adults: \$693
Lenten Off: \$25

Candles: \$40
Pascha: \$50

Holy Week: \$50
Flowers: \$155

Fuel: \$100



HISTORICAL NOTE: This coming Friday marks 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, therefore, is more ancient than that of the Great Forty-Day Fast.

This coming week is called **Palm** or **Branch Week**. At the Tuesday services the Church recalls that Jesus' friend Lazarus has died and that the Lord is going to raise him from the dead. As the days continue toward Saturday, the Church, in its hymns and verses, continues to follow Christ towards Bethany to the tomb of Lazarus. On Friday evening, the eve of the celebration of the Resurrection of Lazarus, the «great and saving forty days» of the Great Fast are formally brought to an end: *Having accomplished the forty days for the benefit of our souls, we pray to You, O Lover of Mankind, that we may see the holy week of Your passion, that in it we may glorify Your greatness and unspeakable plan of salvation for our sake.* (Vesper Hymn) **Lazarus Saturday** is a paschal celebration. It is the only time in the entire Church Year that the resurrection service of Sunday is celebrated on another day. At the liturgy of Lazarus Saturday, the Church glorifies Christ as «*the Resurrection and the Life*» Who, by raising Lazarus, has confirmed the universal resurrection of all mankind even before His own suffering and death

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.



~ Announcements ~

- **SUPER BINGO POSTERS** are available in the Narthex for advertising at local businesses. Please take one or two and ask a business owner that you frequent to display it. The Super Bingo will take place **SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 14th**.
- **17th EGG EGGSTRAVAGANZA** at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church Social Hall, Uniontown is this **Sunday, March 17th** from **Noon – 4:00**. Admission is free. A Lenten luncheon will be served. See posters in Narthex for more details of all the many events planned for the day.