



SAINT MARY OF EGYPT

A TREASURE HIDDEN IN THE WILDERNESS

It was the pious custom in one of the monasteries of the East in the 6th century to have the monks gather at the beginning of the Great Fast and then to disperse into the desert. The monk Zosimos went forth with the rest. There in the wilderness he came across a strange form. He then heard a voice: "I am an old and sinful woman."

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Sunday, April 10, 2022 / Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt

Resurrection Apolytikion of the tone of the week (Tone 1)

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε.

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. And therefore the powers of heaven cried to You, O Giver-of-Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Apolytikion of the Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt

Ἐν σοὶ Μῆτερ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν Σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράττουσα ἐδίδασκες, ὑπεροχῶν μὲν σαρκός, παρέρχεται γὰρ· ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ ἀγγέλων συναγάζεται, ὅσια Μαρία, τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

In you, O Mother is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross you followed Christ and taught by your example, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

The Choir wants YOU!

It's the time of year when everyone enjoys the special hymns the choir sings for Lent and Easter. Please join us! We look forward to filling the church with the sound of many voices singing these special hymns.



Apolytikion of our Church

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστῆς, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

As liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the ailing, and champion of Kings, beseech Christ our God, O great martyr George, Standard Bearer, for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὥς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοί. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

A protection of Christians unshameable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, Who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede, and speed now to supplicate, As a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

Megalynarion of the Liturgy of Saint Basil

Ἐπὶ σοὶ χαίρει, Κεχαριτωμένη, πᾶσα ἡ κτίσις· Ἀγγέλων τὸ σύστημα καὶ ἀνθρώπων τὸ γένος, ἡγιασμένε ναεὶ καὶ παρὰδεις λογικέ, παρθενικὸν καύχημα, ἐξ ἧς Θεὸς ἐσαρκώθη καὶ παιδίον γέγονεν, ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων ὑπάρχων Θεὸς ἡμῶν· τὴν γὰρ σὴν μήτραν θρόνον ἐποίησε, καὶ τὴν σὴν γαστέρα πλατυτέραν οὐρανῶν ἀπειργάσατο. Ἐπὶ σοὶ χαίρει, Κεχαριτωμένη, πᾶσα ἡ κτίσις δόξα σοι.

All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace: the assembly of angels and the human race. You are a sanctified temple and a spiritual paradise, the glory from whom God was incarnate and became a child; our God, existing before all ages. He made your womb a throne, and your body more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace. Glory to you.

The Epistle Reading – Sunday, April 10, 2022

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 9:11-14

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς δὲ παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν, διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειότερας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσῆλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ ἅγια, αἰωνίαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἶμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων, καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους, ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσῳ μᾶλλον τὸ αἶμα τοῦ χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἁμωμον τῷ θεῷ, καθαριεῖ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν θεῷ ζῶντι;

The Gospel Lesson – Sunday, April 10, 2022

The Reading is from Saint Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be

baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Κατὰ Μάρκον 10.32-45

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, παραλαμβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητάς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι Ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσιν καὶ τοῖς γραμματεῦσιν, καὶ κατακρινοῦσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν καὶ ἐμπαίξουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν, καὶ μετὰ τρεῖς ἡμέρας ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰάκωβος καὶ Ἰωάννης οἱ υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες αὐτῷ, Διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὁ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμέν σε ποιήσης ἡμῖν. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Τί θέλετέ [με] ποιήσω ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπαν αὐτῷ, Δὸς ἡμῖν ἵνα εἷς σου ἐκ δεξιῶν καὶ εἷς ἐξ ἀριστερῶν καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Οὐκ οἶδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, ἢ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπαν αὐτῷ, Δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πίεσθε καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε, τὸ δὲ καθίσαι ἐκ δεξιῶν μου ἢ ἐξ ἐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἡτοίμασται. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. Καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγει αὐτοῖς, Οἶδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἀρχεῖν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν. Οὐχ οὕτως δὲ ἔστιν ἐν ὑμῖν· ἀλλ' ὃς ἂν θέλῃ μέγας γενέσθαι ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὃς ἂν θέλῃ ἐν ὑμῖν εἶναι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθεν διακονηθῆναι ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.

Save the Date!

St. George Name Day Dance

May 7, 2022 7pm to 11pm

\$20 per person Children under 15 Free

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday April 11

Greek Pre-School 5 p.m.
Compline Service 6 p.m.
Board of Directors 7 p.m.

Tuesday April 12

Library Memory Project: Photograph Identifications 7 p.m.
Weekly Zoom meeting; same link is used each week;
link is available on Facebook or by email request at
library@stgeorgenh.org

Wednesday April 13

Daughters of Penelope 6:30 p.m.
Wills and Trusts Presentation 7 p.m.

Thursday April 14

AHEPA 7 p.m.

Saturday April 16

Saturday of Lazarus
Orthros 9 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
Folding of the palm branches

Sunday April 17

Palm Sunday
Orthros 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday Fish Dinner following Divine Liturgy
Bridegroom Service (Nymphios) 7 p.m.

This morning we will be offering a 40 day memorial service in loving memory of Peter Poulos. May his memory be eternal.

This morning we will be offering a 2 year memorial service in loving memory of Nita Stewart. May her memory be eternal.

Altar candles this morning are provided in loving memory of Nita Stewart.

INVITATION



The Daughters of Penelope invite you to attend a short presentation on "Wills and Trusts" given by our own Theo Vougias.

DATE: Wednesday April 13, 2022

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: Annex

We are opening this up to our St. George family.
Plan to attend this informative get together.

Red Dyed Eggs \$5 per dozen



Tsoureki bread \$15 each



Available Holy Wednesday
through Good Friday while
supplies last.



Palm Sunday Fish Dinner

Sunday, April 17 Following Divine Liturgy
Eat In or Take Out

Tickets must be purchased by Thursday April 14!!

*On sale at coffee hour and in the church office
weekdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm*

During the conversation, this woman told her amazing story: "I was born in Egypt, and at the age of 12 left my father's house and ran off to Alexandria. For 17 years I led a shameful life. One day I saw people going to Jerusalem for the feast of the Holy Cross, so I boarded the boat."

"I went with the others to the church, but some strange power held me back. I cowered in shame and terror, realizing that my sins prevented my entry. I cried out to the Holy Virgin in desperation, and the silent barrier was gone . . . After kissing the Cross, I passed over the Jordan and sought peace in the desert."

"For 47 years I have lived here alone . . . How I had to struggle against the temptations of the flesh . . ." Zosimos, who had been proud of his monastic life, was now humbled to tears. He came back the following several years, bringing the Eucharist to her. But one time he went into the desert and he could not find the woman. After some searching, he saw her body lying in the sand. Her hands were crossed over her heart, her face was turned toward the East. As he recited the prayer of the dead over her, the monk noticed these words traced in the desert sand: "Bury here the body of the sinner, Mary."

Zosimos brought out of the desert a story of a truly penitent soul. Her story lives on to this day as the Church observes St. Mary of Egypt's memory.

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2022 Holy Week and Pascha Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022

+Saturday of Lazarus Orthros/Matins 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Folding of Palm Crosses will take place in the community center.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

+Palm Sunday Orthros/Matins 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Fish Dinner (eat in or takeout) Pre-order by April 14.

Bridegroom Service (Nymphios Service) 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

Bridegroom Service (Nymphios Service) 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

Bridegroom Service (Hymn of Kassiane) 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

Holy Unction Service 3:00 p.m.

Matins of Thursday and Distribution of Holy Unction 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 7:00 a.m.

Service of the Twelve Gospel Readings 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

Royal Hours 8:00 a.m.

Taking Down from the Cross (Apokathilosis) 3:00 p.m.

Lamentation Service (Epitaphios Thrinos) 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 a.m.

Canon of Pascha 11:15 p.m.

Distribution of the Light and Divine Liturgy of Pascha 12:00 midnight

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

+PASCHA – Agape Vespers 11:00 a.m.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Just as everything else has gone up in price, so have the beautiful flowers that adorn our church for Easter. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one, and event, etc. Join the ladies in decorating on Holy Friday morning.



We welcome the red dyed eggs to be given out at the Resurrection Service, Saturday night. Please drop them off at the church, by Holy Thursday night. Dyed eggs will be available for \$7.00 a dozen by calling the church. First come first serve.



Tsoureki bread will be on sale Holy Wednesday, Through Good Friday while supplies last. \$15.00 each.

Reminder to pay your dues to

Dodo Chakas or

to Nikki Moutsioulis. \$15.00

***SAVE THE DATE:
MOTHERS DAY DINNER,
SUNDAY, MAY 15 4:00-7:00
PM AT THE COMMUNITY
CENTER.***

We all enjoyed the Movie, the "Man of God", thank you Veneta Tatakis for taking care of that. Great movie, and great company. Those who attended the trip to the Malliotes Center enjoyed their trip as well. Thank you to Phil Liakos and Meleti Pouliopoulos for heading up this project.



The St. George Sunday School is now accepting

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE

Collection bins are located in the
lobby of the community center

ITEMS NEEDED:

Medical and First Aid Supplies

Diapers (all sizes)

Personal Hygiene Products

Infant Formula

Socks

Mens Boots (new or gently used, all sizes)

Dry/Non-Perishable Food

The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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The good things that have come

Has anybody ever reminded you to, "Count your blessings"? It's important to remember all the good things we have and the good things that have happened to us.

Today's epistle reading starts, "When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come..." What were the good things that have come? Christ's holy resurrection, the best thing that has ever come!



When we hear these words, we remember to count our blessings, especially the best blessing of all. We remember all that our Lord did for us: coming to earth, suffering on the Cross, and rising from the dead. We remember how our Lord did these good things so He could give us hope and open heaven for us.

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent, and by now some of us might be getting tired of the fasting. We might be getting tired of so many services. We might be getting tired of waiting for Easter too.

But let's remember why we have Lent in the first place. Today, and every day, let's remember to "count our blessings," especially the best blessing of all! Then we can thank God for "the good things that have come," Christ's awesome resurrection.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Confessor
Exile
Faith
Fasting
Fifth Sunday
High Priest
Martin
Mary of Egypt
Resurrection

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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Today is the fifth Sunday of Great Lent, and today we remember Saint Mary of Egypt.

This icon shows her receiving Holy Communion from the priest, Father Zosima. Our saints show us their strong faith!



THE STRONGEST FAITH ST. MARTIN, BISHOP OF ROME

When we come together for Liturgy
each week, we say the Creed together, don't we?
We say out loud what we Orthodox Christians
believe.

Today, we celebrate the nameday of somebody
who said out loud what we believe...but he was
hurt again and again for that. Sometimes, he was
even so hungry and thirsty, but still Saint Martin
wouldn't stop saying the truth.



Saint Martin (who was the bishop of Rome, Italy) lived many years
ago, and he died in the year 655. At that time, the emperor wanted all
the Christians to believe something about Jesus Christ that just wasn't
true. In fact, it was a heresy (a heresy is a belief that goes against
the truth)!

The emperor was so angry that he even sent somebody to kill this saint!
But something kept the person from doing this awful thing, and he was
even blinded on the way back home. Again and again, the emperor did
such cruel things to Saint Martin. Finally, the emperor sent Martin to be
a prisoner on a little island, and he gave him hardly any food or water.
Saint Martin never gave up saying the truth about Christ. He is called a
"Confessor" because he was hurt for believing in Christ. (A martyr is
somebody who died for believing in Christ.) Always remember—God
wants us to stick up for the truth, and Saint Martin did just that!

We celebrate St. Martin today, April 13th (OC: April 26th).

St. Martin, pray for us!



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