

THE MANTLE

Saint Michael's Orthodox Church

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April 21, 2024

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
Commemoration of Saint Mary of Egypt

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Sunday, April 21:

- ❖ Choir rehearsal will be held prior to the start of the Liturgy.
- ❖ Adult Religious Education will resume after Pascha.
- ❖ 10:00 A.M. Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great
- ❖ Church School following Holy Communion.

Panachida for God's Departed Servants:

Madeline Sop

offered by the Stinich/Peters Family

Margaret Wesley

offered by the Stinich/Peters Family

Theresa Hoffmann

Nov 23, 1963 – March 31, 2023

offered by Aunt Josephine

- ❖ Lenten Confessions will be heard following the Panachida. *Please sit in the left front pew.*
- ❖ The Coffee Social will be sponsored by the Zabrodsky Family. All of our faithful and guests are invited to attend and join in fellowship.

Tuesday Morning, April 23:

- ❖ 10:00 A.M. Holy Day Divine Liturgy commemorating the Great Martyr George. *Lenten Confessions will be heard immediately following the Liturgy!*

Tuesday Evening, April 23:

- ❖ 7:00 P.M. Northside Pan-Orthodox Akathist Hymn at SS Peter & Paul's in Glenview. Southside at 6:30 P.M. at St. Luke's in Palos Hills.

Wednesday Afternoon, April 24:

- ❖ 1:00 P.M. Weekly Welcome to Orthodoxy.
If you are interested in learning about Orthodoxy please use this link to join the Zoom Meeting: [Welcome to Orthodoxy](#), or the following:
Zoom Meeting ID: 336 674 6605; Passcode: church

Wednesday Evening, April 24:

- ❖ 7:00 P.M. The Paraklis to the Theotokos will be celebrated! *Lenten Confessions will be heard immediately following the church service.*

Friday, April 26:

- ❖ 7:00 P.M. The Moleben to the Holy Cross will be celebrated! *Lenten Confessions will be heard immediately following the church service.*

Saturday, April 27:

- ❖ 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy commemorating the Raising of Lazarus from the Dead. *Lenten Confessions will be heard immediately following the Liturgy!*
- ❖ Join our Church Board following the Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy for "Spring Clean-Up".

Palm Sunday, April 28:

- ❖ 10:00 A.M. The Blessing of Pussy Willows and Palms will take place prior to the start of Liturgy.
- ❖ 10:10 A.M. Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom commemorating the Triumphant Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem!
- ❖ Annual collection of the Patriarchal Pence to the Phanar, the Patriarchal Residence in Constantinople.
- ❖ Church School following Holy Communion.
- ❖ Lenten Confessions following the service. **Final scheduled day for Lenten confessions this year.**
- ❖ The Coffee Social will be sponsored by our Saint Michael's ACRY.


Rubrics

Hardbound Divine Liturgy Book

(Page 93) Resurrection Tropar - Tone 5
(Page 185) St. Mary of Egypt Tropar - Tone 8
(Page 185) St. Mary of Egypt Kondak - Tone 3
(Page 95) Prokimen - Tone 5
(Page 185) Alleluia Verses

**PAN-ORTHODOX
AKATHIST HYMN**

SPONSORED BY
THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CLERGY ASSOCIATION



**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

Ss Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church
1401 Wagner Road, Glenview IL

Responses by
The Pan Orthodox Choir of Greater Chicago
Gordana Trbuhovich, Director

Note: An Akathist service for the southside will be held at 6:30 P.M. on April 23 at St. Luke Orthodox Church at 10700 S. Kean Ave in Palos Hills.

Holy Week & Pascha

Mon, April 29

7pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Tues, April 30

7pm Bridegroom Matins
for Great & Holy Tuesday

Wed, May 1

7pm Unction Service

Thurs, May 2

9:30am Saint Basil's Liturgy
and Reserving of Sacrament

7pm Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Fri, May 3

7pm Good Friday Service & Procession

Sat, May 4

9am Vespers with Saint Basil's Liturgy

7pm Resurrection Matins & Procession

Sun, May 5 (PASCHA)

9:30am Holy Resurrection Divine Liturgy
followed by the Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
and Easter Egg Hunt for our children

Holy Thursday, May 2

Following the 7pm service on Holy Thursday (May 2), volunteers are needed to set-up and decorate the tomb. To volunteer, please print your name on the sign-up sheet posted downstairs. *Thank you to the volunteers who signed up to hold candles for the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels!*

Good Friday Procession

Our youth are invited to participate in the Good Friday Procession by carrying items symbolic to Christ's crucifixion (crown of thorns, nails, hammer, spear, sponge, coins, etc.). Youth should arrive before the 7pm service starts and sit in the left front pews. The procession will take place inside the church; parents of younger children can definitely join in! Thank you to Patty Misichko for coordinating this activity. *This service is a "funeral" service and all of us should be dressed accordingly and respectfully.*



Saint Mary of Egypt and Zosimas

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14.
BRETHREN, 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.

Gospel Reading

Saint Mark 10:32-45. At that time, Jesus took the twelve aside again, and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: “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; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.” Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.” 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?” 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; 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.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. 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. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to be great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”



Saints and Feasts

Commemoration of Saint Mary of Egypt: The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1. But, because our 40-day fasting period is drawing to an end, it has been appointed for today also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of Saint Mary of Egypt, who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated.

Saints and Feasts

The Holy Hieromartyr Januarius and Those With Him: These Martyrs contested for piety's sake in Campania of Italy, during the reign of Diocletian (284-305), when Timothy was Proconsul. Saint Januarius was the Bishop of Benevento in Campania; he was arrested and taken to Nola, where he was cast into a burning furnace, from which he came forth unharmed; at Puteoli, together with Proculus, Sosius, and Faustus the deacons, Desiderius, reader of the Church of Benevento, and Eurychius and Acutius, nobles from Puteoli, he was cast to wild beasts, which as they came near the Saints, fell affectionately at their feet. Finally they were all beheaded, about the year 305.

Our Holy Father Maximian, Patriarch of Constantinople

Theodore the Holy Martyr & his mother Philippa of Perge

Alexandra the Martyr: Martyr Alexandra, the Empress and wife of Emperor Diocletian, was so impressed by the courage and martyrdom of St George that she became a Christian and fell under the same persecution. She also was condemned to be beheaded but when she arrived at the place of execution she asked to be allowed to sit down. Her request was granted. She sat down and died quietly before the executioners could carry out their task.

Anastasios the Monk of Sinai

Beuno, Abbot of Clynnog

Prescribed Lenten & Paschal Liturgical Changes

When a funeral occurs during Great Lent, a Parastas may be served (on the eve) and the Funeral Service alone (on the day of the funeral). The Divine Liturgy must be delayed until after the Sunday of Saint Thomas (Mother's Day, May 12). The only Requiem Liturgies during Lent are on the All Souls Saturdays.

From Lazarus Saturday (April 27) through Thomas Sunday, no Liturgies 'of intention' or 'for the departed' or Panachida or Parastas may be offered, except for the funeral itself, which again entails the Parastas and Funeral Service.

Our central focus must solely be on the events of the Holy Passion and Resurrection of our Lord ALONE! This is proper Orthodox practice.

Patriarchal Pence

The annual Patriarchal Pence collection will be taken on Palm Sunday. However, you may donate now, if you so choose. Just mark your donation "Patriarchal Pence 2024" with checks payable to St. Michael's Orthodox Church.

Easter Egg Hunt

Monetary donations, candy and plastic eggs will be appreciated for this year's Easter Egg Hunt! A **volunteer is needed to "hide" the eggs.** Please see Mary Ann Selecky or Pañi Bonnie to donate or volunteer.

IOCC Chicago Grand Banquet **International Orthodox Christian Charities**

*Learn how your generosity
helps those in need in places like
Greece, the Holy Land, Ukraine,
and right here in the US.*

6pm on Thursday, May 16, 2024

Georgio's Banquets
Orland Park, IL

\$125/person; RSVP by April 30

Register online at iocc.org/chicago

Orthodox Christian Mission Center

Special collection boxes are available in the vestibule and downstairs for your continued OCMC donations during Lent. Extra coins would be appreciated! Every little bit helps! Please make checks payable to O.C.M.C. (Orthodox Christian Mission Center).

Camp Nazareth

2024 Diocesan Summer Camp

Chicago Deanery Camp Week is July 21-27

Science & Nature Camp Aug 4-10

Open Church Board Position

The position of Financial Secretary for the 2024 year must be filled. Any church member (21 or over) in sacramental and financial good-standing of our Saint Michael's Parish for three consecutive years is eligible. If you are interested, please contact Father Sam.

REMINDER: Diocesan Dues (\$81 Assessment)

If you haven't already done so, please pay your Diocesan Assessment for 2024. If you are not sure if you've paid, or if you have any questions, please see Nancy Moran or one of our Church Board members. Checks payable to "St. Michael's Church".

Lazarus Saturday:

On Saturday we will remember Christ raising his good friend Lazarus from death. Lazarus Saturday is a paschal celebration. It is the only time during the entire Church year that the resurrectional 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 mankind, even before His own suffering and death.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE are hereby announced for the *first* time for **JANICE L. HOWARD**, daughter of Julias and Helen (Howard) Perlman and **CHRISTOPHER J. DWYER**, son of William and Patricia (Rogers) Dwyer. If anyone knows of any reason why these two faithful parishioners of our parish should NOT be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony according to the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church, please contact the Rectory Office as soon as possible. The wedding ceremony is scheduled to take place here at our Saint Michael's Church on Saturday, May 11, 2024.



Vigil Candle at the Iconostas



In Memory of **Madeline Sop** and **Margaret Wesley**
offered by the Stinich/Peters Family

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