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Sunday, March 26, 2023: Sunday of Mary of Egypt - Synaxis in honor of the Archangel Gabriel

Reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt at 9:00 am

Troparion after the Great Doxology (Cantor Solo): *Today Salvation has come to the world: Let us sing to Him Who is risen from the tomb, the Author of Life, for He has crushed death by His Death and bestowed upon us victory and abundant mercy.*

Antiphon Prayer of the Triodion: O Lord God, you examine the inner heart. You know our concerns before they emerge into being. You saved Mary of Egypt from the tribulations of this earth, for she had recourse to you. We implore you to purify our hearts and to make us temples of your Holy Spirit and rich in virtues, so that we may glorify you by hymns of praise and good works. For you are our God and to you are due all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

Antiphon (p. 166):

Cantor: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth, and sing praise to His name.

All: O Son of God who were incarnate of the Virgin, save us who sing to you. Alleluia.

Cantor: Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.

All: O Son of God who were incarnate of the Virgin, save us who sing to you. Alleluia.

Cantor: Let all the earth worship You and sing praises to You; let it sing praises to Your name, O Most High!

All: O Son of God who were incarnate of the Virgin, save us who sing to you. Alleluia.

Cantor: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

All: O Only-begotten Son and Word of God... (p. 18)

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1) (p. 21): After the stone was sealed by the Jews...

Troparion of the Annunciation (p. 167): *Today is the beginning of our salvation...*

Troparion of our Mother Mary of Egypt (Cantor solo): *In you, O Mother Mary, was restored the likeness of God, for you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body, for it passes away and how to value the soul, for it is immortal. Wherefore your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.*

Troparion of Saint Ann (p. 30): O divinely wise Ann...

Kontakion (p. 168): Triumphant Leader, to you belongs our prize of victory...

Prokimenon: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about bring gifts to the awesome God.

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel great is his name.

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 (Reader: Rima Antous)

Alleluia: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Stichon: Let us greet Him with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Hirmos of Saint Basil (Tone 3): In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and the human race as well: O Sanctified Temple, Spiritual Paradise, and Glory of Virgins, from whom our God, who exists before all eternity, took flesh and became a little Child! He has taken your womb as His throne, making it more spacious than the heavens. Therefore, Full of Grace, in you all creation rejoices: glory to you!

Kinonikon: Praise the Lord...

After Communion: We have seen the True Light...

THE DIVINE LITURGY IS OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ✠ SR. SOPHIA MICHALENKO (SR. MARY ANN & SR. VICTORIA); ✠ SUSAN MAKARY (THERESE BRANDANO & FAMILY); ✠ RICHARD ANTOUS (SAMIRA KARAM & FAMILY) **AND FOR THE HEALTH AND SALVATION OF** NICHOLAS BAIAD (ST. ANN PARISH); JOSEPH HANNA (ST. ANN PARISH)

Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday – Blessing of Palm and Procession begins at 10:30 am.

Epistle: Phil 4:4-9. (*Readers: Arabic: Jeanine Antonios + English: Mirna Marji*). **Gospel:** John 12:1-18

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The Final Akathist Hymn is this Friday, March 31 @ 5:30 pm for the intentions of Joseph & Therese Hanna

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 3: Bridegroom Matins @ 5:30 pm
Tuesday, April 4: Bridegroom Matins @ 5:30 pm
Wed, April 5: Blessing of Oils & Anointing Service @ 5:30 pm
Thurs, April 6: Vesper Divine Liturgy @4pm; Potluck dinner; Gospels & Crucifixion @ 6:30
Fri, April 7: Descent from Cross @ 6pm; Epitaphios Service & Procession follow
Sat. April 8: Blessing of New Light @ 10am
Sat. April 8: Great & Holy Pascha: Hajme/Orthros/Divine Liturgy beginning @ 8pm
Sun. April 9: Divine Liturgy @ 10am

Bible Study: On Lazarus Saturday, April 1st, we will complete our study of the Lenten Epistles from the Letter to the Hebrews at 11:00 am. We have a couple weeks to make up so this will be a whirlwind tour of Hebrews 6:13-20 and 9:11-14.

Lazarus Saturday, April 1, Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am.

Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday for children 13 years of age and younger. **Please see flyer in Narthex and RSVP** with number of children attending.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale next week: Saturday 11:30am-1:00 pm. Sunday 12-1pm.

Please note the Holy Week schedule above and the following related information:

The Service of Holy Anointing on Wednesday evening includes various Psalms, Canonical Odes, and 7 Epistle Readings. Contact Fr. Tom promptly if you would like to be assigned a Psalm, Ode or Epistle reading.

The Descent from the Cross on Friday evening requires assistance from of the women & maidens of the parish. Any who wish to participate are asked to contact Fr. Tom for more information **and** to arrive 15 minutes early on Friday.

The Outdoor Procession on Good Friday All adult parishioners, men and women, as well as mature youth are welcome to participate in this solemn honor by carrying the Epitaphios in procession. Any who wish to participate are asked to contact Fr. Tom **in advance** for more information and assignment.

Sunday Collections:

2/26/2023 Reg: \$738 Spec. Proj: \$55 Akathist flowers: \$150	3/5/2023 Reg: \$1,911 Fuel/Electric: \$342	3/12/2023 Reg: \$1,618 Spec Proj: \$20; Elec/Fuel: \$20 Easter Flowers: \$365	3/19/2023 Reg: \$1,332 Spec Proj: \$190 Easter Flowers: \$195
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon. March 27 – Great Compline @ 5:30 pm led by Sr. Victoria
Wed. March 29 – Presanctified Liturgy @ 5:30 pm
Fri. March 31 – Final Akathist Hymn at 5:30 pm
Sat. April 1 – Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am