Rejoice O Bethany!

On this day God came to thee, 
And in Him the dead are made alive, 
As it is right for He is the Life.

When Martha went to receive Him, 
Grieving loudly with bitter tears, 
She poured out the sorrow of her heart to Him 
With great sadness, wailing her lament.

She at once cried out unto Him: 
"My most compassionate Lord, my Lord, 
At the great loss of my brother Lazarus 
My heart is broken, help me."

Jesus said to her, "Cease your weeping. 
Cease your grieving and sad lament; 
For your brother, My most beloved friend, Lazarus, 
Very soon will live again."

Then He, the faithful Redeemer, 
Made His way unto the tomb, 
Where He cried unto him who was buried four days, 
Calling him forth, saying "Lazarus, arise."

Come with haste, ye two sisters, 
And behold a wondrous thing, 
For your brother from the tomb has returned to life. 
To the beloved Redeemer now give thanks.

To Thee, O Lord of creation, 
We kneel down in reverence profound, 
For all we who are dead in sin, 
In Thee, O Jesus, are made alive.

April 5, 2020 – Commemoration of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt

Martyrs Claudius, Diodore and their companions; New-martyr George of New Ephesus; Venerable Theodora and Didymus of Alexandria

Matins Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Troparion of the Resurrection ( Tone 1):
While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. 
For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of Life: 
Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt ( Tone 8):
Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O righteous Mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attain to the concerns of the undying soul. 
Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.
Kontakion for the Sundays in Lent (Tone 8):
O Champion Leader, to Thee I offer thanks of Victory! O Theotokos, thou hast delivered me from terror! As thou hast invincible power, O Theotokos, thou truly can set me free from all danger! Set me free and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: “Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom!”

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):
Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Prokeimenon Psalm:
Make your vows to the Lord our God, and perform them. God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

Epistle Reading: St. Paul to the Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32-45

News and Announcements

Evening Services are canceled until Palm Sunday; that includes all Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgies.

Lenten Coin Boxes: Once again please remember to fill the coin boxes that are supplied by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine, in accordance with our archdiocese, to feed the hungry around the world. Please use these boxes all during Lent and turn them in at Pascha to be blessed. Please replace the coins with a check marked “For the Poor” in the memo line, both for the sake of our priest, who has to lift the boxes for a blessing, and for our treasurer, who has to carry them to the bank. Thank you and God bless you for remembering the poor during our fasting season! If you have any questions, contact Pat K.

Elinor Bourjaily scholarships: The Archdiocese is making available 3 college scholarships of $500 each. If anyone is interested, please see Fr Pat or Dcn Walid for details. Application deadline is April 15.

...[N]ot to share our own riches with the poor is a robbery of the poor, and a depriving them of their livelihood; and that which we possess is not only our own, but also theirs.

--St. John Chrysostom