



# ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Sunday, April 10, 2022

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am

St. Mary of Egypt • Fifth Sunday of Lent



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*Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:*

**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 for St Mary of Egypt (Tone 8):** Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O 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 attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

**Kontakion to the Theotokos for the Sundays of 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.



## THE EPISTLE

*For the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God. God is known in Judaea; His Name is great in Israel.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-14)**

Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this

creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats 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?

## **THE GOSPEL**

*For the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (10:32-45)**

At that time, Jesus took His twelve disciples, and 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 scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise.”

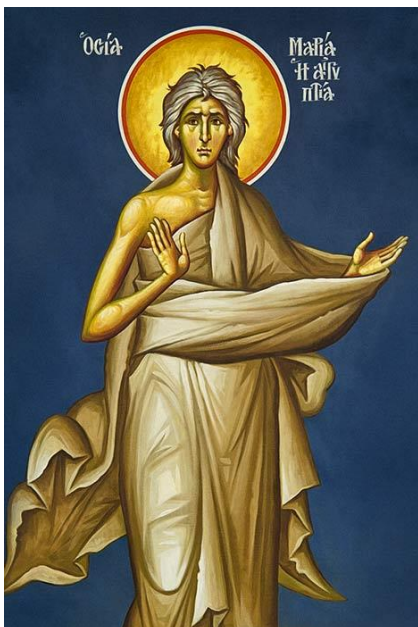
And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And Jesus said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to Him, “Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory.” But 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 at 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 servant 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.”

## OUR HOLY MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT

*Adapted from [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org)*

Our holy mother Mary was born in Egypt. She had left her parents at the age of twelve to go to Alexandria, where she spent the next seventeen years in debauchery. Living on charity and linen-weaving, she nevertheless offered her body to any man, not being forced to it by dire necessity as were so many poor women, but as though she were consumed by the fire of a desire that nothing was able to appease.



One day, seeing a crowd of Libyans and Egyptians moving towards the port, she followed them and set sail with them for Jerusalem, offering her body to pay her fare. When they arrived in the Holy City, she followed the crowd that was thronging towards the Church of the Resurrection, it being the day of the Exaltation of the Cross. But, when she reached the threshold of the church, an invisible force prevented her entering in spite of repeated efforts on her part, although the other pilgrims were able to go in without hindrance. Left alone in a corner of the narthex, she began to realize that it was the impurity of her life that was preventing her approaching the holy Wood. She burst into tears and smote her breast and, seeing an icon of the Mother of God, made this prayer to her: *"O Sovereign Lady, who didst bear God in the flesh, I know that I should not dare to look upon thine icon, thou who are pure in soul and body, because, debauched as I am, I must fill thee with disgust. But, as the God born of thee became man in order to call sinners to repentance, come to my aid! Allow me to go into the church*

*and prostrate before His Cross. And, as soon as I have seen the Cross, I promise that I will renounce the world and all pleasures, and follow the path of salvation that thou wilt show me."*

She felt herself suddenly freed from the power that had held her and was able to enter the church. There she fervently venerated the Holy Cross and then, returning to the icon of the Mother of God, declared herself ready to follow the path that the Virgin would show her. A voice replied to her from on high: *"If you cross the Jordan, you will find rest."*

Leaving the church, she bought three loaves with the alms a pilgrim had given her, discovered which road led to the Jordan and arrived one evening at the Church of Saint John the Baptist. After having washed in the river, she received Communion in the Holy Mysteries, ate half of one of the loaves and went to sleep on the riverbank. The next morning, she crossed the river and lived from that time on in the desert, remaining there for forty-seven years without ever encountering either another human being or any animal.

During the first seventeen years, her clothes soon having fallen into rags, burning with heat by day and shivering with cold by night, she fed on herbs and wild roots. But more than the physical trials, she had to face violent assaults from the passions and the memory of her sins and, throwing herself on the ground, she implored the Mother of God to come to her aid. Protected by God, who desires nothing but that the sinner should turn to Him and live, she uprooted all the passions from her heart by means of this extraordinary asceticism, and was able to turn the fire of carnal desire into a flame of divine love that made it possible for her to endure the implacable desert with joy, as though she were not in the flesh.

After all these years, a holy elder called Zosimas, who, following the tradition instituted by Saint Euthymios, had gone into the desert across the Jordan for the period of the Great Fast, saw one day a human form with a body blackened by the sun and with hair white as bleached linen to its shoulders. He ran after this apparition that fled before him, begging it to give him its blessing and some saving words. When he came within ear-shot, Mary, calling by name him whom she had never seen, revealed to him that she was a woman and asked him to throw her his cloak that she might cover her nakedness.

At the urging of the monk, who was transported at having at last met a God-bearing being who had attained the perfection of monastic life, the Saint recounted to him with tears the story of her life and conversion. Then, having finished her account, she begged him to come the following year to the bank of the Jordan with Holy Communion.

When the day arrived, Zosimas saw Mary appearing on the further bank of the river. She made the sign of the Cross and crossed the Jordan, walking on the water. Having received Holy Communion weeping, she said: "*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace*" (Luke 2:29). She then took leave of Zosimas, asking him to meet her the following year in the place where they had first met.

When the year was past, Zosimas, going to the agreed spot, found the Saint's body stretched on the ground, her arms crossed and her face turned towards the East. His tearful emotion prevented him from noticing at once an inscription traced on the ground by the Saint, which read: "*Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of the humble Mary; give what is of dust to dust, after having prayed for me. I died on the first day of April, the very night of the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, after having partaken in the Holy Eucharist.*"

On his return to the monastery, he recounted the marvels that God had wrought for those who turn away from sin and move towards Him with all their hearts. From the hardened sinner that she had been, Mary has, for a great many souls crushed under the burden of sin, become a source of hope and a model of conversion. This is why the Holy Fathers have placed the celebration of her memory at the end of the Great Fast as an encouragement for all who have neglected their salvation, proclaiming that repentance can bring them back to God even at the eleventh hour.

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website [www.allsaintsorthodox.org](http://www.allsaintsorthodox.org)*

Today:

- **Adult church school:** Joseph Letendre continues his series on the Divine Liturgy

This week (the final week of Lent):

- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday:** Lenten morning prayers, 9am.
- **Tuesday, April 12:** Parish council meeting, 8pm (Zoom)
- **Wed., April 13:** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 7pm. *Potluck meal will follow.*
- **Fri., April 15:** Compline with St. Lazarus Canon, 7pm.
- **Sat., April 16: The Raising of Lazarus.** Divine Liturgy, 10am; Vespers, 7pm.
- **Next Sunday, April 17: Palm Sunday.** Matins, Palm Procession, & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by coffee hour.
- *See separate Holy Week schedule for service dates and times.*

**CAMP ST. GEORGE:** Our diocesan summer camp resumes this year for ages 9 through high school! It will take place July 3-9 at Camp Ewalu in Strawberry Point, Iowa. Please see Fr. Andrew if you are interested, so we can coordinate transportation and scholarship funds.

**GOOD FRIDAY RETREAT:** On Friday, April 22, in remembrance of our Lord's passion, services will be held as usual at 9am, 3pm, and 7pm. Between the first two services, Melissa W. and Kh. Patty will be hosting a confession retreat for our church school students (2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up). All are welcome to stay at the church between services on Good Friday for confession and/or Psalm readings.

**LENTEN COIN BOXES:** Please take a **"Food for Hungry People" coin box** from the greeters' table! These are supplied each Lent 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, or submit paper money. If you have any questions, contact Pat K.

*"When giving, give magnanimously with a look of kindness on your face, and give more than what is asked of you." (St. Isaac the Syrian)*

# Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sun Apr 10</b> <i>St. Mary of Egypt</i>	Jim K	Cristina P	Sandy A	Alina S	R-Z
<b>Wed Apr 13</b>		Dn Walid	Domitille	n/a	<i>Potluck</i>
<b>Sat Apr 16</b> <i>Lazarus Saturday</i>	Paul K	Sandy A	Nancy L.	<i>Volunteer</i>	
<b>Sun Apr 17</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Jason L	Debbie K	Sandy A	Zach C	A-F
<b>Thurs Apr 21</b> <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Sd Joseph	Sandy A	Azizeh C	<i>Volunteer</i>	
<b>Sat Apr 23</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Joseph L	Pat K	Domitille	Lydia A	<i>Potluck</i>
<b>Sun Apr 24</b> <i>Pascha</i>	Polycarp	Octavian	Nancy L	n/a	<i>Baskets</i>
<b>Wed Apr 27</b> <i>St George</i>	Jim K	Dn Walid	Domitille	n/a	<i>Potluck</i>
<b>Sunday May 1</b> <i>St Thomas</i>	Richard C	Domitille	Sandy A	Alina S	G-K
<b>Sun May 8</b> <i>Myrrhbearers</i>	Doug J	Cristina P	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P

**For Sunday coffee hour**, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves.

**Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour.** And of course, things go faster when we can all pitch in and help.



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL 10-16, 2022

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**Sunday, April 10: St. Mary of Egypt**

John 20:19-31 / Hebrews 9:11-14 / Mark 10:32-45

**Monday, April 11: Hiero-martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum**

Hebrews 11:23-31 / Mark 9:30-41  
Isaiah 48:17-49:4 / Genesis 27:1-41 / Proverbs 19:16-25

**Tuesday, April 12: Anthousa the Righteous of Constantinople**

Hebrews 11:32-12:2 / Mark 9:42-50  
Isaiah 49:6-10 / Genesis 31:3-16 / Proverbs 21:3-21

**Wednesday, April 13: Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome**

Hebrews 12:3-17 / Mark 10:1-16  
Isaiah 58:1-11 / Genesis 43:26-31, 45:1-16 / Proverbs 21:23-22:4

**Thursday, April 14: Aristarchus, Pudens, & Trophimus, Apostles-of-the-70**

Hebrews 12:18-29 / Mark 10:17-31  
Isaiah 65:8-16 / Genesis 46:1-7 / Proverbs 23:15-24:5

**Friday, April 15: Martyr Crescens**

Hebrews 13:1-25 / Mark 10:46-52  
Isaiah 66:10-24 / Genesis 49:33-50:26 / Proverbs 31:8-31

**Saturday, April 16: The Raising of St. Lazarus**

Hebrews 12:28-13:8 / John 11:1-45

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