

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



*Icon of Saint Mary of Egypt*

# April 6, 2014

5TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – VENERABLE MARY OF EGYPT – TONE 5

*OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS EUTYCHIUS, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE;*

*THE FALLING ASLEEP OF OUR FATHER METHODIUS, BISHOP AND TEACHER OF THE SLAVS*

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7 – APRIL 13

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 – *THE HOLY MARTYR EUPSYCHIUS*

6:30 PM – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 – *THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR ANTIPAS, BISHOP OF PERGAMUM IN ASIA*

9:30 AM – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 – *LAZARUS SATURDAY; OUR VENERABLE FATHER AND CONFESSOR BASIL, BISHOP OF CARYA*

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy                      ✚ Roman Tymchiy; Req: Olga Fedunyak

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 – *FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY; THE HIEROMARTYR ARTEMON AND HIS COMPANIONS*

8:45 AM – Divine Praises

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

For All Parishioners

### Looking Ahead:

- ❖ April 7th – Paska Baking (1:00 PM)
- ❖ April 13th – Flowery Sunday
- ❖ April 13th – Easter Bake Sale
- ❖ April 20th – Pascha - Пасха
- ❖ April 27th – Parish Sviachenne Meal

### April Birthdays

Anna Oborski	–	April 8
Vladimir Bachynsky	–	April 10
Yaroslav Perun	–	April 15
Stephen Hojsan	–	April 16
Slavomira Haywas	–	April 19
Shawn Moore	–	April 21
Yurij Ivasyk	–	April 24

### Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available in the church hall, or on our website, [stjohnthebaptizer.org](http://stjohnthebaptizer.org).

### Order your Paska for Easter!

Small: \$4.00

Medium: \$7.00

Large: \$10.00

See Olga Miller to place your order.

**CALLING OUR MEN TO SERVICE. HELP IS NEEDED TO CLEAR THE HILLSIDE BEFORE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK. NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 12, LET US GATHER AFTER THE 9:30 AM LITURGY TO CLEAR THE GAZEBO AND THE HILLSIDE. PLEASE DO NOT PASS UP THIS OPPOTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH!**

### Flower Collection

*Special envelopes are available in the back of the church do help with the purchase of flowers for the Feast of Pascha.*

### Please Note:

When you are away, please don't forget that the church still relies on your contributions. Our bills do not go on vacation. Your absence on any Sunday does not negate your obligation to support your home parish.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR GREAT AND HOLY WEEK, APRIL 14 – APRIL 20**

MONDAY, APRIL 14 – **GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY**; OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS MARTIN, CONFESSOR, POPE OF ROME; AND THE NEW MARTYRS ANTHONY, JOHN AND EUSTATHIUS

6:30 PM – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 – **GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY**; THE HOLY APOSTLES ARISTARCHUS, PUDENS AND TROPHIMUS

9:30 AM – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 – **GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY**; THE HOLY VIRGIN MARTYR AGAPIA, IRENE AND CHIONIA

9:30 AM – Bridegroom Matins and Holy Mystery of Anointing

6:30 PM – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Holy Mystery of Anointing

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 – **GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY**; OUR VENERABLE FATHER SIMEON OF PERSIA; OUR VENERABLE FATHER ACACIUS, BISHOP OF MELITENE

9:30 AM – Matins of Betrayal

6:30 PM – Vespertal Divine Liturgy of St Basil followed by the Holy Mystery of Repentance

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 – **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY**; OUR VENERABLE FATHER JOHN, DISCIPLE OF ST. GREGORY THE DECAPOLITE

9:30 AM – Matins of the Passion (12 Gospels)

6:30 PM – Vespers of the Passion and Procession with the Shroud followed by the Holy Mystery of Repentance

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 – **GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY**; OUR VENERABLE FATHER JOHN OF THE ANCIENT CAVE

9:30 AM – Jerusalem Matins

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 – **THE GLORIOUS FEAST OF PASCHA** - THE RESURRECTION IN THE FLESH OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

7:30 AM – Paschal Matins

9:00 AM – Paschal Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Baskets

## Advice to Those Living in the World

*From Step 1 of the Ladder of Divine Ascent*



Some people living in the world have asked me: "We have spouses and are beset with social cares, and how can we lead the spiritual life?" I replied to them: "Do all the good you can; do not speak evil of anyone; do not steal from anyone; do not lie to anyone; do not be arrogant towards anyone; do not hate anyone; do not be absent from the divine services; be compassionate to the needy; do not offend anyone; do not wreck another man's domestic happiness, and be content with what your own spouses can give you. If you behave in this way, you will not be far from the Kingdom of Heaven."

- God won't ask what kind of car you drove, he'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- God won't ask the square footage of your house, he'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, he'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- God won't ask what your highest salary was, he'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- God won't ask what your job title was, he'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- God won't ask how many friends you had, he'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, he'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- God won't ask about the color of your skin, he'll ask about the content of your character.
- God won't ask why it took you so long to seek salvation, he'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven.
- Бог не запитає тебе, яким автомобілем їздив, але скількох людей ти підвіз.
- Бог не запитає тебе, яку площу мав твій дім, а скількох подорожніх ти в ньому прийняв.
- Бог не запитає тебе, як ти одягався, а запитає, скількох людей ти зодягнув.
- Бог не запитає тебе скільки грошей ти заробляв, але яким способом.
- Бог не запитає тебе яку посаду ти займав, але чи ти працював чесно і сумлінно.
- Бог не запитає тебе, скільки ти мав приятелів, але для кого з них був приятелем ти.
- Бог не запитає тебе, в якому оточенні ти жив, але як ти ставився до своїх сусідів.
- Бог не запитає тебе, скільки разів ти говорив правду, але запитає скільки разів ти збрехав.
- Бог не запитає тебе, чому ти так довго зволікав з покаанням і виправленням. Він з любов'ю запровадить тебе до твого небесного житла.

Watch your thoughts, they become words.  
Watch your words, they become actions.  
Watch your actions, they become habits.  
Watch your habits, they become your character.  
Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

Пильнуй свої думки, вони стають словами.  
Пильнуй свої слова, вони стають діями.  
Пильнуй свої діла, вони стають звичками.  
Пильнуй свої звички, вони стають характером.  
Пильнуй свій характер, він стає долею.

### Don't Wait Until It Is Too Late

Start arranging your schedule today so that you can be present for Holy Friday through Pascha. Absolutely no one should miss these services. Put God first: take off work and stand by the Cross of Christ.

#### Sunday offering for March 23

Amount	Number
\$2.00	1 (loose)
\$10.00	1
\$15.00	1
\$20.00	3
\$30.00	1
\$40.00	3
\$75.00	2
\$80.00	1
\$100.00	1
\$150.00	1
\$300.00	1
<b>\$1017.00</b>	

Parishioner Total: \$1017.00

Average / parish household (42): \$24.80

Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00

Deficit: **(\$1108.00)**

#### Sunday offering for March 30'

Amount	Number
\$10.00	1
\$15.00	1
\$20.00	5
\$25.00	1 (loose)
\$40.00	3
\$50.00	4
\$75.00	2
\$200.00	1
\$200.00	1
\$3800.00	1 (Annual Pledge Fulfilled)
<b>\$4920.00</b>	

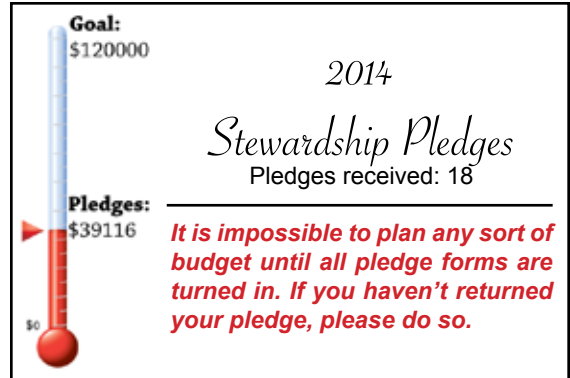
Parishioner Total: \$4845.00

Guest Total: \$75.00

Average / parish household (42): \$118.17

Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00

Surplus: \$2720.00



### Share 2014

Stewardship involves a willingness to give from the very core of who we are and what we have, from substance rather than abundance. Please support **Share 2014 – Annual Eparchial Appeal** as best as you can.

Провідництво виликає бажання поділитися, від усього серця; не від достатку, а від можливостей. Вдова, що віддала до казни свої останні кілька монет знає це: “Усі бо кидали з свого надміру, вона ж з убогства свого все, що мала, вкинула, - увесь свій прожиток” (Марка 12:44). Підтримайте, будь ласка, наскільки можете **Share 2014 - Єпархіальний Заклик**.

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*Pleadings of Saint Andrew of Crete*

Brief is my lifetime and full of pain and wickedness, but accept me in penitence and recall me to awareness of You. May I never be the possession or food of the enemy. O Savior, have compassion on me.

The opulent and righteous man, arrayed in royal dignity, crown and purple, abounding in wealth and cattle, was suddenly shorn of his riches, glory and kingdom and became a beggar.

If he who was righteous and blameless beyond all did not escape the snares and nets of the deceiver, what will you do, my soul, who are sin-loving and wretched, if something unexpected happens to you?

Boastful I am, and hard-hearted, all in vain and for nothing. Condemn me not with the Pharisee, but rather grant me the humility of the Publican, O only merciful and just Judge, and number me with him.

I have sinned, I know, O merciful Lord, and outraged the vessel of my flesh, but accept me

in penitence and recall me to awareness of You. May I never be the possession or food of the enemy. O Savior, have compassion on me.

I am become my own idol, and have injured my soul with passions, O merciful Lord, but accept me in penitence and recall me to awareness of You. May I never be the possession or food of the enemy. O Savior, have compassion on me.

I have not listened to Your voice, I have disobeyed Your Scripture, O Lawgiver, but accept me in penitence and recall me to awareness of You. May I never be the possession or food of the enemy. O Savior, have compassion on me.

Holy Mother Mary, pray to God for us.

(To St Mary of Egypt): Though dragged down to the depth of great offences, you were not held there. But with better thought you returned by action to consummate virtue beyond all expectation, to the amazement of angel kind, O Mary.