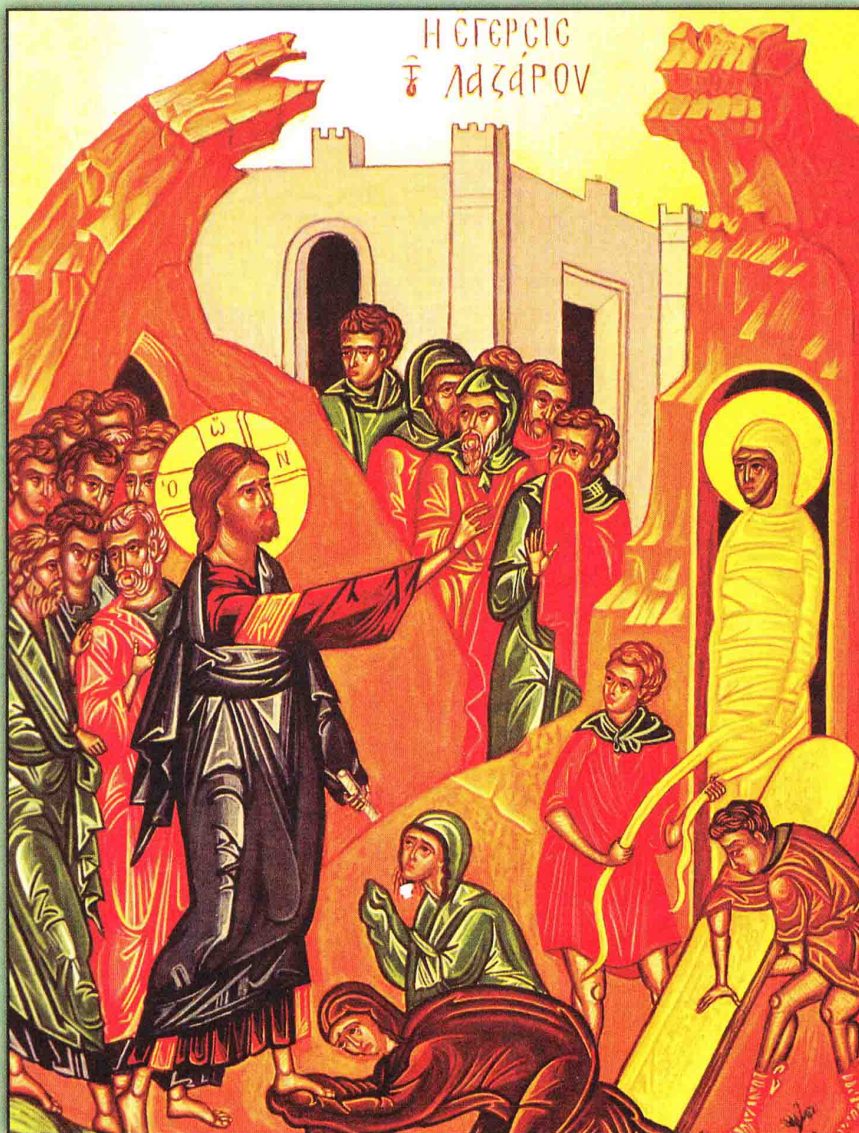


FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



Icon of Raising Lazarus from the Dead

April 10, 2011

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast – Sunday of Mary of Egypt

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 – APRIL 17

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

6:30 PM LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS (LENTEN MEAL AND DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

9:30 AM – LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 – LAZARUS SATURDAY

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 – FLOWERY SUNDAY

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

Next Sunday, April 17, will be our annual Pre-Pascha Pancake Brunch and Bake Sale. Pascha will be available for sale. Please see Olena Bankston or Mary Kitt for details.



Flower Collection

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

The Mystery of Holy Anointing

will be served on Great and Holy Wednesday, April 20th, at 6:30 in the evening. The Church's practice of anointing with holy oil for the healing of soul and body dates back to Apostolic times, when St. James wrote, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters (priests) of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14) Those who wish to receive this Mystery should approach after having made a recent Confession.



In preparation for the upcoming Paschal celebrations, let's roll up our sleeves and clean up the church and grounds. Please come on next Saturday, April 16. Work will begin after the Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday.

Cards for sale

Easter Cards, and various other greeting cards are available for sale in the church hall following each Divine Liturgy. See Mary Kitt to purchase.

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.



Today, the fifth Sunday of Lent, we commemorate St. Mary of Egypt. By her example, we are reminded of the extraordinary power of repentance and God's mercy, by which even the greatest sinner may be transformed and sanctified.

Thou didst sever with the sword of abstinence the snares of the soul and the passion of the body, O righteous one. And by the silence of asceticism thou didst choke the sins of thought. And by the stream of thy tears thou didst water the whole wilderness, bringing forth for us the fruits of repentance. Wherefore, we celebrate thy memory.

-Vespers of the Feast

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR GREAT AND HOLY WEEK – 2011

GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY – ВЕЛИКИЙ ПОНЕДІЛОК – APRIL 18

9:30 AM – LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY – ВЕЛИКИЙ ВІВТОРОК – APRIL 19

6:30 PM – LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY – ВЕЛИКИЙ СЕРЕДА – APRIL 20

6:30 PM – LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS WITH MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY – ВЕЛИКИЙ ЧЕТВЕР – APRIL 21

9:30 AM – MATINS OF BETRAYAL

6:30 PM – VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL
(HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE AFTER THE SERVICE)

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY – ВЕЛИКА П'ЯТНИЦЯ – APRIL 22

9:30 AM – MATINS OF THE PASSION (12 GOSPELS)

5:30 PM – 6:15 PM HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE

6:30 PM – VESPERS OF THE PASSION AND THE PROCESSION WITH THE SHROUD
(HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE AFTER THE SERVICE)

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY – ВЕЛИКА СУБОТА – APRIL 23

9:30 AM – JERUSALEM MATINS
(HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE AFTER THE SERVICE)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – PASCHA – APRIL 24

ВОСКРЕСІННЯ ГОСПОДА НАШОГО ІСУСА ХРИСТА – ПАСХА

7:30 AM – PASCHAL MATINS

9:00 AM – DIVINE LITURGY OF THE RESURRECTION,
BLESSING OF BASKETS AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY ON PASCHA

5:00 PM – AGAPE VESPERS

PLEASE NOTE: (1) One of the precepts of the Church which binds all faithful is that they receive the Holy Eucharist at least once a year during the Paschal Season. In order to receive worthily and not unto condemnation, the faithful are also required to avail themselves of the Holy Mystery of Repentance before receiving Holy Eucharist. The Holy Mystery of Repentance can be received before or after any of the services throughout Great and Holy Week or by appointment. (2) According to the particular law of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church, Great and Holy Friday is a day of strict fast. This means that no meat, meat products dairy or alcohol may be consumed on this day (abstinence) and the size of the main meal of the day should be less than the other two meals combined (fasting). For those following the full prescriptions of the Lenten *Triodion*, these rules apply throughout Great and Holy Week. (3) The proper time for the Blessing of the Paschal Foods is immediately after the Divine Liturgy on Pascha. The foods are then taken home to be eaten by family and friends, thus extending the Feast of Pascha into our homes and the world. (4) For those who cannot participate in the Paschal Matins service, the Divine Liturgy will begin at approximately 9:00 am. (5) Parishioners are invited to return (and bring their family and friends) to the church later in the early evening on Pascha to continue in the great celebration with Agape Vespers. Please bring some of your Paschal Foods for the feast after the Vespers service.



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Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there.
You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Always remember the golden rule: those who have
the gold, make the rules.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Take my advice, kid – Don't make waves. You've
got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open
and your mouth shut.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always,
always, always buy low and sell high.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

The drug users and the city scum – they deserve
what happens to them. We work hard for what
we've got – nobody is doing us any favors. Let
them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You
got to take care of your own.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really
understand Me and what I am about, if you really
want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be
worthy of My name, then you must see the world
differently and respond to its challenges with a
very different set of values. The world may try to
justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify
self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on pre-
serving the system and convention for the sake of
compassion and justice.

But it cannot be like that with you.