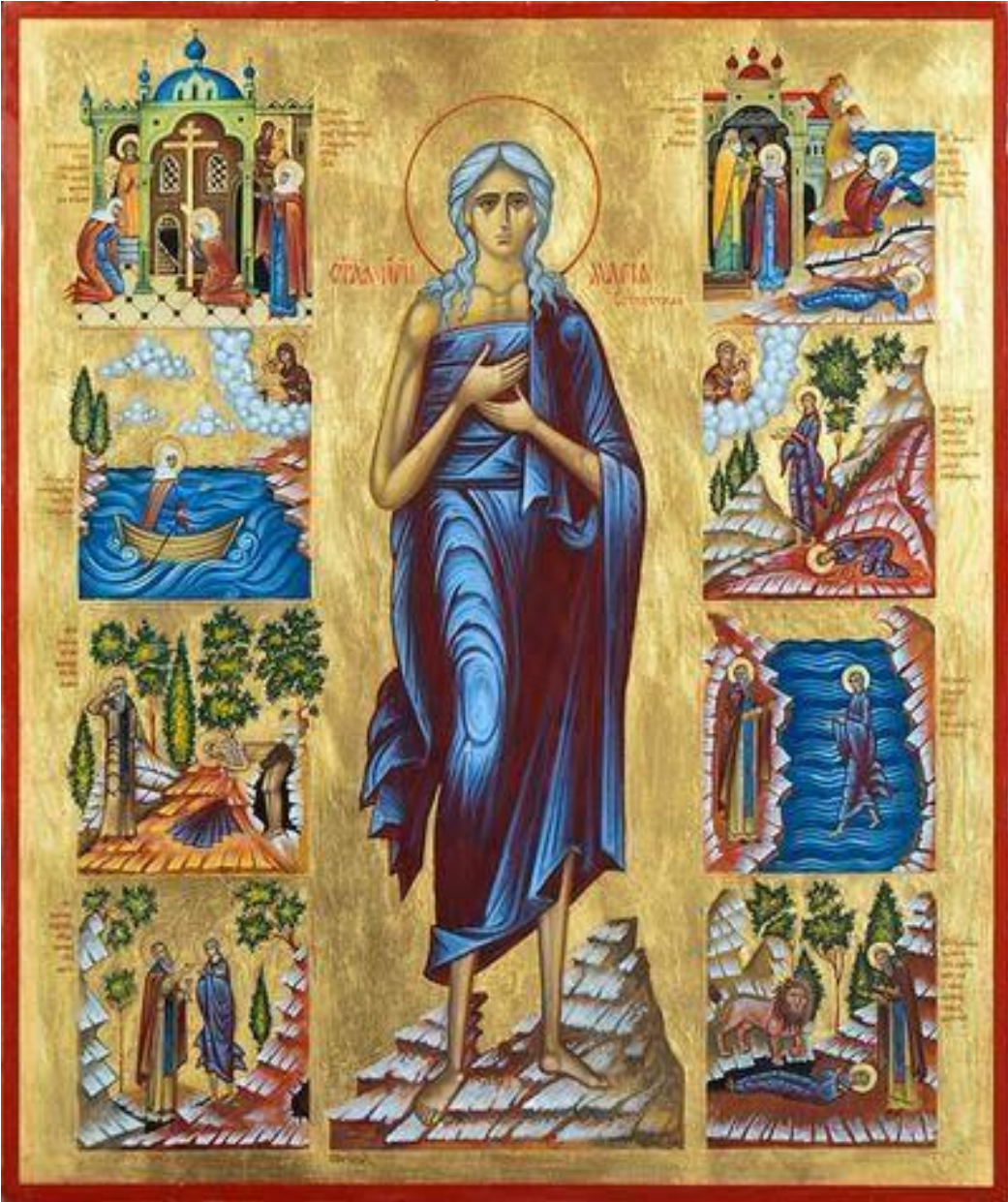


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**Our Church has a vision and mission
Join our journey with Jesus Christ
There's a place for you!**

Help us live the mission – We welcome you

**5th Sunday Great Lent: Tone 1
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt.**

*Monk-martyr Nikon and 199 disciples, in Sicily (251).
Martyrs Philetas the Senator, his wife Lydia, their sons
Macedon and Theoprepus, the notary Cronides, and
Amphilochius the Captain, in Illyria (125). Ven. Nikon,
abbot of the Kyiv Caves (1088).*

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14; **Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45



Troparion (Resurrection) - Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure
body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting
life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore
cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your
Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom!
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"



Troparion (for St. Mary of Egypt) - Tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O
Mother, for you took up the Cross and followed
Christ. By so doing, you taught us to disregard the
flesh for it passes away; but to care instead for the
soul, for it is immortal. Therefore your spirit, O holy
Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.



Kontakion (Resurrection) Tone 1

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises
You as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You:
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”



Kontakion (for St Mary of Egypt) Tone 3

Having been a sinful woman, you became through repentance a bride of Christ.
Having attained angelic life, you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross.
Therefore, O most glorious Mary, you are a bride of the Kingdom.



Prokeimenon Tone 8

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You! (*Ps 32/33:22*)

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)

(St. Mary of Egypt) God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (*Ps 67/68:35*)



From St. Paul's First Epistle to the Hebrews

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?



Alleluia Verses Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: God gives vengeance unto me; and subdues people under me. (*Ps 17/18:47*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (*Ps 17/18:50*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



From the Gospel According to the Evangelist Saint Mark

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed, they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to 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 on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

PRAYER LIST

*Please pray for the good health of the following members of
our parish and our loved ones and friends:*

Fr. Gregory Becker, Fr. Andrew Gall, Fr. Paisius McGrath, Fr. John Nakonachny, Pani-
matka Mary Ann Nakonachny, Shirley Neal, Nora (a beautiful girl born prematurely)
Dominick, David Spanja, Mary Goncy, Nancy Racz, Walter Duzzny, Kathy Duzzny,
Nancy Tiedeman, Kay Malys, Marie Pupa, Deborah Harvey, Mary Lapushansky, Stella
Woytek, Mary Ann Owens, Pauline Witkowsky, Dr. Dinah Fedyna, Marianne Carmack,
Marty Woloschak, Ruth Graves, Alice Dobransky, Dorothy Mehalko, Eileen Maluk,
Michael Maluk, Boris Vuksanovich and all victims suffering from the Corona Virus
together with nurses, doctor and all who work for their recovery.



TO: ALL CLERGY OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH – USA

RE: FEASTS OF PALM/WILLOW SUNDAY AND RESURRECTION

Dear Brothers in service to our Lord,

CHRIST IS AMONGST US! IS AND ALWAYS SHALL BE!

As time has progressed, we now understand fully that the restrictions forced upon our lives by the COVID19 pandemic and the orders of federal, state and local governments are not going away any time soon. Therefore, we are saddened to inform you that the present directives in force from our office will continue through the Feasts of Palm/Willow Sunday and the Resurrection of our Lord. You may celebrate the Liturgies and other liturgical services on these Holy Days, but behind closed doors. Following, however are our suggestions as to how you might at provide your faithful with at least some of the symbols of the Great Feasts, so that they are somewhat comforted by the loss of community liturgical worship.

PALM/WILLOW DIVINE LITURGY may be celebrated with the blessing of Palm/Willows, behind closed doors. These blessed symbols of our Lord's triumphant Entrance into Jerusalem should be retained by you in Church to be distributed on that first Sunday, when we are all gathered together, once again, in our parish churches to worship together – regardless of the time of year it comes. **This late distribution THEN BECOMES A SYMBOL OF OUR OWN TRIUMPHANT ENTRANCE - OUR RETURN INTO OUR BELOVED PARISH TEMPLES FOLLOWING SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH THE PANDEMIC THREAT TO OUR LIVES.** The distribution of the branches to the faithful should be done as they enter church on that Sunday and before the Divine Liturgy begins, the entire congregation, led by you dear Rev. Fathers, shall join together, holding the branches high above their heads, in the singing of the Palm/Willow Sunday Tropar (Tone 1) "Giving us before Your Passion an assurance of the general resurrection...", «Загальне воскресіння перед Своїм стражданням запевняючи...» - followed by the Paschal Tropar: CHRIST IS RISEN! ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: All the liturgical services of Holy Week may be celebrated by you behind closed doors. For those expressing a desperate need to participate in Penance and the Eucharist for health reasons, you may schedule a visit to their homes – if you are in good health and feel unthreatened by the situation. Otherwise, you may schedule visits of these individuals to the parish church, if they are able, with no more than one person per hour. As we have discussed earlier, the space should be sanitized after each visitor.

BLESSING OF PASCHAL BASKETS: This tradition is one of the most treasured by all our faithful celebrating the FEAST OF FEASTS. We have struggled mightily to come up with a means of conducting this tradition. There are, however, just two possible methods, during this difficult time, to conduct this blessing – primarily out of complete caution and because of the severe shut-in orders of state and local governments. It must be noted that either of these is permitted ONLY this year because of the pandemic threat besieging us.

If you are live-streaming your Paschal-Resurrection services, Rev. Fathers, then following the dismissal of the Paschal Divine Liturgy, you may place your own basket on your Tetrapod in Church and encourage your faithful to gather their families around their own baskets at home. You will then read the Paschal Blessing Prayers and sprinkle your basket with Holy Water. At the same time, you should instruct your faithful to sprinkle their baskets at home, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Water they received in Church on the Feast of Epiphany/Theophany. You should also send a copy of the Paschal Blessing prayers to all of your parish family members so that they are able to read them together as a family before the blessing.

If you are not able to live-stream your Pascha-Resurrection services, then please send a copy of the Paschal Blessing Prayers to all of your parish family members, notifying them of the exact time you will begin the blessing of your own basket following Divine Liturgy and invite them to gather with their families in their homes at that same time to read the prayers together, following which they will then sprinkle their baskets, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Water they received on the Feast of Epiphany/Theophany.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO LIVE STREAM ALL LITURGICAL SERVICES BEHIND CLOSED DOORS FOR THE SPIRITUAL BENEFIT OF YOUR FAITHFUL. WE ALSO ADVISE YOU

TO USE YOUR OWN PASTORAL JUDGMENT CONCERNING THE CELEBRATION OF PALM/WILLOW SUNDAY AND PASCHAL/RESURRECTION SERVICES.

YOU MAY CHOOSE TO INFORM YOUR FAITHFUL THAT ALL THE SERVICES, FROM PALM SUNDAY THROUGH HOLY WEEK, PASCHA AND BRIGHT MONDAY-TUESDAY, WILL BE LIVE STREAMED FROM ST. ANDREW UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX MEMORIAL CHURCH AT THE SPIRITUAL CENTER OF OUR CHURCH IN SOUTH BOUND BROOK, NJ. THE SCHEDULED TIMES FOR ALL THESE SERVICES WILL BE PUBLISHED ON FACEBOOK AND OUR CHURCH WEBSITE AND THEY WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY EMAIL. YOU MAY REFER YOUR FAITHFUL TO THESE SITES TO FIND THE SCHEDULE. THE LIVE STREAM WILL DEFINITELY BE OFFERED ON OUR CHURCH'S FACEBOOK PAGE AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF IMBEDDING THAT FEED TO OUR CHURCH WEBSITE. WE STILL CONTINUE IN THE HOPE THAT WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO LIVE STREAM ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE AS WELL.

Our prayers are, dear Fathers, that you are working your way through this difficult, difficult period in the life of your parish, our Holy Church and all of mankind. You are in our prayers daily, believe us, because we are hurting as deeply as you are when serving in empty churches or isolated at home. May the celebration of the coming Feasts bring you much joy – enough to keep you filled with the Resurrection spirit each day of your lives, no matter how long the present threat continues.

MAY THE LIGHT THAT SHINES FORTH FROM THE EMPTY TOMB FILL YOUR HEARTS AND SOULS, YOUR FAMILY AND PARISH LIFE AND ALL YOU DO IN SERVICE TO THE FLOCK ENTRUSTED TO YOU BY OUR RISEN LORD FOR ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.

In Our Lord's All-Encompassing Love,

+ ANTONY,

By the Grace of God, Metropolitan

+ DANIEL,

By the Grace of God, Archbishop

STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES
UPCOMING PARISH AND OTHER EVENTS

*Please contact Father Ivan to schedule Panikhidas, request Bulletin Dedications,
or make Prospora Offerings*

*During this time you can send your envelopes to the rectory for support of the church.
The second collection on Sundays are designated to the restoration of the church.*

Note from the Office:

Our Financial Stewardship

March 29, 2020 Sunday Offerings to the Lord

General Offering: \$1,747.00

Renovation Fund: \$0.00

Renovation Fund donations to date: \$8,313.75



*Our beautiful church has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.
Please be assured that we are taking all reasonable precautions
to protect parishioners and guests. Please continue to follow the
guidelines of our Hierarchs, the CDC and our Public Health
Officials to help stop the spread of the Covid-19.*

All the weekly services are canceled because of COVID-19 restrictions.
All members older than 65 are directed to stay home. We'll be praying
for the safety of all members. For visitation or Confession please call the rectory
before, so that it can be made possible for you to come safely.
All the visit and Confession are to be scheduled individually ahead of time.

5th SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

April 5, 2020, Sunday of Great Lent – St. Mary Egypt

9:30AM – Livestream Divine Liturgy: St. Mary of Egypt

6th WEEK OF GREAT LENT (April 6 –11)

- TUESDAY, April 7, 2020, 10:00 AM - THE ANNUNCIATION – Livestream Akathist
- 6:30 PM - Parish Board Meeting over the Internet
- THURSDAY, April 9, 2020, 6:30 PM Adult Study over the Internet
- SATURDAY, April 11, 2020: LAZARUS SATURDAY

6TH Sunday of the Great Lent
PALM SUNDAY. THE ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM.
9:30 AM – Livestream Divine Liturgy: The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem'

PASSION WEEK (April 13–17)
(To be announced)

Online Resources to use during COVID-19 Restrictions **Find a Live Liturgy**

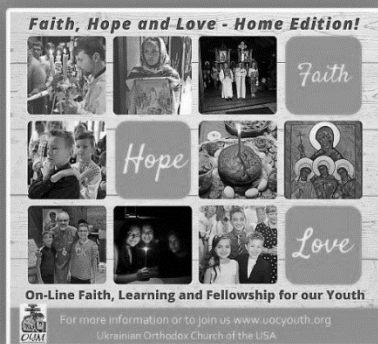
Are you looking for Services among the Orthodox churches that you can access either via Facebook or YouTube? FOR A LISTING OF SERVICES USE THIS LINK:

<http://liveliturgy.com/orthodox/north-america/>



For those with kids at home, here is a great option
for activity with other Orthodox youth in the US.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE!



HOME EDITION - www.uocyoung.org

Join us Monday - Friday (12:00 - 2:30 pm EST)
for live, interactive, on-line presentations

This program provides youth with opportunities to gather on-line to learn about and discuss their faith. They can also meet other youth from across the country.

In addition to Religions Topics, the daily sessions will cover art, history, science, and music, and be presented by experts in each field.

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise (Psalm 94/95:2)

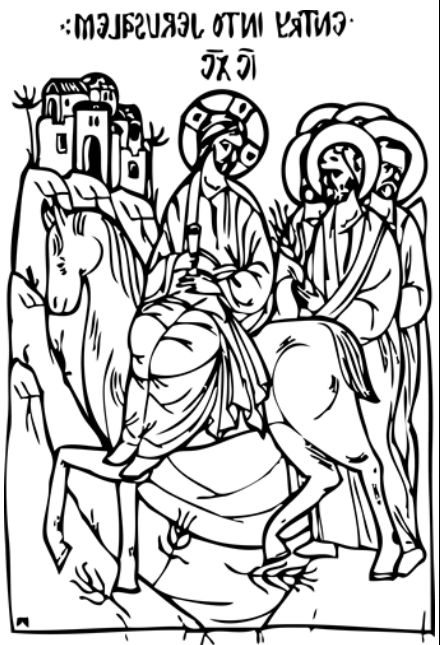
An Explanation of Holy Week

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS An interlude between Great Lent and Holy Week, the Church names this day the “Saturday of Lazarus” in remembrance of the resurrection of Lazarus told in the Gospel of John (11:1-45) and its promise of universal resurrection for all men. The Church connects this celebration, by anticipation, with the Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem.

PALM SUNDAY – Palm Sunday celebrates the glorious and brilliant feast of the Entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (John 12:1-18). Zechariah had prophesied the entrance of the Messiah into Jerusalem, saying:

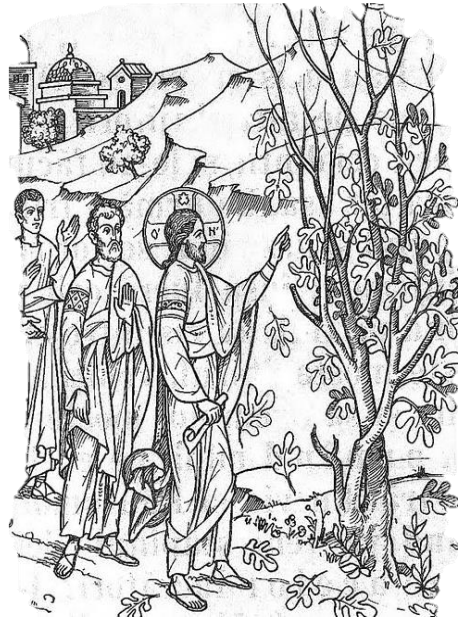
“Rejoice greatly ... O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, the King comes unto Thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass”, Zech. 9:9.

The contemporary Jews associated this prophecy with the expected Messiah. This action of Christ testifies to His nature as Messiah, but with the definite declaration that His Kingdom was not of this world. The main road leading to Jerusalem was covered with palm trees. The multitudes, with palm branches in their hands, spread their cloaks on the road as a show of respect, crying out “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.”



A custom of distributing branches of palms (and/or pussy willows) to the people in the Church prevails to this day. During the remainder of Holy Week, the Church advances its liturgical life by about twelve hours, celebrating morning services the night before, and evening services in the morning.

On Palm Sunday evening, the Church celebrates the Orthros (Matins) of Holy Monday first of four **“BRIDEGROOM SERVICES.”** Christ is called the “Bridegroom” because in His Passion, He gives His life for His Bride, the people of God, the Church, just as a husband will sacrifice everything for his wife and family.



From Holy Monday to Holy Wednesday, some parishes will celebrate the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts in the morning. This very ancient Divine Liturgy is a Vespers Service, with the Holy Communion given from the sanctified gifts from the Liturgy on the previous Sunday. This Liturgy is very solemn and reflects the grandeur and simplicity of the early Church.

In the Matins of Holy Monday, the Church remembers the blessed and noble Joseph and the fig tree which was cursed and withered by the Lord. In the Matins of Holy Tuesday, celebrated Holy Monday evening, the Church remembers the parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13), who were waiting for the arrival of the Bridegroom at a wedding feast. In the Matins of Holy Wednesday, the Church remembers the anointing of Christ with myrrh by the woman in the house of Simon, the leper, in Bethany. This woman demonstrated her repentance and her warm faith toward our Lord.

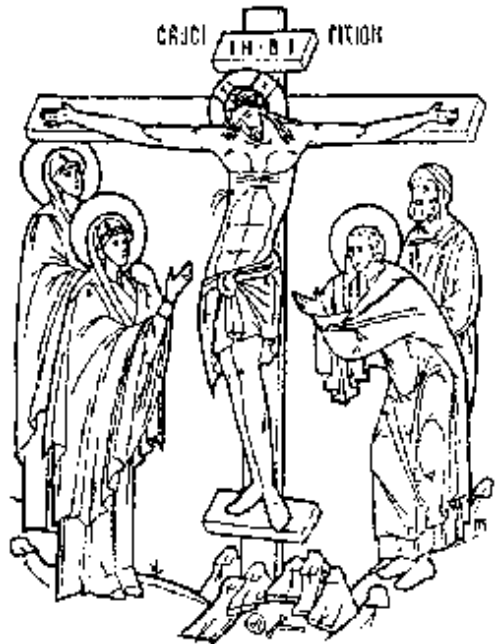
HOLY WEDNESDAY – The Sacrament of Holy Unction takes place on Holy Wednesday. The Sacrament is for the healing of body and soul. In Orthodox thought, healing is connected to repentance, confession, and the remission of sins by the Lord. Holy

Unction is the for cleansing sins and renewing the body and the spirit of the faithful. Holy Unction is one of the seven Sacraments of the Church, and it has its origin in the practice of the early Church as recorded in the Epistle of James (5:14-15). At the end of the service, the priest anoints the people with Holy Oil.

In the Matins of Holy Thursday, the Church remembers the washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the Prayer of Christ at the Last Supper as recorded in the Gospel of John, and the betrayal." Some parishes will not celebrate this service and replace it with the Sacrament of Holy Unction.

HOLY THURSDAY – In the morning, the Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated. At this Divine Liturgy, the Church commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist by the Lord at His Last Supper with His disciples. Here, Christ presented bread and wine as His body and blood, which form the core of the new covenant between God and His people, the Church.

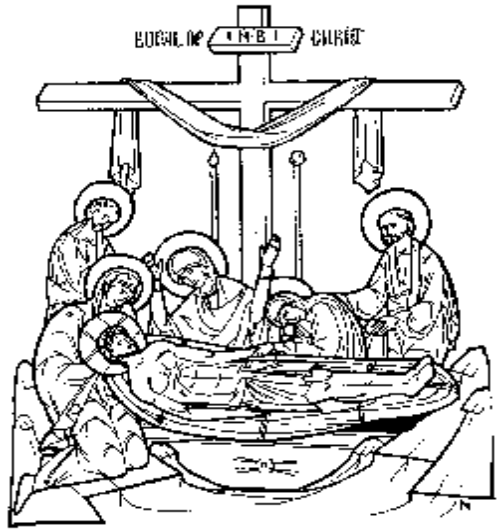
In the evening, in the Matins of Holy Friday, the Church recalls the Passion of the Lord, from His betrayal by Judas Iscariot, His agony and arrest at Gethsemane. His trial by Jewish religious authorities and Roman authorities, His beatings and mocking, and crucifixion and death on the Cross. This service is long, with twelve readings from the Gospels recounting the



events, but its content is dramatic and moving. After the reading of the fifth Gospel comes the procession with the icon of the Crucified Christ around the church.

HOLY OR "GOOD" FRIDAY - In the morning, the four "Royal Hours" are read. These services consist of hymns, psalms, and readings from the Old and New Testaments, all related prophetically and ethically to the Person of Christ.

Usually in mid-afternoon, Great Vespers is chanted. During this service, we hear the story of the Crucifixion, but with attention paid to the death of Christ, the work of Joseph of Arimathea to secure the body of Christ from Pilate, His removal from the cross, and His burial. At one point in the reading, the Body of Christ is removed from the cross, wrapped in a white cloth and is brought into the sanctuary. Following the reading, the priest carries the icon of the Epitaphios (Plaschinitsa) through the church and places it in the Sepulcher, which has been decorated with flowers.



GOOD FRIDAY EVENING: THE LAMENTATIONS – On Holy Friday evening, we sing the Matins of Holy Saturday, consisting of psalms, hymns and readings, dealing with the death of Christ. During the Matins, the congregation will join in chanting the Lamentations, hymns of praise to the Lord and relating His ultimate triumph over death. During this service the Epitaphios (Plaschinitsa) icon is carried in procession around the church. In some parishes the entire flower-bedecked Sepulcher, symbolizing the Tomb, is carried in the procession.

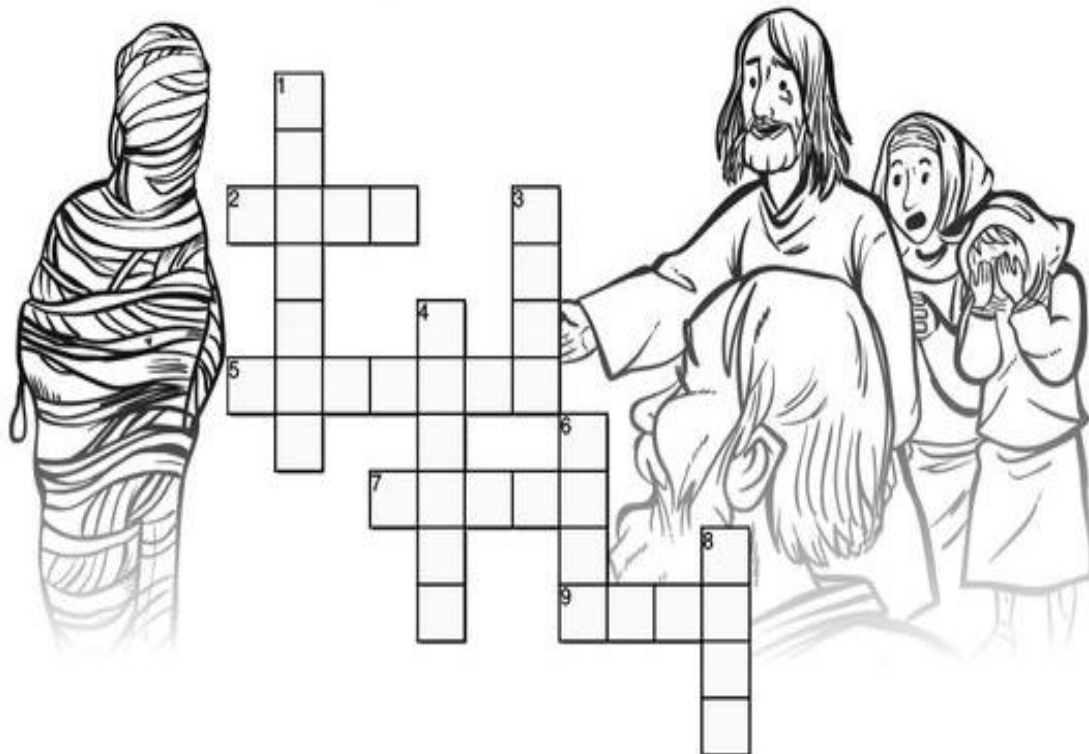
GREAT HOLY SATURDAY MORNING – On Holy Saturday morning, the Vespereal Divine Liturgy is celebrated. In this Liturgy, the Resurrection of Christ is celebrated and the triumph over death is proclaimed in the hymns and the readings from the Old and New Testament. There is a strong theme of baptism in this liturgy, because in the ancient Church, the catechumens would be baptized in this evening vigil of Pascha. (From the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese)

THE ANNUNCIATION



Lazarus Saturday

Look of the Gospel Reading for Lazarus Saturday John 11:1-45
That's where you will find the Answers to this Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. How many days had Lazarus been dead by the time Jesus arrived at his house?
5. What town did Lazarus live in?
7. Jesus commanded at Lazarus's tomb, "Take the _____ away!"
9. Jesus gave Lazarus _____ again

Down

1. Lazarus was Martha and Mary's _____
3. Three of Jesus's closest friends were _____, Martha and Lazarus,
4. Who was upset that Jesus hadn't arrived before Lazarus had died?
6. When Lazarus became sick, Mary and Martha hoped Jesus would _____ him.
8. When Jesus arrived at Lazarus's tomb, he showed his feelings and _____.

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**THE LIFE OF
 ST.
 MARY
 OF
 EGYPT**
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marymarias.blogspot.com



MARY WAS FROM EGYPT, AND SHE LIVED A LIFE OF SHAME. ONE DAY SHE GOT ON A BOAT TO GO TO JERUSALEM.

SHE WANTED TO GO IN THE CHURCH TO SEE THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS...



...BUT SHE COULDN'T GO IN! SHE SAW AN ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, AND WEPT FOR ALL HER SINS.

SHE HEARD A VOICE FROM THE HEAVENS...



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"Cross the Jordan to find glorious rest."
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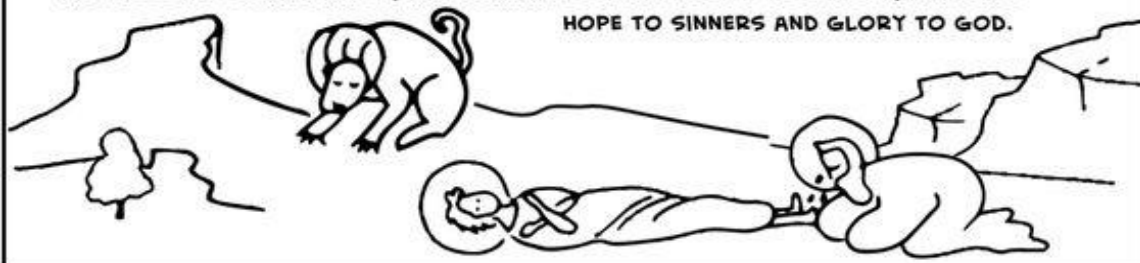
...SO SHE WENT ACROSS THE JORDAN...

...TO THE DESERT TO PRAY FOR 47 YEARS, WITH THE HELP OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.



SHE MET FR. ZOSIMAS IN THE DESERT. WHEN HE BROUGHT HER HOLY COMMUNION SHE WALKED ACROSS THE JORDAN AS ON DRY LAND.

WHEN ST. MARY REPOSED, FR. ZOSIMAS COVERED HER FEET WITH HIS TEARS, AND A LION DUG HER GRAVE. LATER, FR. ZOSIMAS TOLD HER STORY TO OTHERS, BRINGING HOPE TO SINNERS AND GLORY TO GOD.



HOLY ST. MARY OF EGYPT, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!