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Saturday Great Vespers @ 4:00 p.m. :: Sunday Orthros @ 9:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 a.m.



April 21, 2024





FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT

HIEROMARTYR JANUARIOS, BISHOP OF BENEVENTO & COMPANIONS;
MARTYR ALEXANDRA THE QUEEN & COMPANIONS



DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT (TONE 5/EOTHINON 2)

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION TONE 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF 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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JAMES TONE 4 (p.26)

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away. As the Brother of God, thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls.

Confession is available after Divine Liturgy, as well as before or after Vespers on Saturday evenings. You can also Contact Fr. Steven to set up an appointment.

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS OF GREAT LENT TONE 8

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

WELCOME!

We welcome all our visitors and are eager to share our faith with you! Please join us for coffee hour and take a few moments to fill out the VISITORS INFORMATION CARD that is found in the narthex

As a friendly reminder, only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion.

It's not too late for some good Lenten reading! Check our library!



THE EPISTLE READING

*Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

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 READING

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 would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" 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."

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Apr. 24 @ 6 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, Apr. 26 @ 6 PM – Canon of Lazarus

Saturday, Apr. 27 @ 10 AM – Divine Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday

REMEMBER, O LORD: The Catechumens: Olga, Nicholas, Gabriel, Anthony, Marina, Gabriel, Elias; Suffering Orthodox Christians of Ukraine and Palestine; Andrew, Theodore, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Carmen-Mariana, David-Michael, Robert-Gabriel, Kenneth, Rosetta, Cecelia, Priest Thomas, Matushka Angela, Mandi, Evan, Sarina, Shelby, Leo, Tamara, Photini, Joey, Archpriest Thomas, Matushka Kyra, John, Megan, Brittany, Samuel, Edward, Helen, Angelina, Thomas, Elizabeth, Randy, Megan, Lindsey, Susan, Joshua, Clint, Michael, Lilah, Ellen, Pam, Anastasia, Marino, Kristen, Brendan, Jerome, Nectarios, Nelia, Roger, Leah, Joe, Gabriel, Spenser, Panayiota, Graham, Jeanette, Crystal, Franny, Maria, Shirley, Benjamin, Anne, Russell, Mitzi, Pam, Susan, Cindy, Dan, Juan, Josh, Hollie and family, Melinda, Pasquale, Crystal, Patricia, Michael, Elaine, Corly, Thomas, James, Pani Sue, Priest Frederick, Penelope, Sheryl, Tina, Logan, Thomas, Basil, Mary, Jacob, Chloe, Patti, John, Diana, Barbara, Joy, Mary, Helen, All Orthodox who perished in Ukraine and Palestine, Newly-departed: Priest Andrew

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES

Time for Confession!



Believe me, Abba, seventeen years I passed in this desert fighting wild beasts — mad desires and passions. When I was about to partake of food, I used to begin to regret the meat and fish of which I had so much in Egypt. I regretted also not having wine which I loved so much, for I drank a lot of wine when I lived in the world, while here I had not even water. But when such desires entered me I struck myself on the breast and reminded myself of the vow which I had made, when going into the desert. In my thoughts I returned to the ikon of the Mother of God which had received me and to her I cried in prayer. I implored her to chase away the thoughts to which my miserable soul was succumbing. And after weeping for long and beating my breast I used to see light at last which seemed to shine on me from everywhere. And after the violent storm, lasting calm descended.

– St. Mary of Egypt

If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like more information about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Fr. Steven (info@stjamesorthodox.org).

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