

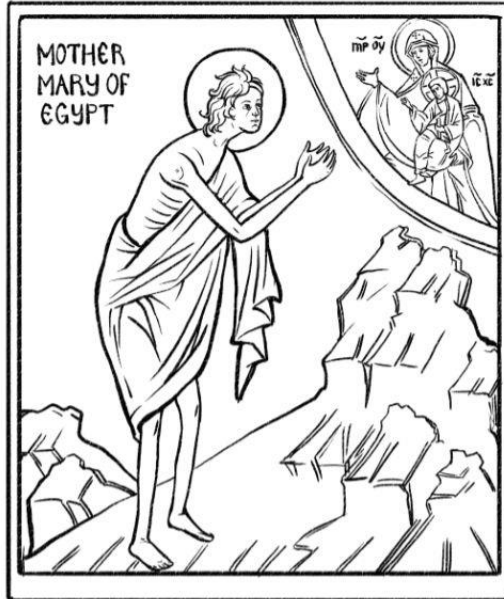
# *St. George Orthodox Church of Spring Valley*

**Sunday, April 17, 2016**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**St. Mary of Egypt**

**Matins: 9:00 AM :: Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM**



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**Today's Epistle Reader:** Matthew McNatt

**Today's Holy Bread and Coffee Hour:** Robert Abraham

**Next Sunday's Coffee Hour:** Sadie Malooley and the Leonard family

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

**Troparion of the Resurrection (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.

**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.

**Troparion of St. George the Great Martyr (Tone 4):** Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among martyrs, the victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

**Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays (Tone 2):** O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

*In place of the **Hymn to the Theotokos** (sung in Arabic):*

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

## **EPISTLE READING**

### **For the Fifth Sunday of Great 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 is from the Epistle to the Hebrews (9:11-14).**

Brethren, Christ has 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 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 Great 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 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."

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

- **Today:** Children's Sunday School, downstairs immediately after Holy Communion.

*The church will be open before and after each evening service for private prayer and meditation, or for the Sacrament of Confession.*

- **Monday, April 18:** Great Compline, 6pm.
- **Wednesday, April 20:** Sixth Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm.
- **Friday, April 22:** Small Compline with St. Lazarus Canon, 6pm.
- **Saturday, April 23: Lazarus Saturday.** Baptism (see below) and Divine Liturgy, 10am.  
*No vespers this Saturday evening.*
- **Next Sunday: Palm Sunday.** Matins, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am, followed by outdoor procession with palm branches (weather permitting).

Other upcoming events:

**Baptism of Joseph Andrew Kishler** on Saturday, April 23, at 10am. *Holy Communion for St. Lazarus Saturday will follow, with a simple breakfast downstairs. All are invited, but please let Fr. Andrew or Kb. Patty know if you are coming so we can prepare enough food.*

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday!** We will have an outdoor procession (weather permitting) at the end of the Liturgy, followed by a fish fry downstairs. Special thanks to the Malooley family for providing the meal.

This year's **Parish Life Conference** will be June 22-26 in Livonia, Michigan. Please consider attending this excellent event on behalf of our church!

We are also pleased to announce that **His Grace Bishop Anthony** plans to visit us in Spring Valley, the weekend of October 15 and 16. More information will follow as we draw closer to that date.

*Do you have an announcement for the bulletin? Please contact Fr. Andrew no later than Friday each week for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.*



## Birthdays and Anniversaries ~ May God grant you many years!

*(Please let Father know if we are missing anyone!)*

Bette Malooley, April 10

Sydney Thompson, April 10

Christina Kapetaneas, April 12

Rebecca Harshman, April 14

Sarah Sanders, April 21

Jeannie Leonard, April 22

Victoria Rowan, April 23

Andrew Rowan, April 23

## Sunday Volunteer Schedule

|                                 | Holy Bread/Coffee Hour                | Epistle Reader |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Palm Sunday, April 24</b>    | Sadie Malooley and the Leonard family | Mike Kasap     |
| <b>Pascha Sunday, May 1</b>     | <i>Pascha potluck *</i>               | Mark Kerasotes |
| <b>St. Thomas Sunday, May 8</b> | Memorial for Amelia Malooley          | Kenneth Wiltse |
| <b>Sunday, May 15</b>           | Matt and Nan McNatt                   | George Forsa   |
| <b>Sunday, May 22</b>           | George and Mona Kaleel                | David Anderson |
| <b>Sunday, May 29</b>           | Kishler, Buss, and Anderson           | Matthew McNatt |

*\* Our services for Pascha Sunday begin the night before, at 10pm. It is customary for Orthodox Christians to break the Lenten fast together after the service with meats, cheeses, colored eggs, etc. If you plan to stay, bring something simple to share!*

**:: Synaxarion Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent ::**  
**St. Mary of Egypt**

On the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, it was ordained that we make remembrance of our Godly Mother Mary of Egypt.

Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: “If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!” Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary’s lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom.

Through her intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



**“JUST AS A MAN IS ENLIGHTENED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN HE IS BAPTIZED BY A PRIEST, SO HE WHO CONFESSES HIS SINS WITH A REPENTANT HEART OBTAINS THEIR REMISSION FROM THE PRIEST.”**

**~ ST. ATHANASIUS OF ALEXANDRIA**

**SAINTS AND BIBLE READINGS**  
**APRIL 18 - 24**



**Monday, April 18:** Venerable John of Decapolis  
Isaiah 48:17-49:4 / Genesis 27:1-41 / Proverbs 19:16-25

**Tuesday, April 19:** Martyr Paphnoutius of Jerusalem  
Isaiah 49:6-10 / Genesis 31:3-16 / Prov. 21:3-21

**Wednesday, April 20:** Venerable Theodore, the 'hair-shirt wearer'

Isaiah 58:1-11 / Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16 / Proverbs 21:23-22:4

**Thursday, April 21:** Martyr Januarius, bishop of Benevento  
Isaiah 65:8-16 / Genesis 46:1-7 / Proverbs 23:15-24:5

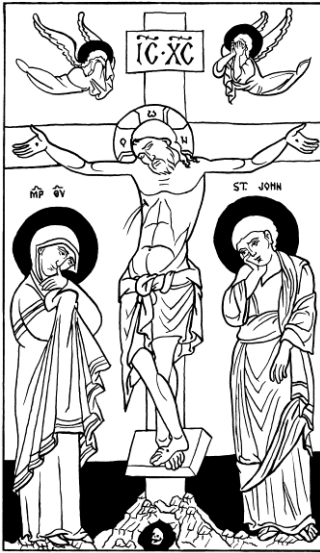
**Friday, April 22:** Martyr Epipodius of Lyons  
Isaiah 66:10-24 / Genesis 49:33-50:26 / Proverbs 31:8-31

**Saturday, April 23: St. Lazarus Saturday**  
Hebrews 12:28-13:8 / John 11:1-45

**Sunday, April 24: Palm Sunday**  
Philippians 4:4-9 / John 12:1-18

**:: Fr. Patrick Reardon on the Holy Patriarch Joseph (Genesis 37-47) ::**

“How does Joseph survive all those years in Egypt? Surely by his reliance on the providence of God. This was the secret of Joseph’s inner life. It explains both his patience in tribulation and his ready forgiveness of enemies. Even as a slave, even in prison, Joseph was an inwardly free man, said St. Cyril of Alexandria, and Procopius of Gaza wrote that Joseph was perpetually and prayerfully mindful of the presence of God.”



# HOLY WEEK 2016

## ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SPRING VALLEY

### **PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND – APRIL 23 AND 24**

- Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy, Saturday at 10am
- Palm Sunday Matins, Divine Liturgy, and Procession, Sunday at 9am

### **HOLY MONDAY AND HOLY TUESDAY – APRIL 25 AND 26**

- Bridegroom Matins, Monday and Tuesday at 6pm

### **HOLY WEDNESDAY – APRIL 27**

- Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6pm

### **HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 28**

- Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper, 10am
- Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels, 6pm

### **GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 29**

- Royal Hours, 10am
- Vespers, 6pm. *At this service, the ladies present will be invited to come forward and remove the icon of Christ from the Cross.*
- Lamentations at the Tomb, 7pm. *During this service, the men present will be invited to come forward and take turns carrying the tomb of Christ.*

### **HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 30**

- “Sabbath of Light” Divine Liturgy, 10am
- Paschal Vigil and Divine Liturgy, 10pm

### **PASCHA SUNDAY – MAY 1**

- Agape Vespers, 12:00 noon. *Holy Communion will be available for those who may have missed it the night before.*