

**The Weekly Messenger – April 17, 2016**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45*

**On the Fifth Sunday of Lent** the Orthodox Church commemorates our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt. The feast day of Saint Mary of Egypt is April 1, however, she is also commemorated on this Sunday due to her recognition by the Church as a model of repentance. Learn more: [http://lent.goarch.org/saint\\_mary\\_of\\_egypt/learn/](http://lent.goarch.org/saint_mary_of_egypt/learn/)

**Our final WEDNESDAY** evening Presanctified Liturgy, this Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Have you attended a Presanctified Liturgy during Great Lent??

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Ernie Douris (1 year), Mary Douris, Peter Mallios, Bettye Ledford, Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Dorothy Tomassini, Daniel Coraluzzi, Semele Halkedis, John Cokos, Constantine, Kathie Costa, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik George Robos, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Readers Schedule:** April 17<sup>th</sup> Michele D. April 24<sup>th</sup> Adam C. May 1<sup>st</sup> Agape Vespers, May 8<sup>th</sup> Chris M, May 15<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Michele D, May 29<sup>th</sup> Adam C.

**Parishioner News:** Last week we inaccurately reported the college Michele Dardaris will attend in the fall. Michelle has selected Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA. They have an excellent physical therapy program. Congratulations and many years Michelle!

**Please mark your calendars, Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am** We need volunteers to come to church to decorate the Epitaphios. Come and bring a friend or two!

**Pledge update:** We have received 66 pledges totaling \$36,461.00. Our goal is \$60,000.00. If you haven't done so please make your pledge today! Pledge cards are available at the candle stand or in the church hall. Thank you to those who have pledged.

**Upcoming Events:**

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1 Year Memorial Ernie Douris

**Saturday** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

followed by Sunday school Retreat ending at 3:00 pm

**April 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**, Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms

**Tuesday**, April 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

**Wednesday**, April 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 7:00 pm

**Thursday**, April 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

**Friday**, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaphion,

5 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7:00 pm Funeral

**Saturday**, April 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Liturgy 9:00 am, Matins/Nocturn/Liturgy beginning 11 pm

**Sunday**, May 1<sup>st</sup> Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day, Marriage of Fjorentina Lakuriqi & Ilir Gremi Many Years!

May 15<sup>th</sup> 40 Day Memorial Peter Mallios

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you to those who have signed up!

April 17<sup>th</sup> Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in celebration of Elisabeth's 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday & Nameday

April 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday – Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Adams Family in memory of Charlie Adams

May 1<sup>st</sup> Pascha Agape Vespers @ 1:00 pm – no coffee hour

May 8<sup>th</sup> Bill Bortner

May 15<sup>th</sup> Mallios, Contoudis, Callas Families in memory of Peter

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Moza & Koco Priftanji

May 29<sup>th</sup> Entela & Dhimiter Ndrecka

June 29<sup>th</sup> We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy with Ss. Peter & Paul Church. It is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their first Liturgy. Bishop Nikon be visiting their parish.

**All Dates in June OPEN – No Sponsors**

**Lazarus Saturday** April 23<sup>rd</sup> Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am followed by the Sunday school retreat. We will have crafts, religious education and of course Meshe making! It will be a learning experience for our children and an opportunity to help the those less fortunate. We will be making sandwiches for the homeless. Come out and lend a hand.

**Welcome to our visitors.** Father Brooks, the members of our Parish Council, and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.

**April giving:** Paper Towels - you can never have enough paper towels!