

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/

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 17th Michele D. April 24th Adam C. May 1st Agape Vespers, May 8th Chris M, May 15th Reader Mark, May 22nd Michele D, May 29th 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 29th 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 17th 1 Year Memorial Ernie Douris

Saturday April 23rd, Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

followed by Sunday school Retreat ending at 3:00 pm

April 24th Palm Sunday, Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms

Tuesday, April 26th Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 27th Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 28th Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

Friday, April 29th, Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaphion,

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

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

Sunday, May 1st Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

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

May 15th 40 Day Memorial Peter Mallios

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

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

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

May 1st Pascha Agape Vespers @ 1:00 pm – no coffee hour

May 8th Bill Bortner

May 15th Mallios, Contoudis, Callas Families in memory of Peter

May 22nd Moza & Koco Priftanji

May 29th Entela & Dhimiter Ndrecka

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

All Dates in June OPEN – No Sponsors

Lazarus Saturday April 23rd 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!