

St. Elizabeth the New Martyr

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. St Mary of Egypt



Welcome Visitors

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation with us. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, and have prepared themselves through regular Confession, prayer and fasting are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We encourage visitors to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please feel free to ask questions before or after the service.

Today's Hymns

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 8 Troparion (St. Mary of Egypt)

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 3 Kontakion (St. Mary of Egypt)

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.

Today's Readings

First Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Brethren, 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?

Second Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29

Brethren, before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

First Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

At that time, 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."

Second Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

At that time, one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

This Week's Services

Sunday April 21

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Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 10:32-45

11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

Monday April 22

St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis

Genesis 27:1-41, Proverbs 19:16-25

Tuesday April 23

Holy Glorious Greatmartyr, Victorybearer, and Wonderworker George

Acts 12:1-11, John 15:17-16:2

Wednesday April 24

6:00 PM

Pre-Sanctified @ Holy Trinity

Martyr Savva Stratelates ("the General") of Rome, and 70 soldiers with him

Genesis 43:26-31, 45:1-16, Proverbs 21:23-22:4

Thursday April 25

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark

1 Peter 5:6-14, Mark 6:7-13

Friday April 26

Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea. St. Stephen, Bishop of Perm

Genesis 49:33-50:26, Proverbs 31:8-31

Saturday April 27

9:30 AM – Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy * To be confirmed by email

Lazarus Saturday

Hebrews 12:28-13:8, John 11:1-45

Sunday April 28

11:30 AM - Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday

Philippians 4:4-9, John 12:1-18

5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt

Saint Zosimas (April 4) was a monk at a certain Palestinian monastery on the outskirts of Caesarea. Having dwelt at the monastery since his childhood, he lived there in asceticism until he reached the age of fifty-three. Then he was disturbed by the thought that he had attained perfection, and needed no one to instruct him. "Is there a monk anywhere who can show me some form of asceticism that I have not attained? Is there anyone who has surpassed me in spiritual sobriety and deeds?"

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Zosimas, you have struggled valiantly, as far as this is in the power of man. However, there is no one who is righteous (Rom 3:10). So that you may know how many other ways lead to salvation, leave your native land, like Abraham from the house of his father (Gen 12:1), and go to the monastery by the Jordan."

Abba Zosimas immediately left the monastery, and following the angel, he went to the Jordan monastery and settled in it.

Here he met Elders who were adept in contemplation, and also in their struggles. Never did anyone utter an idle word. Instead, they sang constantly, and prayed all night long. Abba Zosimas began to imitate the spiritual activity of the holy monks.

Thus much time passed, and the holy Forty Day Fast approached. There was a certain custom at the monastery, which was why God had led Saint Zosimas there. On the First Sunday of Great Lent the igumen served the Divine Liturgy, everyone received the All-Pure Body and Blood of Christ. Afterwards, they went to the trapeza for a small repast, and then assembled once more in church.

The monks prayed and made prostrations, asking forgiveness one of another. Then they made a prostration before the igumen and asked his blessing for the struggle that lay before them. During the Psalm "The Lord is my Light and my Savior, whom shall I fear? The Lord is defender of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" (Ps 26/27:1), they opened the monastery gate and went off into the wilderness.....

Read the Full Life of St. Mary of Egypt @ <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/04/21/18-5th-sunday-of-great-lent-st-mary-of-egypt>

News & Events

Catechumens and Inquirers Class:

The next class for inquirers and catechumens will be **Thursday, April 25 @6:30pm** over zoom.

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy:

There is a Pre-Sanctified Liturgy this Wednesday, April 24 @ **Holy Trinity at 6:00 PM**. Please feel free to stay after for a brief talk followed by some food and fellowship.

Lazarus Saturday Liturgy:

We are hoping to have a Liturgy on **Lazarus Saturday at 9:30am**. Please look for an email later this week to confirm that!

Lists of Living and Departed:

Fr. Arkady would like an updated list of your departed loved ones as well as any living family or friends that you would like remembered in prayer. Please indicate on the lists if they are Orthodox or Non-Orthodox. **Mary Gresko** is in charge of compiling this list for him in a standardized Word document. Please email your information to her at mjgtweety@aol.com. She will be collecting information over the next several weeks!

Mary Gresko's Correct E-Mail:

Apologies, last week Mary's email was put in the bulletin incorrectly. If you sent your lists to the email that was provided last week, please send them again to her correct email. mjgtweety@aol.com. Thank you!

Holy Trinity Food Pantry:

The next Food Pantry at Holy Trinity will be on **Tuesday, April 30**. They are asking people to show up at 8:30am to help set up. Please let Viviane know if you are interested or have any questions! Also, please continue to bring items for us to take to the pantry. Here are the items that are most needed: Canned goods, peanut butter & jelly, Mac n Cheese, tuna or other canned meat, saltine crackers, hygiene items like shampoo, conditioner, combined shampoo and body wash, and toothpaste. They have plenty of pasta at this time!

Website Donations:

We are able to accept donations through our website stelizabethmartyr.org.

We are praying for:

The health and well-being of the servants of God Archbishop Alexander, Panka, Sophie, Alexander, Donna, Cy, Dan, Tanya, Popadia Janet, Joanne, and George.

The Catechumens:

Mark, Karson, Morgan, Caleb, Tiara, Isla & Hannah

Celebrations

Last week

Birthdays:

Matushka Janet Timpko – April 16
Rod Hopper – April 18
Fr. Arkady – April 20

This coming week:

Birthdays:

No birthdays this week.

Names Days:

George Popoff – April 23
Lazarus Shaffer – April 27

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