

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

	5 th Sunday of Lent		
Sunday	March 21 st	Veneration of Mary Mother of Egypt (Liturgy of St Basil)	+Susan Lucas (Ellen Hornfeck)
Thursday	March 25 th	Annunciation of the Mother of God	Parishioners of St Mary
Sunday	March 28 th	Palm Sunday	+David Lupu (Andrea Vigue)
Wednesday	March 31 st	Presanctified Liturgy	Parishioners of St Mary
Thursday	April 01 st	Holy Thursday Liturgy of St Basil followed by Reading of 12 Gospels	Parishioners of St Mary
Friday	April 02 nd	Good Friday Burial Service	Parishioners of St Mary
Saturday	April 03 rd	Easter Vigil Liturgy	Parishioners of St Mary
Sunday	April 04 th	Easter Sunday	+Edward Kastriba (Donna and David Pandullo)

For the month of March

Our Eternal Candle burns for	+ Warhola / Pandullo Families (Donna and David Pandullo)
Our Garden Candle burns for	Parishioners of St Mary
Our Altar Candles burn for	Parishioners of St Mary

Parish Announcements:

Last Weeks Collection:	\$ 793.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 155.00

The Church is cleaned and disinfected after each Liturgy to do our part in keeping our parishioners safe while at St. Mary.

Liturgy Intentions: If you have intentions to remember or honor a loved one, please contact Donna Pandullo at (412) 973-0151 or see Samantha. Open dates remaining for 2021 are: Oct 4 & 31, Nov 07

Candle Intentions: We are offering intentions for the Eternal Candle, the Garden Candle and the Tall Altar Candles. Each will be \$20.00 per month. The intentions will be listed in the bulletin. Please see Donna if you would like to add an intention.

This Thursday there will be a Liturgy at 6 PM to celebrate the Annunciation of Mary

There is an Updated copy of Holy Week insert in Bulletin showing times for all services.

Also note that Holy Thursday there will be a Liturgy of St Basil followed by the Reading of the 12 Gospels.

Adult Education:

Adult Education is at 9 AM and every Sunday in the church. Our class focuses on the teachings of the Catholic Church and includes a focus on the Byzantine Tradition. Typically there is a lively discussion of important spiritual matters. Please join us.

PASTOR'S PULPIT OF THE GOSPEL

As we approach Easter, we are focusing on the sufferings of Christ so we can gain a full appreciation of His great love for us. Our goal needs to be to give our hearts totally to Him. Our Gospel reading (Mark 10:32-45) helps us to move in this direction. Jesus foretells His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Hearing this from the Lord for the third time must have been most shocking to the disciples! They loved Him greatly and thought that His approaching death would be permanent. Our love for Jesus should equal that of His disciples. As demonstrated in the Book of Hebrews (9:11-14), by the shedding of His blood, Jesus secured our eternal redemption. His sacrifice is our gain. His voluntary death is the greatest love that has ever existed! His love should be matched by our turning our hearts totally over to Him and by sharing our faith with those who have no faith and have never heard about Him. The redeeming power of Christ's self-giving love is found in the life of St. Mary of Egypt. She lived in the fourth century in the City of Alexandria. At the age of twelve, she left her parents and became a great sinner, determined to ruin the morality of the men she encountered. Her offense was far worse than prostitution, since she took no money for what she did and was happy just to have destroyed their spiritual lives. After seventeen years of this lifestyle, she travelled to Jerusalem. While there, she tried to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, but was stopped by a mysterious force. Realizing that it was because of her impurity, she was overcome with sorrow. She prayed for forgiveness before an icon of the Mother of God, outside the Church and was then allowed to enter. Later, she received absolution and became a hermit in the desert. Having had her heart touched by the Lord, her fundamental attitudes were changed for the good and she lived the rest of her life in hardship, but in glorious union with Christ, her Savior. Her willingness to repent and change and sacrifice is a model for all of us. She did not initially use the spiritual tools given to her, but we can. Time set apart from the normal routine for prayer is a great way to grow. If we could do so, what would be some reasonable results? First, we would want to know ourselves as individuals better. Next, we would want to know Christ better. And finally, we would want to be more like Christ. However, what is one way we can do this? Every Divine Liturgy is such an opportunity for us to do so. There is still time! Blessings, Father George

Next week's Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9; Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17

Your fervent and continuing prayers are requested for: Calvin Cramer, Rosemary Gerondites, Teresa Maglicco, Alan Medved, Laurie DuVal, Fr. Matthew Elanjileth, Helen Dragos, Kathleen Gibbs, Andrea Vigue, Joseph O'Gurkis, Jennifer Wolf and Children, Ron Willard, Jason Kritkos, Sr. Caritas Wendt. All those serving in Armed Forces and Civil Authorities, along with All First Responders, and all those Affected by the Coronavirus.

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