

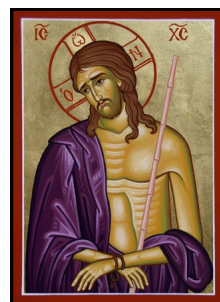
EPISTLE Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the 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.

TODAY'S READER: JEANNE KITSOULIS

GOSPEL Mark 10:32-45

AT THAT TIME, Jesus taking the twelve again, he 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 spit upon him, and scourge 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 want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your 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 of 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 slave 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."

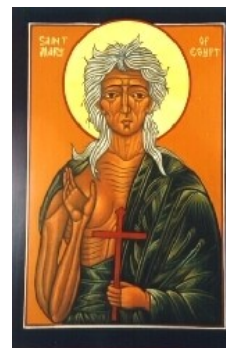


Next Sunday, Great and Holy Week begins. It is the most solemn week of the Church's year — one during which we are reminded of the love of God for us in sending His Son to die on the Cross and Rise from the dead that we might have life forever. Plan next week around the Divine Services. Watch with the Lord. Walk with the Lord. Come and feel His anointing and the healing it brings. Come to the table of the Eucharist and eat the Bread of Life. Celebrate Holy Pascha in great joy! Make time to remember your salvation.

DIVINE SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 13: Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 p.m. (No Lenten supper or presentation.)

Saturday, April 16: LAZARUS SATURDAY Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (followed by Communion Breakfast and Making of Palm Crosses)



ST. MARY OF EGYPT: MODEL OF REPENTANCE

St. Mary of Egypt is a model of repentance. It is not an exaggeration to say that if the Church fails to repent, our mission will also fail. It will fail not because we will have empty churches. It is quite possible that the churches will be full.

We will have failed, however, because of our own infidelity to that which we have received and to what we have been called by Christ to be. **Only through repentance is the Church continually renewed by the Holy Spirit.** Only by cleansing ourselves will the vision of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church be kept clear. Only by repenting will our theological and eucharistic revival be meaningful and saving. Without repentance the Church, comprised of hierarchs, priests and faithful, will be unable to sustain the blows of a pluralistic and secularistic society - a society which can be accurately termed as post-Christian and even overtly anti-Christian. As a living Church, we are confronted with many temptations and delusions. St. Mary of Egypt is the perfect model of repentance. She totally re-directed her life away from an addiction to sin, and towards God. She faced her inner self with honesty, and called upon the mercy of the Lord. She confessed her sins to Abba Zosima. Unless we ourselves embrace that kind of repentance, even though our Churches be filled every Sunday, they will have no heart. There will be no soul. It will only be a gathering of people. Repentance of this kind, means heeding the words of the Prophet: *"Turn, O man, and be saved!"* . *Holy Mother Mary of Egypt, intercede for us!*

PRAYER LIST: Constantina Speris, Spiro Gianniotis, Ralph Vallone, Antonia "Nitsa" Kempf, Connie Kanaris, Diana Lazar, George Markomanolakis, Argie Palaos, Katherine Panagakos, George Virvan, Mariah Smiley, Doris Webb, the child Camille Feruzzi, the child Heather Greene, Irene Pappas, Marty Levine, Lindsey Reijsoo, the child Ashley Lyvers, the child Alexis Ross, Joseph Papadakis, the child Joseph Saxon, Francine Bruggeman, Stephanie Skanderis, Georgia Haldas, Eric Ricasa, Milton Kayafas, Mary Agis, Maureen Shriver, Tiffany Keiker, Mary O'Hara, William Coulopoulos, Matina Mantis, and Robert Shriver. **US ARMED FORCES:** Rev. Fr. John Kalantzis, Lt. Nicholas Karnaze, Spc. Spiro Nino, John Xanthakos, Colonel James Karas, and Gary Hogman (Iraq) and his wife Cindy, 2nd Lt. Phillip Natsios, Private Louis Tiches, EG Robert Stock, and PFC Brett Hughes.

40 DAY BLESSING

A 40 Day Blessing will be given today to **Henry Nathaniel**, son of Sam and Irene Whitt. May God grant him many years!



LOOKING AHEAD...

Graduation Sunday is May 22. We need the following information: for **HIGH SCHOOL** graduates: student name, graduating from what high school, going to what college/university, subject major. For **GRADUATE and POST GRADUATE:** student name, graduating from what college/university, what degree, and future plans. Please email the information to Chrysostom (cgunning@stgeorge) **BY FRIDAY, MAY 13, AT THE ABSOLUTE LATEST!**

MEMORIALS

A Memorial Service will be offered today for **HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS** who reposed in the Lord six years ago. May he continue to enjoy the celebration at the Heavenly Altar, and may his memory be eternal!

Juliet Eleni Peper (40 Days), requested by Stella and Scott Peper; for **Harilaos Kouniakis (40 Days)**, requested by his sister Evangelia (Basil) Ioannou, his nieces and nephews Clairio Ioannou, Pandora (Cody) Kessler, and Lazaros Ioannou; for **Gerasimos Antzoulatos (40 Days)**, requested by Irene, his wife, his children Alexander and Eleni, his brother George (Daphne), and his Aunt Helen and Uncle Alex Antzoulatos; for **John Nicopoulos (1 Year)**, requested by Helen, his wife, and his children Jim, George and Sandy; for **Konstantina Karellas (3 Years)**, requested by her nephew George Karellas; and for **Dimitrios Apostolopoulos (5 Years)**, requested by his children Andreas and Penny, and Grandchildren Amy and George, and Angie and Dimitri. May their memories be eternal!

PARISH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

ALTAR BOY RETREAT

TODAY there will be an altar boy retreat after the Divine Liturgy from 12:00-1:30 p.m. We will be going over the Holy Week services. Lunch will be provided to all participants.

VOLUNTEERS CRITICALLY NEEDED FOR SPRING FESTIVAL

Our Spring Festival is May 6-8. We need volunteers to help prepare food for the event. PLEASE sign up to help on the sheets that have been placed on the community bulletin board in the main corridor. **WE NEED HELP!** Very few people have signed up to help. The festival is a success insofar as everyone pitches in. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEETS!!**

“SOCRATES” SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

High School Seniors: We are accepting applications for the “Socrates” Scholarship of the Greek School of St. George for Academic Excellence, Greek Language and Community Service. We are giving two awards, one for the Friday Greek School and one for the Saturday. The deadline for sending the application is April 16, 2011. You will find all the forms at www.stgeorge.org. If you need more information, please contact Katerina Papaioannou at (301) 229-4286 or michaelkaterinap@gmail.com

50 PLUS CLUB

On April 13th Dr. Nicholas Patronas will speak on Medical Imaging in the Evaluation of Diseases in the Aged Population. On April 27 Mr Vasili Assimakopoulos will speak on My life in Constantinople and Byzantium. Join us for these informative lectures. Spring Cleaning is a great opportunity to set aside items for Yia-Yia Attic. Items may be brought in during the Festival.

ST. GEORGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Attention all golfers – good, bad, or “if I only played more”! We are beginning what we hope to be an annual tradition – a St. George golf tournament the Monday after Easter. Extend your holiday weekend and get a chance to play Bethesda Country Club – one of the top golf courses in the area. Enjoy lunch, golf, cart, and steak dinner while enjoying the fellowship of your foursome and other friends from Saint George. Only \$150 per golfer. Registration starts at 10:30. Lunch at 11:30. Shotgun start for Scramble at 12:30. Driving range will be open at 10:30. Please contact Catherine at catherine@stgeorge.org to reserve your slot or your foursome. Write Leon Andris lan-dr@andrisrealty.com for any questions you may have.

In response to continued inquiries regarding church financials, the Church is publishing weekly and year-to-date operating income and expenses in the Sunday bulletin. God bless you and thank you for your support.

March 30 through April 5, 2011

Income \$ 7,672.26*
Expenses \$38,017.96**

January 1 through April 5, 2011

Income \$253,081.81*
Expenses \$285,381.70**

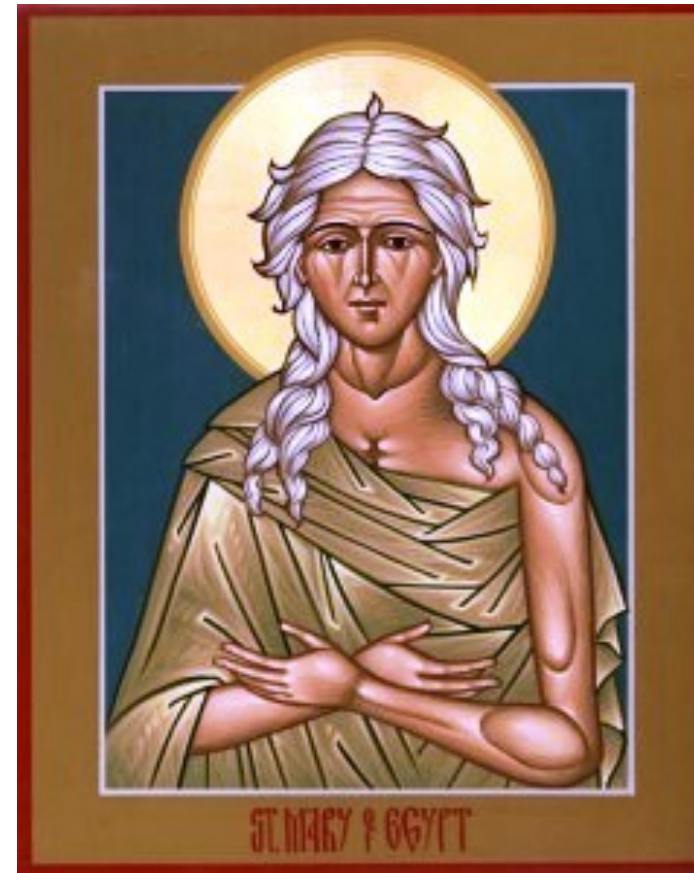
* - Includes any income from Stewardship, Candles, Trays, General Donations, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, and Harbor School Rent.

** - Includes expenses incurred (funds disbursed) for Administrative items, Candles, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, Archdiocese Stewardship, For those Who Serve, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, Liturgical, Maintenance, Mortgage Interest, Program Expenses, Taxes & Insurance, and Utilities.

SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

APRIL 10, 2011

**NEW HIEROMARTYR GREGORY V,
PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE**



Apolytikion of St. Mary of Egypt

In thee, O Mother, was exactly preserved that which was according to the Divine Image. For thou didst take the cross and follow Christ, and by thy life didst teach us to ignore the flesh, since it is transitory, but to care for the soul as an immortal thing. Therefore, thy spirit, O holy Mary, rejoices with the Angels.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate * with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born * for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. * For in His goodness He was pleased * to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, * and to raise up those who had died, * by His glorious Resurrection.

Resurrectional Kontakion

You descended to Hades, my Savior, and shattered its gates, as the Almighty. As Creator, You raised the dead with yourself, and smashed the sting of death, O Christ. You freed Adam from the curse, O Lover of humanity. Therefore we all cry out to You, Save us, O Lord.

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