



ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

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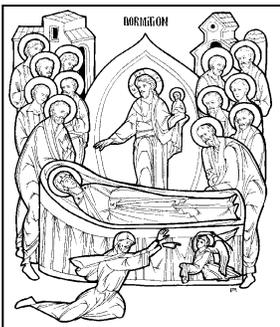
Subdeacon William Obeid + Subdeacon N.D. Namey + Subdeacon John Moses Jr. + Subdeacon Marshall Goodge

WELCOME to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to the first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called Christians (Acts 11:26).

The Orthodox Church is the oldest and second-largest Christian group in the world. We are called by God, our Creator, to worship and follow Him and to proclaim to the world His message of love, peace and salvation.

God loves all mankind and desires that all human beings should believe in Him, know Him, abide in Him, and receive eternal life from Him. To accomplish this God Himself came into the world as a man in Jesus Christ --- becoming man that we might become like God. The Parishioners of St. Mary Parish welcome you and are pleased that you have decided to worship Almighty God with our Parish family today. We encourage you to learn about our Orthodox faith and our Parish if you are not yet Orthodox.

Although the non-Orthodox may not receive Holy Communion, which may only be given to the Orthodox faithful, we invite you to come forward at the close of the Liturgy to receive a blessing from the Priest and blessed bread. Please also come downstairs to the Parish Hall join us for our fellowship hour.



Our Patronal Feast is the **DORMITION (FALLING-ASLEEP) OF THE THEOTOKOS**, which is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church and is celebrated each year on August 15. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was “blessed amongst women,” and she was chosen “to bear the Savior of our souls.” Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels. Knowing she is eternally present at the throne of God interceding for mankind, we pray for her love, guidance, and protection.

COMMEMORATIONS

- ✘ Today - None Today
- ✘ May 12 Holy Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour sponsored/offered in loving memory of Elizabeth Kuhl by her family + Trisagion Prayers are offered for Elizabeth Kuhl's 40 day memorial.

SCHEDULE OF PARISH LIFE AT ST. MARY

TODAY

Teen SOYO meets after Liturgy

THIS WEEK

Mon. April 15 - Great Compline at 6:00 pm

Wed. April 17 - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 followed by Potluck Dinner & Ask Abouna

Thur. April 18 No Spaghetti Dinner This Week

Fri. April 19 Compline with Canon of St. Lazarus at 6:00 pm

Sat. April 20 **LAZARUS SATURDAY** - Liturgy at 10:00 am & Confessions from 4:30 - 5:00 & Vespers at 5:00

Sun. April 21 **PALM SUNDAY** - Matins at 8:50 & Divine Liturgy at 10:00
Bridegroom Service at 6:00 pm

HOLY WEEK & PASCHA SERVICES

Mon. April 22 Bridegroom Service at 6:00 pm

Tues. April 23 Bridegroom Service at 6:00 pm

Wed. April 24 Service of Holy Unction at 6:00 pm

Thurs. April 25 Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Service of the Washing of the Feet and the Passion Gospels at 6:00 pm

No Spaghetti Dinner this week or next week

Fri. April 26 Royal Hours at 10:00 am + Vespers - Decent from the Cross at 3:00 pm +

Lamentations Service at 6:00 pm

Sat. April 27 Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am +

Nocturns, Rush Service, Paschal Canon & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 pm

Sun. April 28 Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm

The Church turns our attention again to the theme of repentance by remembering St. Mary of Egypt, a harlot who repented of her sins then lived alone in the desert for 47 years, praying and fasting. Today's Gospel shows us an interaction between Jesus and His disciples shortly before his entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday in which He gives clear instructions on how His disciples are to minister to the flock as servants and not as rulers. This is important to keep in mind in today's society where ambition and status are valued more than helping our neighbor. To be first in the kingdom of heaven, which is better than being first in anything in this life, we must be a servant to all. -

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT
APOSTLES ARISTARCHOS, PUDENS AND TROPHYMOS OF THE SEVENTY; MARTYR THOMAS OF
ALEXANDRIA; NEW-MARTYR DEMETRIOS OF THE PELOPONNESOS

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE EIGHT

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION

In giving birth thou didst keep thy virginity and thy repose thou didst not forsake the world O Theotokos, for thou art the mother of life and thou didst pass over into life. And through thine intercessions from death thou dost redeem our souls.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

✠ THE EPISTLE ✠

Make your vows to the Lord our God, and perform them.
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE 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?

✠ THE GOSPEL ✠

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK. (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and 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 scourge Him, and spit upon 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 would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy 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 at 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 servant 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."



THE SYNAXARION

On April 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy; Martyr Thomais of Alexandria; and New-martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos.

On this same day, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, it was ordained that we make remembrance of our Godly Mother Mary of Egypt.

Spirit rose up, flesh melted away erewhile; hide, O earth, the worn bones of Mary's body.

Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!" Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary's lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom.

Through her intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.