FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



Icon of Raising Lazarus from the Dead

Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there. You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Always remember the golden rule: those who have the gold, make the rules.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Take my advice, kid – Don't make waves. You've got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always, always, always buy low and sell high.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

The drug users and the city scum - they deserve what happens to them. We work hard for what we've got - nobody is doing us any favors. Let them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You got to take care of your own.

But it cannot be like that with you ...

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really understand Me and what I am about, if you really want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of My name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice.

But it cannot be like that with you.

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"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"
"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

March 20-21, 2021 The Great Fast

THIS WEEKEND WE WILL livestream the Holy Liturgy on Sunday, the 2021st at 9 am. Be sure to alert all your friends and family, sons and daughters about this great chance to sing and pray with us on Sunday morning. Next weekend. Next weekend, Willow or Palm Sunday, we will livestream the Holy liturgy on Saturday, the 27th, at 6 pm. We will bless and distribute willow branches after all the services next weekend.

OUR OLDER SCHOOL STUDENTS are preparing a terrific Easter recital that will be sent out via YouTube this Easter season. All these students must be in school this week and nextat 11 am on GoogleMeet to prepare for this "Readers' Theater".

WE ARE IN DIRE NEED of newly cut pussy willow branches for blessing and distributing next weekend, Willow Sunday. Please cut and bring a bundle to the rectory porch this coming week.

A GREAT BIG THANKYOU is due all our parishioners and remote audience for their generosity to our parish this holy time of year. We thank those who bring their gifts to Church and all those who mail in otheir donations. May God bless all of you with good health this year!

OUR LITURGICAL SERVICES this weekend will remember all those who died from the from the Covid 19 pamdemic this past year. In fact, all our churches in the USA will join in this effort of prayer and remembrance. Please join us, whereever you may be, in this holy practice.

LOOKING AHEAD A BIT, Easter food blessing will take place on Holy Saturday at 12 noon, 3 pm and 6 pm in a driveby fashion on Union Avenue. Father Pastor will be stationed on Union ave, in front of the Rectory. Folks can stay in their vehicle, pull up and roll down the back window or pop the trunk, whereever the food basket can be blessed. And Father will do the rest.

ON HOLY THURSDAY, Father will sing the 12 Gospel story at 6:30 pm. On Good Friday we will sing the burial Vespers, also at 6:30 pm, followed by the all-night prayer vigil.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 20, 8 am Saturday, 6 pm Sunday, 9 am

Saturday, March 27, 8 am Saturday, 6 pm Sunday, March 28, 9 am Panachyda for Deceased Health of Olga (The John Cienki Fam.) All Souls (The Romanyszyn Family

Panachyda for Deceased +Julia, Michael wrobleski (D. Dolgash) +Motria Dejneka (Sofie, Irene)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

O St. Mary of Egypt, we will surely be worthy of Heaven if we follow your example. Following Christ, you taught us to follow His example of love of God and fellow citizens. Today, St. Mary, your soul is resting with the angels.

TODAY'S KONTAK:

O St. Mary, you once were a great sinner with various vices and then became a follower of our Lord Jesus. You turned away from sin to lean an angelical life. And

so you became a candidate for heavenly rest, amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

God is admirable in His Saints, God of Israel:

COVE, Fr. Fonder