

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SAINT MARY OF EGYPT



Icon of Saints Zozimos and Mary of Egypt

Whoever Wishes to be Great

Blessed is he who, dwelling amidst many people, does not turn towards the many, but directs his whole heart to God. Blessed is he who purchases Christ with all his belongings and has, as his only possession, the cross, which he raises on high. Blessed is he who, administering his legal possessions, extends God's hand to those who are in need ...

Blessed is he who, having authority over the people, by holy and great sacrifices brings Christ to earthly folk. Blessed is the one, who, being a child of the flock, a most perfect nursing, keeps the place of the heavenly Christ. Blessed is he who, by his pure mind's forceful movements, beholds the brilliance of the heavenly lights. Blessed is he who honors the Lord by much-toiling hands: and, for many people, this is the law of life. All these things fill up the heavenly receptacles in which are

stored the fruit of our souls, while every individual virtue leads to a different place. For many are the mansions pertaining to different lives.

Blessed is he, whom the mighty Spirit has shown to be poor in passions, whoever leads a life of repentance; who can never get his fill of celestial food; who, by kindness, becomes inheritor of great things; who, by bowels of mercy, draws down God's great compassion, being a friend of peace and pure in heart; who, for the sake of the renowned Christ, has endured many sufferings, and will find great honor. Keep to the way of these people, whichever you prefer.

St. Gregory the Theologian

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Slava Ukraini!
Glory to Ukraine!

March 25-26, 2023
Annunciation.

THIS WEEKEND we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, which calls to mind the visit of Archangel Gabriel to Mary, who was asked to bear the Son of God, Jesus the Christ. Of course, Mary agreed to this event and gave birth to Jesus nine months later. All Christians, especially Catholics, should attend services this weekend.

A GREAT BIG THANK-YOU goes out to the good folks who cut and brought willow branches for blessing and distribution next weekend, Willow or Palm Sunday. Be sure to be with us next weekend for this big feastday.

WE WILL LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE THE Holy Liturgy this weekend on Saturday at 6 pm. Next weekend we will livestream again on Saturday, 6 pm, April 1. And on Easter Weekend we will livestream on Good Friday at 6:30 pm and on Easter Sunday at 10 am. Please tell all your friends and relatives about this schedule.

ON HOLY SATURDAY, 8 AM, we will celebrate the Holy Liturgy for the deceased of our dead parishioners. Please give Father a list of your Family's deceased, so that Father can include them at the Liturgy.

OUR PARISH WOMEN will serve a Beef-Beer event in our re-opened Hall. We will need a lot of women, both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Please mark this date, April 14-15 and help us in the Hall.

OUR PARISH WILL KEEP the Church open most of Easter weekend. So sign up today for a time-slot to come and pray and keep vigil with us this Easter weekend.

OUR PARISH WOMEN HAVE A WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF "Pysanky for sale today in the Church basement. Some of the Pysanky came from Ukraine and others were painted by Mrs. Paul given to us by Olga Danko. Check it out!

2023 CALENDARS AND Donation envelop boxes still can be claimed today in the Church basement. Please take these items and give them a good home!

ON HOLY SATURDAY we will bless your easter food at 12 noon, 3 pm and 6 pm in the Parish Hall on Hurst Street. Please tell all your friends and neighbors about this schedule.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, the 25th Annunciation	+For the Parish Deceased
Sunday, the 26th, 9 am	Motria Dejneka (Irena, Sophie)
Saturday, April 1, 6 pm	+Anna, Dr. Noelle, (Kathleen)
Sunday, April 2, 9 am	+Wowk, Klus Fam., Dr. Howard, Ed Hildebrandt (Joanne)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

While the stone was sealed by the Jews,
and soldiers guarded Your most pure Body
You did rise on the Third Day, O Savior, giving Life to the world.
The angels cried out to You: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ".

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE Son and...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

O St, Mary of Egypt, you did penance for
your sins and became a disciple of Christ.
Thereby you became a candidate for the kingdom of Heaven.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

God is admirable in His Saints, O God of Israel.

Слава Україні!

О. Романюк