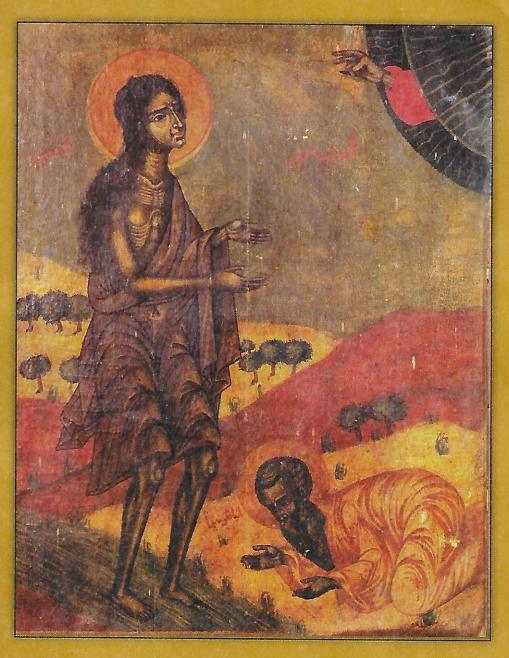
FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SAINT MARY OF EGYPT



Icon of Saint Zozimos and Saint Mary of Egypt

Saint Mary of Egypt

On a pilgrimage through the desert, a priestmonk named Father Zozimos encountered a most fascinating and inspiring woman whom we know today as Saint Mary of Egypt. Saint Mary, Zozimos recalled, seemed to be "walking upon air." Upon approaching this woman, she asked for his blessing and told him of her life.

Saint Mary was born in Egypt in the sixth century and by the age of twelve had already dedicated her life to the pursuit of debauchery and excess. By her own admission, she spent the next seventeen years of her life attempting to satisfy every carnal appetite in any way possible. This intention led her to seek passage on a boat bound for Jerusalem where, out of curiosity, she followed the crowds to the threshold of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. As she attempted to follow the

crowd into the Church, she was stopped at the doorway by an invisible force. At this moment, her sinfulness was revealed to her and she made a promise to the Mother of God that if she was permitted to enter the Church she would dedicate the rest of her life to God.

After her dramatic conversion she withdrew to the desert where she spent the remaining years of her life in self-denial and repentance. Towards the end of her life she met the priest-monk Zozimos, whom she petitioned to visit her on regular occasions in order that she might be nourished with Holy Communion before she died.

May the example of Saint Mary draw attention to our own need for repentance so that we, too, nourished by Holy Communion, may rededicate our lives to the service of God.



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

June 13-14, 2020 Second sunday

OUR CHURCH IS NOW OPEN to one and all for services, as we painfully begin the slow process of returning to normalcy. We are by no means in the clear today from the mortal fangs of this virus. Among the victimes were several parishioners: Mike Chudoba from Lansdale, Anna Sokol-Burns, our dear housekeeper for 45 years, our great friend and leader Archbishop Stephen Sulyk, and our good neighbor and friend FR. Joseph Zangaro of Sacred Heart Parish. Fr. Frank Patrylak, another good friend, barely escaped from the virus. Therefore we must insist that all our faithful follow certain guidelines while in our church.

- 1. All the Faithful must wear a mask while in church except when consuming the Holy eucharist. No exceptions!
- 2. The Faithful must sit/stand/kneel 6 feet apart except for family members.
- 3. Collection baskets can be found in the church vestibule.
- 4. Directions for receiving Holy Communion will be given by Father Pastor from the pulpit.

THIS WEEKEND WE WILL live-stream the Holy liturgy on Saturday, the 13th, at 6 pm. Next weekend we will live-stream the Holy Liturgy on Sunday, June 21 at 9 am. Please tell all your friends and neighbors about this new schedule for Live-streaming here at the Parish.

THE COOPER ROOFING COMPANY will begin installing a new roof over our church in about ten days. Our parishioners and live-stream audience have been extremely generous in donating for this project. We still need a couple grand to pay in full. If you would like to help with a few bucks, please send it to SS. Peter and Paul, PO Box 126, Bridgport, PA 19405.

Divine Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, June 13, 6 pm +Bridget and Andy KOvach (Pat Cook and Family) Sunday, June 14, 9 am For all our dear faithful

Saturday, June 20, 6 pm For all our dear Parishioners
Sunday, JUne 21, 9 am +Lubomyr and Alexander (Vera Trycieckyj Fam.)

Although the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded your most pure Body, You arose, O Savior, on the Third Day and gave life to the world. And so the Heavenly Powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your Providence, O Lover of all mankind."

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE...

You rose in glory from the tomb and with Your-self You raised up the whole world. All'mankind accalims You as God and death has vanished. Adam and Eve exult and are now redeemed from bondage, as they cry out with joy: "You are the One O Christ Who gives resurrection to all."

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us for we have hoped only in You, amen.

Mo MASK, No MASS!