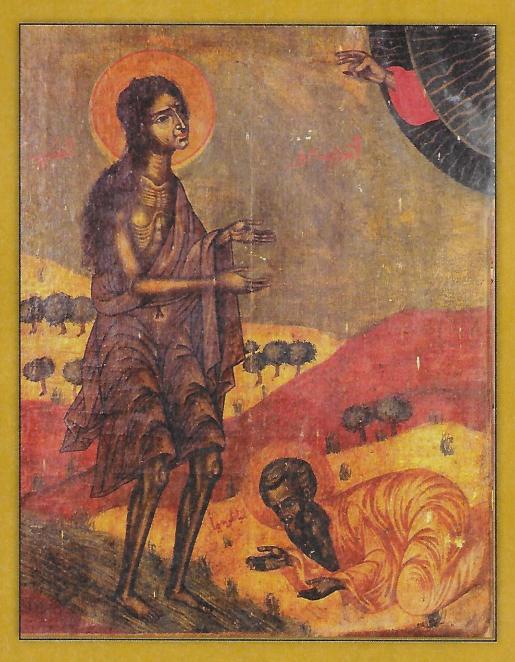
FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SAINT MARY OF EGYPT



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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Bridgeport, Pennsylvania 19405 "Glory to Jesus Christ!"

"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

July 5, 2020 The 5th Sunday

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT that a brand new roof has been installed atop our Church thanks to the good work of the Cooper Roofing Company. Our dear parishioners and all our listening audience on YouTube have been so generous that we raised some \$20,000 to pay for this capital improvement. Our loving thanks goes out to all of you! Now when you come to church you can point your finger heaven-ward and tell the kids: "Mom and Dad put the shingles on God's House here in Bridgeport!"

THIS WEEKEND we will live-stream our Holy Liturgy on Saturday, July 4th at 6 pm. Next weekend we will live-stream the Liturgy on Sunday, July 12th at 9 am. Please tell all your friends and relatives about this programming so that they can share this wonderful opportunity to sing and pray with us during these difficult times.

THIS WEEKEND we will celebrate our patronal feast of SS. Peter and Paul (June 29). Our Parish was founded on this date in 1924, some 96 years ago. Established by poor immigrants from Western Ukraine, our Church Has become a mighty witness to our Ukrainian (Greek Catholic) Faith on Union Hill here in Bridgeport. May God bless all our Pioneers and all our wonderful faithful today for their love and dedication to Our Lord.

THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND we are reminded of the great freedoms we all enjoy here in America. As Christians, however, these freedoms are to be employed not only in our own behalf, but more importantly for the benefit of our brothers and sisters. We must be on guard not to use our freedom only for ourselves and thereby become enslaved in selfish-True Christians use their freedom for the benefit of each other, even as Jesus Christ chose to freely give up His very life for you and me. OUR CHURCH IS NOW OPEN for one and all our faithful, even as we follow the guidelines of the medical and spiritual authorities. So come and pray with us wearing a face mask, wave to all your friends, receive the Holy Eucharist and beseech God to have mercy on one and all.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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Saturday, July 4, 6 pm +Anna Sokol Burns (Kathleen, Nick, Children)
Sunday, July 5, 9 am +Anastasia Maruszczak (Son Bill and Family)

Thursday, 9:30 am Funeral Liturgy for +Martha Dinich

Saturday, July 11, 6 pm +John Berkisczuk (Wife Jeannie)
Sunday, July 12, 9 am For all our brothers and sisters

SS PETER AND PAUL TROPAR: O Foremost Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Lord Jesus for us, that He might bestow peace upon us all and have mercy upon all the world.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND...

SS. PETER AND Paul kontak:

O Lord, You accepted into heaven the stead-

to the eternal rest of paradise. You accepted their sufferings and their tribulations as a true and worthy offering, for You, O Lord, know the hearts and minds of all people.

SS. PETER AND Paul Prokimen: Their preaching went throughout the

earth, their good news to the ends of the world.

TR. Ronald

fast preachers of the Gospel, Peter and Paul,