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SUNDAY, APRIL 18th Fifth Sunday of Great Lent St. Mary of Egypt

Christ is in our midst; He is and forever shall be. On the 5th Sunday of Great Lent, in Her Wisdom, the Holy Church gives us a true model of repentance! Our mother among the saints, St. Mary of Egypt, is commemorated today. After years of harlotry and sinful living, and directed by the cross of our Lord, she came to a life of repentance and holiness. I urge all of you to read her life story which is available on oca.org. Additionally, and with great joy, our beloved Hierarch Archbishop Benjamin will be with us on Saturday and Sunday, the 17th-18th for Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy, respectively. We look forward to his visit and council.

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 8 Troparion (St. Mary of Egypt)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother, for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Troparion Saint George You were Bound for Good Deed.....

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

Tone 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 3 Kontakion (St. Mary of Egypt)

Having been a sinful woman, thou becomest through repentance a bride of Christ. Having attained angelic life, thou didst defeat demons with the weapon of the Cross. Therefore, O most glorious Mary, thou art a bride of the Kingdom.

Kontakion Saint George: God RaisedNow and ever...Steadfast protectors

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (St. Mary of Egypt)

God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel. (Ps. 67:35a)

Epistle (321-ctr) Hebrews 9:11-14 (208) Galatians 3:23-29 (St. Mary of Egypt)

Tone 4 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

V. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Tone 1 V. I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my supplication.

Gospel (47) Mark 10:32-45 (33) Luke 7:36-50 (St. Mary of Egypt)

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Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (*Instead of "It is truly meet..." we sing*) to the **Theotokos** All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate, and became a Child our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace.// Glory to you!

Quotes from the Saints

“Let us say something about the thorns. Blessed Mary of Egypt was twelve years old when she fell into the hands of the devil. She lived in sin day and night. But the merciful God enlightened her and she abandoned the world and went into the desert. There she led a hermit’s life for forty years. She was cleansed and became like an angel. God wished to give her rest, so he sent the holy ascetic Zosimas to hear her confession and to give her holy communion. Then He received her holy soul into paradise, where she rejoices with the angels. If there is anyone here like Blessed Mary, let him immediately weep and repent, now that he has time, and let him be assured that he will be saved as was Blessed Mary.”+ **St. Kosmos Aitolos**,

“O Lady, Mother of God, who gave birth in the flesh to God the Word, I know, O how well I know, that it is no honour or praise to thee when one so impure and depraved as I look up to thy icon, O ever-virgin, who didst keep thy body and soul in purity. Rightly do I inspire hatred and disgust before thy virginal purity. But I have heard that God Who was born of thee became man on purpose to call sinners to repentance. Then help me, for I have no other help. Order the entrance of the church to be opened to me. Allow me to see the venerable Tree on which He Who was born of thee suffered in the flesh and on which He shed His holy Blood for the redemption of sinners and for me, unworthy as I am. Be my faithful witness before thy son that I will never again defile my body by the impurity of fornication, but as soon as I have seen the Tree of the Cross I will renounce the world and its temptations and will go wherever thou wilt lead me.”+ **Prayer of St. Mary of Egypt while standing in front of the icon of the Theotokos at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem**

Prayers for the living: Luca Nicholas, Grace and her parents, Daniel, Abbot Tryphon, the child of God Monika, Nick, Sam, Marleen, and their family, Anne, Ruth, Debrutu, Alex, Janice, and their family, Janice and her family, Daniel, Elizabeth, and their family, Vaso, Angela, Sonya and Dragosh, Timothy, Eric, Betsy and their family, Zayden, Michael, Eva, Sandra, Al, Sharalyn, Salwa, Steven, Adrian and his family, Mihali and Sophia, Marina, Fr. John.

Prayers for the Departed: for all the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord. Especially the newly departed handmaiden Souraya and the servant of God Hosh, and Fr. John.

REMINDER

***** Archbishop Benjamin will be presiding Great Vespers on Saturday, and the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. We look forward to his visit and to seeing you there.**

***** Beautifully decorated his/hers Kid’s candles for Palm Sunday and Pascha are available \$15.00.**

***** Our regular choir practice for Sunday Divine Liturgy will still be at 5:00 p.m., before Reader Vespers every Saturday. On Friday after the Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, we will start practicing for Pascha. The choir is open to everyone; if you can't make it to any of the choir practices, and you are still moved to participate, I encourage you to do so. One thing I ask is to please remember you have two ears and one mouth; try to listen twice as much as you speak to keep good harmony.**

In Christ Always!