

April 14, 2019

Upcoming Services:

- Sun. Apr. 14, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy for Mary of Egypt Sunday
- Wed. Apr. 17, 6:30 pm. - Presanctified Liturgy
- Fri. Apr. 19, 9:30 am. - Presanctified Liturgy
- Sat. Apr. 20, 9:30 am. - Lazarus Saturday Liturgy
- Sat. Apr. 20, 5:00 pm. - Weekly Vespers
- Sun. Apr. 21, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday
- Wed, Apr. 24, 7:00 pm. - Holy Unction for Great Wednesday
- Thu, Apr. 25, 7:00 pm. - Twelve Gospels for Great Thursday
- Fri, Apr. 26, 7:00 pm. - Vespers for Good Friday, with Burial and all-night Prayer Vigil
- Sat, Apr. 27, 9:30 am. - Divine Liturgy for Great Saturday, with Prayer Vigil continuing
- Sun, Apr. 28, 5:30 am. - Resurrection Matins, followed by Pascha Liturgy ≅ 6:30 am.
- Tues, Apr. 30, 9:30 am. - Divine Liturgy for Bright Tuesday

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent - St. Mary of Egypt Sunday

In her youth, Mary of Egypt was a famous, beautiful actress with exuberant, sexual prowess and many suitors. Although she lived a promiscuous life, she technically was not a prostitute, for no money was exchanged in these profligate affairs. While Mary was living in Alexandria she heard of a ship leaving for Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross. Her motive to attend was not spiritual, rather recreational, to seek out young men for romantic engagement.

Upon arrival, out of curiosity she decided to go to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to see the Life-Giving Cross. Three times Mary tried to enter the church, and each time an invisible force forbade it. She finally realized that it was her sinfulness that was keeping her out. Tearfully, Mary repented, and she heard the voice of the Lord giving her these instructions: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find peace."

Obediently Mary set out for the Judean wilderness, where she spent the next 47 years in prayer and fasting, totally isolated from the rest of the world. When she was next seen by anyone, age and the elements had ravaged her former beauty, but now her real beauty shown through. The ascetic life that she chose to embrace truly had brought her peace. While the world is obsessed and impressed with physical appearances, the Lord is much more concerned with our "inner beauty", which is developed by living a Christ-like life.

Hebrews : 9: 11-14

Mark 10: 32-45

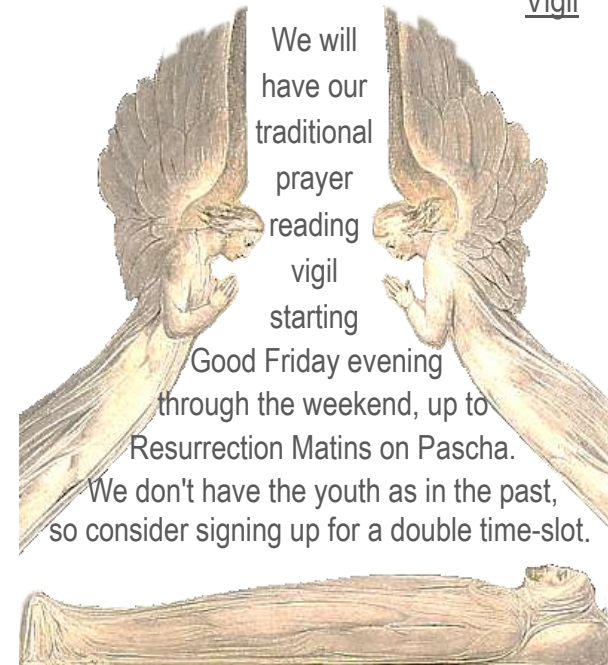
Reader Schedule:
 Sun, Apr. 14 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
 Sun, Apr. 21 - Cynthia Neff
 Sun, Apr. 28 - Kurtis Lauser

Birthdays:

None this week

Upcoming Events:

- Apr. 14 Sun. - Sisterhood Meeting
in the church hall after liturgy.
- Apr. 16 Tue. - Executive Board Meeting
in the church hall. 7 pm
- Apr. 17 Wed. - Lenten Potluck Dinner
following liturgy in the church hall
- Apr. 20 Sat. - 7:30 am. Cemetery Cleanup.
Bring a rake and join us.
Postponed from April 13
- Apr. 21 Sun. - Annual Parish Photo followed
by Easter Egg Hunt after liturgy.
- Fri - Sun, Apr. 26-28 - Guarding of the Tomb
Vigil



Anniversaries:

None this week

Notices:



Dyed Eggs for Pascha

Please let Tabitha know if you are able to dye eggs for Pascha.



Pascha Flower Donations

Donations for white flowers for the church may be given to Cynthia or Greg. Please use your flower donation envelope. Checks payable to "St. Anastasia Sisterhood".

Church Cleaning

Holy Ghost is in need of volunteers to help clean the Church. Due to health issues many of the cleaners have dismissed themselves. Cleaning requires 1 or 2 hours every other week. Please contact Tabitha to help.

Coffee Hour Signup

Hosts are needed for Sunday coffee hour. Check the posted list for openings.

April Charity
Ukrainian Orphanage

Bulletin Additions

Provide bulletin additions to Wesley Hatch by Friday at 9 pm

Prayer Corner:



For the Health of: Erin Bove, Florine, Linda, Charline Ene, Salwa, Richard Ziegler, Bill Brown, Donna, Karen, James Kish & Erica Kish