

April 5, 2020  
Mary of Egypt Sunday

Hebrews 9:11 - 14  
Mark 10:32 - 45

### Upcoming Services:

All services are cancelled until May 3, 2020. This includes Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Good Friday, and Pascha.

Sun. May 3, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours @ 8:45 am

### Feast of Annunciation, April 7:

The Annunciation is one of the earliest Christian feasts, it falls during Lent, but it is always celebrated with great joy, and may be translated as "good tidings." This, of course, refers to the Incarnation of the Son of God and the salvation He brings.

The Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth in Galilee. There he spoke to the undefiled Virgin: "Hail, thou who art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. The Virgin did not immediately accept the Angel's message. In her humility, she did not think she was deserving of such words, but was actually troubled by them. Mary said unto the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" "And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: therefore that which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.' And the angel departed from her." (Luke 1: 35-38)

Salvation is not merely an act of God's will, but also involves the Virgin's free will. She could have refused, but she accepted God's will and chose to cooperate without complaint or further questions. The Gospel of Saint Luke (1:26-38) describes this as the "beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the eternal mystery," for on this day the Son of God became the Son of Man."

### Birthdays:

Apr. 3 - Dwayne Domsohn  
Apr. 4 - Lewis Branson, Matthew Shemonski

### Upcoming Events:

April 11, Sat. - 7:30 am. Cemetery Cleanup.  
Still on schedule despite Corona virus  
Bring a rake and join us at the cemetery. Rain date Apr 18

April 21, Tues. - 7pm. Executive Board Meeting

### Notices:

#### Corona Virus Shut - Down

The executive board of Holy Ghost UOC convened last week and as directed by our Metropolitan, canceled all church activities until May 3.

#### Church Finances

The church is closed but the bills don't stop. The executive board of Holy Ghost urges that tithes continue to be contributed to the church, they should be mailed to 392 Charles St.

#### Foods Available For Sale

Pierogies, (Potato/Cheese, Sauerkraut, Mushroom, Sweet Potato), Paska breads (with raisins), Kielbasa, Haluski & some Fruit and Nut Rolls and Soups.

#### Reader Schedule:

Sun. Apr. 5 - Wesley Hatch  
Sun. Apr. 12 - Greg Kuzmenchuk  
Sun. Apr. 19 - Kurtis Lauser  
Sun. Mar. 29 - Jim Hamer

### Anniversaries:

None this week

### Notices:

#### Pascha Flower Donations

Flowers have been ordered and will be paid for. Parishioners will be encouraged to take them home. Donations may be given to Sherry or Greg or mailed to 392 Charles St. Please use your flower donation envelope. Checks payable to "St. Anastasia Sisterhood".

#### Panahyda

? for Olga Ward - 40 days  
? for Marcia Hatch - 2 years

#### April Charity

CYWA (Community, Youth, and Women's Alliance), Coatesville

#### Thank You

Lewis Branson thanks everyone who sent cards, prayers, and well wishes during his short medical procedure and recovery

For bulletin additions contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 6 pm

#### Prayer Corner:

*For the Health of:* Avelino Tejaro, Carol Bentley, Nancy, Toby Seip, Erin Bove, & Richard Ziegler