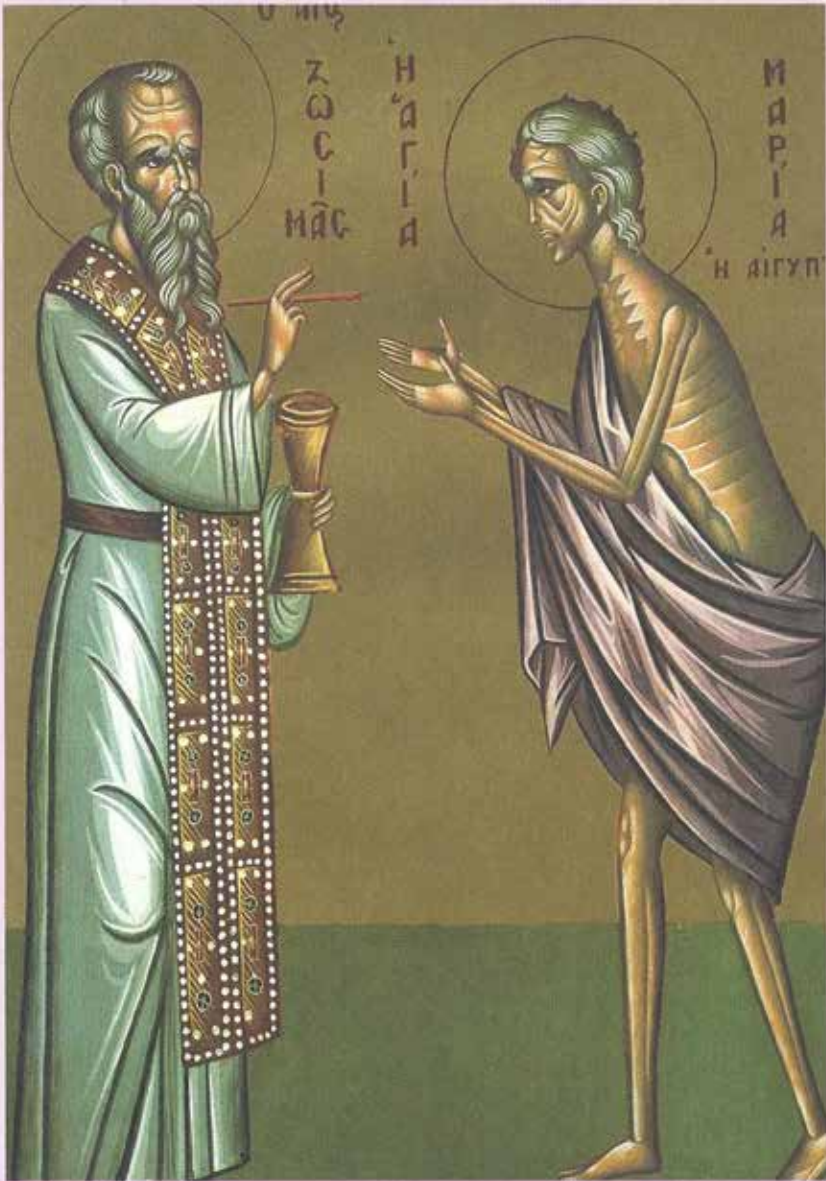


FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
SUNDAY OF SAINT MARY OF EGYPT



*Icon of Saint Mary and Saint Zosimos*

<b>April 2, 2017: Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast</b>		
	Epistle: Heb. 9: 11-14	Gospel: Mk. 10: 32-45
<b>Mon., April 3</b>	8:00	Health of Jadwiga & Michal Bak (Dorota & Randall Conti)
<b>Tues., April 4</b>	8:00	+ Michael Stanko Jr. (Sister Elaine & Bob)
<b>Wed., April 5</b>	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Thurs. April 6</b>	8:00	+ Mildred Wondolowski (Cecile Bordlemay)
<b>Fri. April 7</b>	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Sat., April 8</b>	9:00	+ Nancy, George & Theresa Tehensky (Family)
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Andrew, Pauline & Andy Fedorchak (Tom & Rosemary Drakes)
<b>Sun., April 9</b>	9:00	+ Deceased Holy Name Society Members (St. Cyril's Holy Name Society)
	11:30	+ Gene Turko (Frank & Susan Lesnefsky)

## **Correction to Last Sunday's Bulletin**

In last Sunday's Bulletin, the intention listed for this Saturday's (April 1) 4:00 Divine Liturgy is incorrect. The correct intention

for this Saturday is + **Raymond Dench** by his Parents. We apologize for this mistake which crept into last Sunday's Bulletin.

## **Easter Pastoral of the Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the U.S.A.**

Xpuctoc Bockpec! Christ is Risen!

We joyfully sing, "Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life". Our joyful proclamation fills us with hope!

Grasp in awe the significance of the

words spoken by the angel to the myrrh-bearing women who went to the tomb early on Easter morning to anoint Jesus' body: "Why look for the living among the dead? You won't find Him here. He is Risen!" (Lk 24:5-6). Love is the victor. Death is

not the end. The end is life, His life and our lives through Him, in Him. Our existence has depths of beauty, mystery, and blessings more than the wildest visionary had ever dared to dream. Christ our Lord has Risen!

The Risen Christ told the two disciples on the road to Emmaus to have courage assuring them that Jesus Christ had overcome the world. We should not be afraid of surpassing our barriers of seeking and living the Good News. We are called to be life-giving. We are called to live as Easter people – people of hope. Hope calls us to go beyond ourselves, to go broke with our personalities as followers and believers in the Risen Christ! Christ's resurrection is mirrored in our life when we courageously work for our salvation and for the salvation of others because we desire everyone to be with God. The peace of the Risen Christ will be with us.

The Risen Christ instructed the myrrh-bearing women to tell his apostles to gather at Galilee where He will see them (Mt 28:10). The Risen Christ is with us as we gather in our churches to give praise, glory and thanksgiving to God, and where we receive the blessing, "Peace be with you" (Jn 20:19).

We, your hierarchs of our Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA, pray that you may enjoy a holy, hope-filled, joyful and blessed Easter. May our Lord's victory over sin and death, and His promise of peace and eternal life be yours! May you know the peace extended to all by the Risen Christ. May you grow in your love for the Risen Christ and your zealous service of Him.

God grant you much joy and contentment, abundance of good health, and the assurance of new life in Him as we together proclaim that Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen!      Indeed He is Risen!

+Stefan Soroka (author)

Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians  
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM (Eparch of Stamford)

+ Bohdan J. Danylo (Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma)

+John Bura (Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia)

Very Rev. Richard Janowicz, Apostolic Administrator  
St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in Chicago

## **Metropolitan Stefan's Great Fast Meditation For the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent**

Our Great Fast Meditations have meditated on the sinfulness of living with feelings of entitlement. Today's Gospel tells of how two apostles who blatantly asked Jesus to sit on either side of him when he comes into his glory. It brought out feelings of animosity among the other ten apostles. Is this not true of life – our life, when we strive for being regarded as in some way superior and thereby more entitled to life's privileges than others? It occurs among all of us, between people of all ages, ethnic groups and races, people with different levels of education, amidst hierarchy, clergy, faithful, and so on. It causes dissension, envy and brutality amidst us.

Jesus was calling his apostles to a change of mind, to live with a new vision. It was not easy for them to understand that greatness meant becoming a servant of others. Like the apostles, we are slow to grasp Jesus' vision of joy

and peace, slow to accept the truth that sets us free. Can we grasp the hand of Jesus Christ with His promise that we will not walk in darkness if we follow Him? Jesus taught that "whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all" (Mk 10:45).

Our Holy Father recently reminded us not to be hypocritical in the celebration of our faith. As we make plans for Easter celebrations, plan to make the entire journey with Jesus Christ, by participating in the Vespers and Exposition of the Holy Shroud on Good Friday and entering through His sacrifice into the celebration of Pascha, the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I urge you not to be hypocritical with God by choosing to enjoy the blessing of Easter foods and participating in Easter Sunday services without having entered through the door of Christ's passion and death on the cross.

## **Spiritual Regulations for the Great Fast**

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy

products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are

the minimal Lenten regulations today:

- Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast and on Good Friday.
- Abstinence from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast.
- Reception of the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.
- The Fasting and Abstinence regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or

pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinence regulations.

- All the faithful are urged to attend the Lenten services such as the Presanctified Liturgy and the Commemoration of the Deceased (Sorokousty).
- Such good deeds as almsgiving, visitation of the sick, Bible reading and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are most earnestly recommended to all the Faithful.

## Great Fast Liturgical Guidelines

On Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated. Typika may be used the other days. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time.

During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no Divine Liturgy celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday evening, Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great should be celebrated. On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated.

## Prayers Requested

On Friday, March 24, 2017, at 2:30 a.m. our Parishioner and Reader, Frank Lesnefsky was in a tractor trailer roll over on Interstate 80, Monroe County. Frank was air-lifted to Lehigh Valley Hospital. Frank is now home and recovery with a long rehabilitation

ahead. Please keep Frank in your Prayers Cards can be sent to his home in Scranton.

Frank Lesnefsky  
2144 Wayne Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18508

## **Lenten Services — Have You Attended Yet?**

Five weeks of Great Lent are now over. Only one more to go until Flowery (Palm) Sunday and Holy Week. Have you made the effort to come to church for our weekday Lenten services? This

week offers several golden opportunities for you to come to church. Make it your plan to attend more of these services before Easter. Take extra care about your spiritual well-being!

## **Pussy-Willow Watch**

Flowery (Palm Sunday) is just one week away! Once again this year, we turn to our Parishioners for help in procuring our pussy-willows. If you have any bushes, please share them

with us. You can either bring them in or arrangements can be made to have them picked up. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **St. Mary's International Dinner Club**

ST. MARY'S DINNER CLUB, 310 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18505 presents "DINNER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS" on Thursday, April 6, 2017. Seatings will be at 5:30 or 6:30pm and the cost is only \$20.00 per person. You may make your reservation by Monday, April 3rd by calling 570-343-5151. The menu will start with an Asian Salad of tender spinach, cab-

bage and carrots, Mandarin oranges w/ rice vinaigrette dressing. The Appetizer will be Chinese Orange Glazed Meatballs and the Entrée will be Sweet & Sour Roast Pork Tenderloin w/ fresh, stir-fry vegetables served over oriental noodles. The Dessert will be Mr. Foo's Homemade Rice Pudding. Coffee, Tea. Soda and Water are included and a Cash Bar is available.

## **Baked Fish Dinner**

Our Parish will once again be sponsoring a "BAKED HADDOCK" FISH DINNER on FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the REGAL ROOM (Ballroom/side entrance), 216 Lackawanna Avenue. Sit

Down or Take Out!! Tickets are: \$13.00 per ticket/dinner: Baked haddock, potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll and dessert. Call 570-383-9487 for Reservations. \*LIMITED amount of Dinners will be available a the Door \$15.00.

## **Collection Processing Team...**

The Collection Processing Team for Tom Matkosky, Ed Stecco, and Joe the month of April 2017 is Team #4: Smagula.

**Sunday Collection for March 25 & 26, 2017: \$**

## **The Schedule for April and Holy Week 2017:**

- Fri., April 7th: Fish Dinner “Meatless Meal for Lent” at the Regal Room
- Sat., April 8th: Last day for Confessions before Easter. 10:30 am & 2 pm.
- April 8th & 9th: Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Blessing of the Pussy Willows
- April 12th, Holy Wednesday: Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing at 6:30 pm
- April 13th Holy Thursday: Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 6:30 pm
- April 14th Good Friday: Vespers, Procession and Veneration of the Holy Shroud Services at 3:00 p.m.
- April 15th, Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Baskets at 3:00 p.m. (207 River Street, Playground/parking lot)
- April 15th: Holy Saturday: Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. at 5:00 p.m. (SPECIAL TIME FOR HOLY SATURDAY ONLY)
- April 16th Easter Sunday: Resurrection Matins at 8:00 a.m. with the Easter Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. and Easter Divine Liturgy at 11:30 a.m.
- April 17th Bright Monday: Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.
- April 18th Bright Tuesday: Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

## **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for April 8 & 9, 2017**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Nicholas Borowski	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- David Slachtish	Pat Marcinko

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *The Mystery of Mankind's Reconciliation with God*

He who is true God was born in the complete and perfect nature of a true man, whole in His own nature, whole in ours. By our nature we mean what the Creator had fashioned in us from the beginning, and took to Himself in order to restore it.

He took the nature of a servant without stain of sin, enlarging our humanity without diminishing His divinity. He emptied himself; though invisible He made himself visible, though Creator and Lord of all things He chose to be one of us mortal men. Yet this was the condescension of compassion, not the loss of omnipotence.

Beyond our grasp, He chose to come within our grasp. Existing before time began, He began to exist at a moment in time. Lord of the universe, He hid His infinite glory and took the nature of a servant. Incapable of suffering as God, He did not refuse to be a man, capable of suffering. Immortal, He chose to be subject to the laws of death.

He who is true God is also true man. There is no falsehood in this unity as long as the lowliness of

man and the pre-eminence of God coexist in mutual relationship.

As God does not change by His condescension, so man is not swallowed up by being exalted. Each nature exercises its own activity, in communion with the other. The Word does what is proper to the Word, the flesh fulfills what is proper to the flesh.

One nature is resplendent with miracles, the other falls victim to injuries. As the Word does not lose equality with the Father's glory, so the flesh does not leave behind the nature of our race.

One and the same person – this must be said over and over again – is truly the Son of God and truly the son of man. He is God in virtue of the fact that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He is man in virtue of the fact that the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

*St. Leo the Great*

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