

# HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Very Rev. Father R. John Dixon, Pastor

## Fifth Great Lent Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt April 1, 2012

Commemorating: Venerable Mary of Egypt; Venerable Euthymius of Suzdal; Martyr Abraham of Bulgaria; Venerable Gerontius the Canonarch of the Far Kiev Caves; Venerable Macarios the Abbot of Paraclete; Martyrs Gerontios and Basilides; Righteous Achaz; St. John Shavteli of Salosi in Georgia and St. Eulogios, fool-for-Christ; St. Barsanuphius of Optina Monastery

### The Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of April is offered by Toufic, Sandra, Madison, Tony, Venice, and Rose Saad—for health and healing of Venice, for guidance, wisdom, peace and salvation, and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Today's Holy Bread: Mary Ann Dolen  
Today's Coffee Hour: Mary Ann Dolen  
Next Week's (04-08) Holy Bread: Rose Saad  
Next Week's (04-08) Coffee Hour: ?

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Syrian Appeal:** As announced last Sunday, Metropolitan PHILIP has requested that we collect funds for the suffering people of Syria. Please be as generous as possible in helping brothers and sisters. Next Sunday, we will take up on annual collection for the Patriarch of Antioch.

**Food for Hungry:** There is only one week of Lent remaining, plus Holy Week, but it is not too late to begin collecting your change (and checks) for our Food for Hungry collection. Boxes are available in the narthex.

**Pre-Sanctified Liturgy:** Holy Spirit hosts this week's Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy, Wednesday, at 6:30 PM., followed by a Lenten supper.

**Lazarus Saturday:** Next Saturday we celebrate the raising of Lazarus and the beginning of our Lord's journey to Jerusalem and his saving passion. As always, please join us for Liturgy on Saturday morning, followed by a pancake breakfast and making palm crosses for Palm Sunday.

**Holy Week and Pascha Flowers:** Donations are being accepted for flowers for the services of Holy Week and Pascha. Donation forms can be found in the narthex.

**March Attendance:** 3/4—61; 3/11—55; 3/18—49; 3/25—73.

**Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry:** Our "Food of the Month" for April is 48 boxes of spaghetti. Men's and children's cloths are always needed.

### SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 1

Monday, April 2

Tuesday, April 3

Wednesday, April 4

♦ **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: 6:30 PM @ Holy Spirit**

Thursday, April 5

Friday, April 6

♦ **Canon of St. Lazarus: 7 PM**  
Saturday, April 7 (Lazarus Saturday)

♦ **Matins: 9 AM**

♦ **Divine Liturgy: 10 AM, followed by Sunday School pancake breakfast and making of palm crosses**

♦ **Vespers: 5 PM**

Sunday, April 8 (Palm Sunday)

• **Matins: 9:30 AM**

• **Divine Liturgy: 10:30 AM**

• **Bridegroom Service: 7 PM**

### **TROPARION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN TONE 8**

Most blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst catch the world into thy net, O lover of all mankind glory to thee.

### **KONTAKION OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE 4**

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time with aid, as we cry unto thee in faith; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.



### **THE EPISTLE**

**Reader: Michael Jones**

**Prokeimenon:** *Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God. God is known in Judaea. His Name is great in Israel!*

**The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-14)**

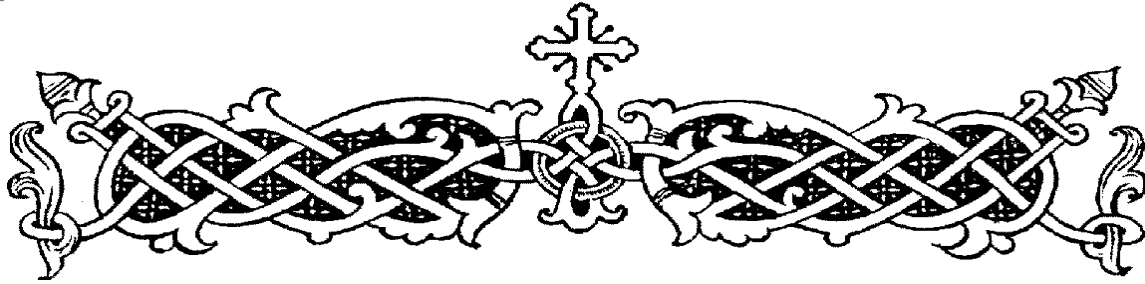
Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

### **THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (10:32-45).**

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

**Spring Grille:** Tickets are available for our Spring Dinner, which is scheduled for May 20. Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. **Menu:** Chicken Kebab, Green Beans, Hashwee, Salad, Dessert, or a Vegetarian Plate. Questions? See Mary Ann Dolen or Mary Rahall. For tickets, see Richard Tweel.



## Holy Week and Pascha Schedule

### **Palm Sunday Weekend**

- ♦ Friday, April 6—Small Compline with the Canon of St. Lazarus: 7 PM
- ♦ Saturday, April 7 (Lazarus Saturday)
  - Matins: 9 AM
  - Divine Liturgy: 10 AM  
(followed by Pancake Breakfast and making palm crosses)
  - Great Vespers: 5 PM
- ♦ Sunday, April 8 (Palm Sunday)
  - Matins: 9:30 AM
  - Divine Liturgy: 10:30 AM  
(followed by Procession with Palms—no Church School today).

### **Holy Week**

- ♦ Sunday, April 8—Bridegroom Matins: 7 PM
- ♦ Monday, April 9—Bridegroom Matins: 7 PM
- ♦ Tuesday, April 10—Bridegroom Matins: 7 PM
- ♦ Wednesday, April 11—Holy Unction: 7 PM
- ♦ Thursday, April 12
  - Institution of the Holy Eucharist Divine Liturgy: 10 AM
  - 12 Passion Gospels with Procession of the Cross: 7 PM
- ♦ Friday, April 13
  - Royal Hours: 8:30 AM, followed by decorating of the Tomb
  - Un-nailing Vespers: 4 PM
  - Lamentation Service: 7 PM
- ♦ Saturday, April 14—Small Resurrection Divine Liturgy: 10 AM
- ♦ Saturday, April 14—Resurrection Matins and Paschal Liturgy: 10 PM
- ♦ Sunday, April 15—Agape Vespers, followed by Easter Egg hunt: 11 AM

### ***To Our Visitors Concerning Holy Communion***

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East – “the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.” (Acts 11:26) We welcome you to worship this morning and thank you for joining us. **Receiving Communion:** Unfortunately, one of the sad consequences of the division among Christians is that we cannot offer the Holy Communion to anyone except Orthodox Christians in good moral standing with the beliefs and practices of the Orthodox Church. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is a final sign of unity among all Christians and not a means by which unity is achieved. We invite everyone to share in the blessed bread that is distributed at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for fellowship at coffee hour following the dismissal.

### ***Service Guide for April 1, 2012***

***The following hymns are sung during the Entrance (bottom of page 97 in the Service Book.)***

#### ***APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION IN TONE 1***

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

#### ***APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE 8***

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.