

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SAINT MARY OF EGYPT



Icon of Saints Zozimos and Mary of Egypt

Whoever Wishes to be Great

Blessed is he who, dwelling amidst many people, does not turn towards the many, but directs his whole heart to God. Blessed is he who purchases Christ with all his belongings and has, as his only possession, the cross, which he raises on high. Blessed is he who, administering his legal possessions, extends God's hand to those who are in need ...

Blessed is he who, having authority over the people, by holy and great sacrifices brings Christ to earthly folk. Blessed is the one, who, being a child of the flock, a most perfect nursing, keeps the place of the heavenly Christ. Blessed is he who, by his pure mind's forceful movements, beholds the brilliance of the heavenly lights. Blessed is he who honors the Lord by much-toiling hands: and, for many people, this is the law of life. All these things fill up the heavenly receptacles in which are

stored the fruit of our souls, while every individual virtue leads to a different place. For many are the mansions pertaining to different lives.

Blessed is he, whom the mighty Spirit has shown to be poor in passions, whoever leads a life of repentance; who can never get his fill of celestial food; who, by kindness, becomes inheritor of great things; who, by bowels of mercy, draws down God's great compassion, being a friend of peace and pure in heart; who, for the sake of the renowned Christ, has endured many sufferings, and will find great honor. Keep to the way of these people, whichever you prefer.

St. Gregory the Theologian

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:00 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:00 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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March 26, 2023

5th Sunday of Lent –

Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt

This Sunday: Epistle Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel Mark 10:32-45

Next Sunday: Epistle Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel John 12:1-18

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 3/27	No Liturgy
Tuesday 3/28	No Liturgy
Wednesday 3/29	6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday 3/30	No Liturgy
Friday 3/31	12:00pm Presanctified Liturgy
Friday 3/31	6:30pm calling hours+Georgeta Barcutian 7:30pm <i>Saracusca</i>
Saturday 4/1	9:00am Divine Liturgy – Lazarus Saturday
Saturday 4/1	10:00am Funeral - +Georgeta Barcutian
Sunday 4/2	10:00am Divine Liturgy: Palm Sunday (<i>Floriile</i>)

***Church Bulletin donated in March in memory of +Judge Novak
and +Mary Marku by sons and daughters.***

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner.

All are invited to coffee hour in the Large Hall donated by Walsh and Bollon Families. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: March 19, 2023

Sunday envelopes	\$1,235.00
+Mary Cornea by Bob and Barb Greavu	\$75.00
+Mary Cornea by Georgia Calesi	\$25.00
+Mary Cornea by Helen Bikis	\$25.00
+Mary Cornea by George and Misty Maier	\$25.00
Candles	<u>\$126.00</u>
Total	\$1,511.00

+Mary Cornea

Danny and Cyndi Ardelean	\$100.00
Erik Ardelean	\$25.00
Gregory and Cheti Bikis	\$50.00
Mircea and Rita Cristea	\$25.00
Mircea Corsatea	\$40.00
Suzie Dragos	\$25.00
Ana and William Galida	\$50.00
Liviu and Mariana Greavu	\$100.00
Niculae and Marcela Greavu	\$100.00
Daniel and Grete Heatherly	\$25.00
Johnnie and Debbie Maier	\$50.00
Iancu and Silvia Mandan	\$50.00
Laurentiu and Violeta Munten	\$200.00
Adrian and Alina Muresan	\$40.00
Anonymous	\$2.00

+Mary Taillard by Luanna Rosick, daughter \$100.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+All family members	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
In loving memory of daughter +Trisha Schock	Del and Sandy
In memory of loved ones	Doru Jacobs and Ann Fosnaught
+Georgeta Barcutian	Doru Jacobs and Ann Fosnaught
+Ioan Igna, father 15 years	Doru Jacobs
Health of Family	Neculae and Marcela Greavu
+John Dragos, husband	Suzie Dragos
+All Deceased Family	Suzie Dragos
H/S all Family	Suzie Dragos
Special Intention	Suzie Dragos
+Judge Novak and +Mary Marku	Sons and Daughters
+Loved ones	Mihai and Elena Florea
Health and Salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
H/S Dr. Romeo and Lucica Craciun Family	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
H/S Anca and Mike O'Brien and sons	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
+Gerald Donahue	Helen Bikis
+Gerald Donahue	Greg and Cheti Bikis
Special Intention	Greg and Cheti Bikis
+Maria Cornea	Ileana and Romulus Mihalteanu
Georgeta Barcutian	Ileana and Romulus Mihalteanu
Special Intention: Mihalteanu Family	Ileana and Romulus Mihalteanu
+Madeline Onak	Mark Botean
+Family	Aurel Bosca
+Parents, All Family Members, Mary Cornea, Georgeta Barcutian, Jerry Donahue and Cindy Haswell	Chuck Roska Family
H/S Aunt Alice Loop, Sheila Diotale, Mark Botean, Liviu Barcutian and Happy 1 st Birthday Mr. Gage	Chuck Roska Family

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Special Announcement:

Prayer requests: Mark Botean, Johanna DeLaCruz(hip surgery March 23), Rose Karavolas, Tiffany McCormick, Mary Franchini, Joe Oprean, Vicky Dash (Doug Babb's sister), Tim Shocksneider, Timothy John, Troy Kilpatrick, Sadie Dexter, Neil Weakland, Edward Sutek, Lanette Fliger, Friedrich Neading, Clore Family, Rodriguez Family, Patron Family, Seesan Family, Suzie Dragos, Bob and Barbara Greavu, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

Always in our prayers: Liviu Barcutian(6573 Walnut Crt; Hudson, OH 44236), Esther Dershaw (Sprenger Health Care Rose Lane Nursing and Rehabilitation), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Sr. Agnes Scalero (St. Joseph Center), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), Doris Rotar (home in Florida)

Altar Candelabrum for March 2023 is donated **by Denny and Carol Popa in memory of +Ann Popa, birthday.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for March 2023 is donated **by Sons and Daughters in loving memory of +Judge Novak and +Mary Marku.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for March 2023 is donated **by Nicu and Marcela Greavu in memory of +Eugenia and +Octavian Greavu.**

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for March 2023 is donated **by Dr. and Mrs. Romeo Craciun for the health and salvation of Georgeta Barcutian.**

Prescura for 2023: Annie Collins, Esther Dershaw, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Ana Heim, Grete Heatherly, Ileana Hotiu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

Announcements:

+Georgeta Barcutian passed away on March 20. There will be calling hours for her at St. George Cathedral on Friday, March 31 at 6:30-8:30pm with 7:30 *Saracusca* Service. Funeral will be held on Saturday, April 1 at 10:00am with *parastas* and memorial meal to follow. May her memory be eternal! *În veci pomenirea ea!*

Operation Rice Bowl: Fifth Week of Lent - THE POWER OF SACRIFICE - Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Please return your Rice Bowl collection on Palm Sunday, April 2.

Parish events:

Pastoral Council will meet in the small hall on Thursday, March 30, at 6:30pm. All parishioners who wish to attend are welcome!

At Fish Fries, we will serve take-out and sit down on Friday, March 31 (last one for the season) from 4:30 to 7:00pm. Invite everyone! Fliers are on the Nathex table to share. **Last week, we served 343 orders and made \$7,740 gross.**

Romanasul Dancers will **practice** the Sundays of March 26 and April 16. Contact Kathy Walsh for details.

Homecoming - June 25. Save the date. More details to follow.

The **Ladies Auxiliary** are selling **lilies** to decorate the church for Easter. The cost is \$11. Envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Please put your name and intention on the envelope. Put your envelope in the offering basket behind the last pew in the church. Thank you for your support!

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

There was a well-meaning lady mailing a box of Bibles for her church to missionaries overseas. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

Wisdom of the Saints by Matthew Kelly

When you see a brother, you see God. *St. Clement of Alexandria*

Happy Birthday! La mulți ani!!

Harry Walsh – March 28th

Melinda Crown – March 29th

Liviu Barcutian – March 28th

Doru Jacobs – April 1st

Fr. Iuliu Muntean – March 29th

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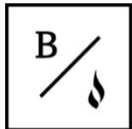
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	Mon 3/27	Tue 3/28	Wed 3/29	Thu 3/30	Fri 3/31	Sat 4/1	Sun 4/2
	Great Lent: common abstinence (except days dispensed)						
	Ven. Mother Matrona of	Harry Walsh birthday	Fr. Iuliu Muntean's	Ven. John Climacus	Ven. Hypatius, Bishop of	Doru Jacobs' birthday	Palm Sunday (Floriile)
		Liviu Barcutian birthday	Melinda Crown's			Lazarus Saturday	Ven. Father Titus
		Commemoration of our	Ven. Mark, Bishop of			St. Mary of Egypt	
9am						Divine Liturgy - Lazarus Saturday 9am - 10am	
10am						Funeral - +Georgeta Barcutian 10am - 11am	Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am		Small hall in use 10:30am - 12:30pm					
12pm					Presanctified Liturgy 12pm - 1pm	Large hall in use- Pomana for +Georgeta Barcutian 12pm - 2pm	
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm					Fish Fry 4:30pm - 7pm		
6pm			Presanctified Liturgy 6pm - 7pm			Small hall rental 6pm - 10pm	
7pm				Pastoral Council meeting Small hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm		Calling hours - +Georgeta Barcutian 6:30pm - 8:30pm	
8pm							
9pm							

Christ
the Physician of our Souls and Bodies

Lazarus, Arise!

APRIL CATECHETICAL REFLECTION



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**from “A Liturgical Explanation of Holy Week”
by the Very Rev. Alexander Schmemmann**

The Beginning of the Cross: Saturday of Lazarus

“Having fulfilled Forty Days... we ask to see the Holy Week of Thy Passion.”

With these words sung at Vespers of Friday, Lent comes to its end and we enter into the annual commemoration of Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection. It begins on the Saturday of Lazarus. The double feast of Lazarus' resurrection and the Entrance of the Lord to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) is described in liturgical texts as the “beginning of the Cross” and is to be understood therefore, within the context of the Holy Week.

The common Troparion of these days explicitly affirms that by raising Lazarus from the dead Christ confirmed the truth of general resurrection. It is highly significant that we are led into the darkness of the Cross by one of the twelve major feasts of the Church. Light and joy shine not only at the end of Holy Week but also at its beginning; they illumine darkness itself, reveal its ultimate meaning.

All those familiar with Orthodox worship know the peculiar, almost paradoxical character of Lazarus Saturday services. It is a Sunday, i.e., a Resurrection, service on a Saturday, a day usually devoted to the liturgical commemoration of the dead. And the joy which permeates these services stresses one central theme: the forthcoming victory of Christ over Hades. Hades is the Biblical term for Death in its universal power, for that unescapable darkness and destruction that swallows all life and poisons with its shadow the whole world.

But now -- with Lazarus' resurrection -- “death begins to tremble.” For there the decisive duel between Life and Death begins and it gives us the key to the entire liturgical mystery of Pascha. In the early church Lazarus Saturday was called “announcement of Pascha”, it announces and anticipates, indeed, the wonderful light and peace of the next Saturday - the Great and Holy Saturday, the day of the Lifegiving Tomb.

Lazarus, the Friend of Jesus

Let us first of all understand that Lazarus, the friend of Jesus, personifies the whole mankind and also each man, and Bethany, the home of Lazarus the Man, is the symbol of the whole world as a home of man. For each man was created friend of God and called to this Divine friendship: the knowledge of God, the communion with Him, the sharing of life with Him. "In Him was life and the life was the light of men." (John 1:4) And yet this Friend whom God loves, whom in love He has created, i.e. called to life, is destroyed and annihilated by a power which God has not created: death.

God encounters in His own world a power which destroys His work and annihilates His design. The world is but lamentation and sorrow, tears and death. How is this possible? How did this happen? These are the questions implied in John's slow and detailed narrative of Jesus' coming to the grave of His friend. And once there, "Jesus wept." (John 11:35)

Why does He weep if He knows that in a moment He will call Lazarus back to life? Byzantine hymnographers fail to grasp the true meaning of these tears. They ascribe them to His human nature, whereas the power of resurrection belongs to God in Him. But the Orthodox Church teaches that all actions of Christ are "theandric," i.e., both Divine and human, are actions of the one and same God-Man. But then His very tears are Divine. Jesus weeps because He contemplates the triumph of death and destruction in the world created by God.

Love, the Power of Life

"It stinketh." say the Jews trying to prevent Jesus from approaching the corpse, and this awful warning applies to the whole world, to all life. God is Life and the Giver of Life. He called man into the Divine reality of Life and behold "it stinketh" ... The world was created to reflect and proclaim the glory of God and "it stinketh." At the grave of Lazarus God encounters Death, the reality of anti-life, of destruction and despair. He meets His Enemy, who has taken away from Him His World and become its prince.

And we who follow Jesus as He approaches the grave, enter with Him into that hour of His, which He announced so often as the climax and the fulfillment of his whole work. The Cross, its necessity and universal meaning are announced in the shortest verse of the Gospel: "and Jesus wept" ... We understand now that it is because He wept, i.e., loved His friend Lazarus, that Jesus had the power of calling him back to life.

The power of Resurrection is not a divine "power in itself," but power of love, or rather love as power. God is Love and Love is life, Love creates Life... It is Love that weeps at the grave and it is Love that restores life. This is the meaning of the Divine tears of Jesus. In them love is at work again – recreating, redeeming, restoring the darkened life of man: "Lazarus, come forth!..." And this is why Lazarus Saturday is the beginning of both: the Cross, as the Supreme sacrifice of love, the Resurrection, as the ultimate triumph of love.

*Christ — the Joy, the Truth and the Light of all;
The Life of the World and the Resurrection —
has appeared in His love to those on earth.
He has become the Image of our Resurrection,
granting divine forgiveness to all.*

Lazarus Saturday Kontakion