

Saint Mary of Egypt

On a pilgrimage through the desert, a priest-monk named Father Zozimos encountered a most fascinating and inspiring woman whom we know today as Saint Mary of Egypt. Saint Mary, Zozimos recalled, seemed to be “walking upon air.” Upon approaching this woman, she asked for his blessing and told him of her life.

Saint Mary was born in Egypt in the sixth century and by the age of twelve had already dedicated her life to the pursuit of debauchery and excess. By her own admission, she spent the next seventeen years of her life attempting to satisfy every carnal appetite in any way possible. This intention led her to seek passage on a boat bound for Jerusalem where, out of curiosity, she followed the crowds to the threshold of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. As she attempted to follow the crowd into the Church, she was

stopped at the doorway by an invisible force. At this moment, her sinfulness was revealed to her and she made a promise to the Mother of God that if she was permitted to enter the Church she would dedicate the rest of her life to God.

After her dramatic conversion she withdrew to the desert where she spent the remaining years of her life in self-denial and repentance. Towards the end of her life she met the priest-monk Zozimos, whom she petitioned to visit her on regular occasions in order that she might be nourished with Holy Communion before she died.

May the example of Saint Mary draw attention to our own need for repentance so that we, too, nourished by Holy Communion, may rededicate our lives to the service of God.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF MARY OF EGYPT



Icon of Saint Mary and Father Zozimos

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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April 3, 2022

5th Sunday in Lent –

Sunday of 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 4/4

No Liturgy

Tuesday 4/5

No Liturgy

Wednesday 4/6

6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday 4/7

No Liturgy

Friday 4/8

12:00pm Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday 4/9

9:00am Divine Liturgy – Lazarus Saturday

Sunday 4/10

10:00am Divine Liturgy – Palm Sunday

Church Bulletin donated in April 2022 by Ann and Doru Jacobs in thanksgiving of our fourth wedding anniversary.

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.

Coffee hour is provided by the Aurel and Angie Bosca Family. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: March 27, 2022

Loose	\$25.00
Sunday envelopes	\$1,513.00
+Amelia Botean by Christine Traina	\$100.00
Candles	<u>\$98.00</u>
Total	\$1,736.00

Online Donations: <https://www.stgeorgeoh.org/donate> \$180.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
+John, husband	Suzie Dragos
Special Intention	Suzie Dragos
H/S All Family	Suzie Dragos
H/S Doris Mikstay	Suzie Dragos
H/S Mary Trifelos	Suzie Dragos
Special Intention	Cristian Florea
Special Intention: Scott Fucio	John Puia
Special Intention: For our priests and parishioners	Amparo Adkins
+John Cole, Fr. Paul Voida and Patricia Galida	Scott and Jaime Parker Family
H/S Amparo, Fr. Maximos, Baby Gage	Scott and Jaime Parker Family
In memory of loved ones	Mihai and Elena Florea

Health and salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
+John Botean	Mark Botean
+Graig McElroy	Walsh Family
+Peggy Rowles	Walsh Family
+Gerald and Jean Walsh	Walsh Family
+Gerald and Doris Savage	Walsh Family
+Ioan Igna	Ann and Doru Jacobs
H/S Family	Ann and Doru Jacobs
Special Intention	Ann and Doru Jacobs
+Miron, father	Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian
+Parenti	Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian
Special Intention	Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian
H/S Johnnie Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Baby Gage and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Tony Orlando	Mircea Cristea
H/S Amparo Adkins	Mircea Cristea
H/S Danny and Cyndi Ardelean and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Rita Cristea and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Adrian Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S George and Maria Marcu and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Virginia Rogers and Family	Mircea Cristea

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Melanie Gallagher, Lanette Fliger, Kristin Roska and Baby Gage, Friedrich Neading, Clore Family, Rodriguez Family, Patron Family, Seesan Family, Suzie Dragos, Maria Marcu, Amparo Adkins, Lance Downey, Barbara Greavu, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

Sick and/or homebound: Mary Cornea (Home), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), Doris Rotar (home in Florida) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for April 2022 is donated **by Mihai and Elena Florea pentru sănătatea nepoților și a întregii familii.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for April 2022 is donated **by the Unger Sisters in memory of +Maria Poplacean, aunt, for one year anniversary memoriam.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for April 2022 is donated **by the Unger Sisters in memory of +Maria Poplacean, aunt, for one year anniversary memoriam.**

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for April 2022 is donated **by the Unger Sisters in memory of +Maria Poplacean, aunt, for one year anniversary memoriam.**

Prescura for 2022: Amparo Adkins, Annie Collins, Esther Dershaw, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Ileana Hotiu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

Announcements

“For a synodal Church (journeying together)”. Please pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit for us to understand what He wants for us as individuals and a member of the Body of Christ, the Church. Prayer cards are

on the table in the narthex. Talk with someone in the Chancery if you would like to be part of this important celebration in the Church. Look on the inside cover of the back of the calendar for more information.

St. Nicholas in Alliance will host a **sarmale** sale for \$15 a dozen. Place order by April 7 at 330-843-0207. Pick up April 10 between 3-5pm.

Please return your **Rice Bowl** by counting and writing a check or put simple cash in an envelope and put in the Sunday Collection on Palm Sunday, April 10. Thank you for your support of those who do not have as much food!

Keep the **Roska Family** in your support and prayers. Baby Gage was born on Saturday, March 19. He is in the NICU at Akron Children's Hospital.

+Aurelia Brinzea, sister of +John Bikis passed away recently. She lived in Indiana. May her memory be eternal! Please keep the family in your prayers.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE - Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Several members of our parish have indicated they would be interested in getting together for an annual **Eastern European Congress of Ohio dinner on April 30th**. There are eight people to a table. Individual tickets are \$65 plus \$5.59 cent handling fee. If you would like to attend as a group of at least 8 people, we could support the Cathedral with an ad in their booklet for our Festival. Please make a donation of \$100 per person to St. George Cathedral and designate it for the Eastern Congress of Ohio. Currently, we have four people signed up for this event. (IS this accurate?)

Parish events:

Fr. Ovi will do the last **educational time about the Church** on Tuesday, April 5 from 6:30pm to 7:15pm with the topic: Similarities and differences between the Roman Rite and Byzantine Rite. Plan to attend!

LAST Dine-in or Take-out Fish Fry will be hosted at St. George Cathedral on Friday, April 8 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Last week, we served 483 orders and made \$9,376 gross. Call the office at 330-492-8413 for take-out. Share with everyone!

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

Teacher: What do you call a sleepwalking nun?

Smarty: A roamin' Catholic.

Teacher: Why didn't Noah go fishing?

Smarty: He only had two worms.

Teacher: When was the longest day in the Bible?

Smarty: The day Adam was created, because there was no Eve.

Do Something Beautiful for God by Mother Theresa

God has not called me to be successful, He has called me to be faithful. When we stand before God, results are not important. Faithfulness is what matters.

Happy Birthday! La mulți ani!!

Alexandru Greavu – April 4th

Robert Dumea – April 7th

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	Mon 4/4	Tue 4/5	Wed 4/6	Thu 4/7	Fri 4/8	Sat 4/9	Sun 4/10
	Common Abstinence						
	Alexandru Nicholas	Claudius, Diodore,	Eutyches, Archbishop	Robert Dumea's	Herodion et al,	Eupychius, martyr.	Palm Sunday
	Theodulus &			Holy Father Kalliopos			Terence, Pompey,
9am						Divine Liturgy: Lazarus Saturday 9am - 10am	
10am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am							
12pm					Presanctified Liturgy 12pm - 1pm		Coffee: St George Cathedral and Annie Collins for Amparo 11:30am - 12:30pm
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm					Fish Fry Large hall 4:30pm - 6:30pm		
6pm							
7pm		Church Education led by Fr. Ovi 6:30pm - 7:15pm	Presanctified Liturgy 6:30pm - 7:30pm				

Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

April 2022

There is a story that goes back to the 1970s, told to me by the pastor of one of the wealthiest men in the area. This man came into his pastor's study one morning and said, "Pastor, can I have an hour of your time?" I imagine that when you are the pastor of one of the wealthiest men around you do not have much trouble finding an hour of time for him!

But as they sat there, the man leaned forward and said, "Now listen, I want you to listen to me very carefully because I have something to say and I want to be understood. I want you to know that there is an essential and abiding tragedy at the heart of my life." When the pastor said this to me, my heart just simply went down.

This man had done so much for so many and given away millions, and endowed all kinds of worthwhile ventures; and I thought ... great heavens, what kind of thing is he going to confess to me that I am going to have to live with when I have had so much confidence in him?

The man said "yes, the great and abiding tragedy at the heart of my life is that I have no capacity to give. I cannot give anything." The pastor replied "what do you mean, you cannot give anything. You've endowed hospitals, crippled children's centers, you have given millions away, literally millions, for all kinds of great and good work including the whole program of the church at home and overseas, and in social enterprise and service." To which the man responded "I didn't think you would

understand. Don't you realize that after I have done all these things, after I have given all this money, that I am not giving anything. I still have everything that I could possibly want or need or imagine left and I cannot get rid of it. It goes on and it has to go on because while I give a lot of it away, the rest of it is used to keep people in employment

Whatever standard we choose, be it tithing or some other, it must never be confused with the reason for giving. We give because God has blessed us and because we want with all our hearts and minds to return to God that which has been given.



to keep industry going, to keep mines open, to keep newspapers being printed, in the variety of things that I own and in which I am interested, and these people are there and I cannot get out. I cannot throw it aside. I still have the respon-

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The Adventure of Giving!

Giving is an adventure that makes one feel good about life. It in itself helps one to experience happiness. Giving brings us together because there must be a receiver as well as a giver. Many say that they are striving for happiness, but remain at a distance in the clutches of monotony.

The adventure of giving releases us from doldrum. And what us surprises most is that it is so easy to give. Give a compliment to someone. Give an hour to a friend. Give a portion of what we have to someone who has less.

It is by giving that we become greater than the singular man ... a transformation to the collective human. By giving to the church we become a part of the purpose for which it was created ... to spread the Good News about salvation. When we give of our time and talent, we are actively involved in the church's mission. When we give of our wealth, we support that mission with our own power of life.

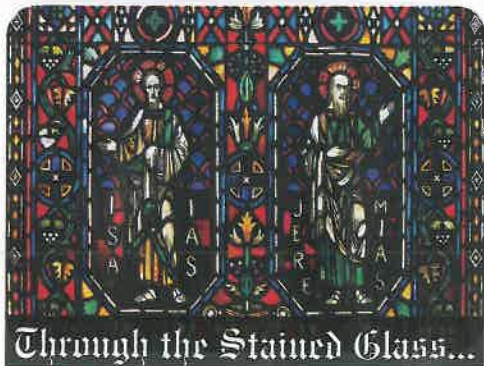
Giving is an adventure into the lives of people whom we have never met, but who are fellow members of the Kingdom of God. Reaching out into our hospitals and helping console and care for the sick is an adventure in giving. Going to a home for the aged and bringing food and shelter to those who need it are other ways of giving. Through gifts of money it is possible to educate, heal and transform those who, without the ministry of Christ, would continue in lonesome darkness.

Looking back then, giving our time, our talent and money is an adventure that can bring thrills to others and to ourselves. This is the kind of happiness so many talk about, but cannot find. ∞

Monetary gifts to God teach us patience and prudence. We learn how to control our inordinate wishing for many things that we buy. This discipline of our will makes it easier for us to live God's law.

“Notable Quote”

“It is possible to be content even when we are not satisfied, for contentment is an ever-present feeling in the heart that comes from Christ's presence in us. With this companionship it is possible to work hard to achieve the Lord's doing with our talents and our time.”



Your church is made up of many people. They come in all sizes and shapes. Some are tall ... others short. Some are big ... others small. All of them are important!

You have put many picture puzzles together. Whether the puzzles had 500 pieces or 1,000 or more, none of them were complete until every piece was in its place. If even one piece was missing, the picture was not finished. A vacant place was left to be filled. It is the same way with the work of your church.

As a part of the membership of your church, you have a place to fill. The work can never be complete until your place is filled.

How do you fit into the work of your church? Some of you fill places of leadership while others assist in other ways. A beautiful picture of God working through the ministry of your church can be formed if each one of us works on the puzzle. But if even one person fails to fill their place, something is going to be left undone.

There are so many opportunities for you to serve God through the ministry of your church. Here are just some suggestions:

Religious Education: The religious education program needs your attendance. There's always a place for you to fill.

Music Program: What church couldn't use more involvement in the music program? If your place in the choir is empty, fill it this week.

Worship Service: When God's people gather for worship, the congregation isn't complete if your place is empty.

Stewardship: The giving program of our church needs your support. Until every member has given as God has blessed him, the giving program is lacking. Is your part missing?

A picture puzzle is not complete until every piece is in its place. Let's work together to form a beautiful picture of what God can do through the ministry of your church. Let's see if every piece of that picture can find and fill its place!



Dear Editor,

It comes as a surprise to many that tithing was practiced in pre-biblical days and sometimes quite aside from religious purposes. The Egyptians and Chaldeans, who occupied the fertile valleys of the Nile long before the Old Testament was written, dedicated one tenth to their gods. The tithe was common in the history of the Phoenicians, Arabians, Carthaginians, Chinese, Greeks and Romans. Aristotle refers to the tithe as an ancient Hebrew law for the upkeep of real estate. There are many other references to tithing aside from the Scriptures. This fact is mentioned here only as an interesting fact and without claiming any theological significance. It has been suggested that the tenth was used so frequently in ancient times because it was easy to calculate on the part of those who had no education.

E. A. Briggs

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with gifts we can
give to others: Time,
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tance, Seeing the Best
in People, Self-esteem,
Self-disclosure, Helping
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sibility of it and the abiding tragedy at the heart of my life is that I cannot give anything.”

The pastor said “Quite frankly, I do not understand the depth of the problem.” The man said, “I didn’t really think you would, but let me tell you something Pastor. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” Now of course, if you go on with that passage of Scripture, it eventually comes to the place where it says “with man some things are impossible, but with God all things are possible,” even the rescuing of a rich man. But that is an astonishing insight, that it is difficult and requires divine grace to be able to love and to have so much. We are the first class passengers on spaceship earth, we are the rich man, and it may be that there is an abiding tragedy at the heart of our life, unless by some divine grace we become able to love and to give because we love. 

H. Vaughn



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