

Weekly E-Bulletin



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Upcoming...

Lenten Confessions

If you have not scheduled your Lenten confession please do so! We are drawing near to Holy Week where time for confessions will be limited. Father Gabriel will hear confessions on Wednesday during the Canon of Repentance and on Saturdays following Vigil and Vespers. Father will not be able to hear confessions past Great and Holy Tuesday as he will be preparing for Holy Pascha.

Reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

On Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm Fr. Gabriel will be reading the incredible life of Repentance of St. Mary of Egypt. If you are unable to join us in person. Light a candle in your prayer corner and listen to the recording that you can find with this link.

[The Life of St. Mary of Egypt](#)

Parish Work Day

On Saturday, April 20th beginning at 10:00am we need all hands on deck for a parish grounds clean up day. If you are able please bring some of the following equipment: steel rakes, grading rakes, shovels, wheel barrows, roto tillers, chain saws and work gloves. Reach out to John Wolf with any questions.

Parish Photo

On Palm Sunday, April 28th, we will have our all parish photo.

Amazon Wish-list

As we get back into the swing of being in the newly expanded temple, we have many small things and some large we need to make the space functional... especially chairs and tables for our hall space. We lost all items in the basement due to a water leak last spring. If you would like to donate items please visit our Amazon Wishlist using the link below. You can choose to have items shipped directly to the church. If you would like a donation letter for tax purposes please reach out to the parish office.

[ACCESS THE WISH-LIST HERE](#)



"Opening the Doors of the Kingdom"

By the Grace of God, the wait is over, and we have moved back into our Church after almost 2 years of waiting. That being said, there are still a lot of items that have yet to be completed and paid for! We are so close to achieving our goal dear ones!



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 13

Baptisms & Chrismations, 10:00am
Full Choir Rehearsal 2:00pm -3:30pm
Soul Saturday Memorial Service, 3:30pm
Vigil, & Confessions, 4:00pm

Sunday, April 14

Hours, & Divine Liturgy

Monday, April 15

Marriage Classes, 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 17

Tot Time 10:30am
Canon of Repentance with confessions,
6:00pm

Thursday, April 18

Reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt,
6:30pm

Friday, April 19

Pre-Sactified Liturgy with Pot Luck,
6:30pm

Saturday, April 20

Parish Grounds Work Day, 10:00am
Vigil & Confession, 4:00pm
Fellowship Movie Night, "Man of God" to follow

Sunday, April 21

Hours & Divine Liturgy, 9:40am with
Chrismations

Birthdays

- 16-John Wolf
- 16- Mia Jonascu
- 16-Vera McCallion
- 17-Tina Shephard
- 17-Stella McCallion
- 18-Anna Joseph

Anniversaries

none this week

Anniversary of Repose
4/17 George Raphael

Parish Greeters

4/14 Steve & Sue Walton
 4/21 Jacob Bowers
 4/28 Scott & Tina Shephard

Coffee Hour

4/14 Chris & Rachel Burtka
 4/21 David & Elena Schutt
 4/28 Andrew & Shannon Joseph

Epistle Readers

4/14 Rdr Nathaniel Auxier & Rdr David Schutt
 4/21 John Wolf & Ruth Karabina
 4/28 Jennifer Otis & Seraphim Pardee

Bell Ringers

4/14 Jeannie Azor & Tonya Rice
 4/21 Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina
 4/28 Jeannie Azor & Tonya Rice

Lives of all saints commemorated on April 14
 4th Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus (of the Ladder)
 Saint Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome
 Martyrs Anthony, John, and Eustathius of Vilnius
 Martyr Ardalion the Actor
 Martyr Azades the Eunuch and 1,000 Martyrs of Persia
 Vil'na Icon of the Mother of God

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle, Saint)

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Gospel, Saint)

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

PRESANCTIFIED LENTEN POTLUCKS



Fridays during Great Lent

PreSanctified Liturgies help strengthen us spiritually throughout our Journey to Pascha.

We are also strengthened during this time by fellowship with our fellow Orthodox Christians. With this in mind, we will have a potluck following all PreSanctified Liturgies. These lenten meals bring us together to break bread with one another and share the joys and struggles of Great Lent as one parish community.

Please NO Meat, Fish, Dairy, Eggs or any Tree Nuts or Peanuts

We always welcome beverages and paper products as items to bring to the potlucks!



LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE



Holy Confession:
In confession, the sacrament of repentance, we come to Christ and receive His divine forgiveness. We are allowed once more to enter into Holy Communion with Him in the Church. We are reinstated into that life which we received in Baptism and are renewed with that power which we were given in Chrismation.

To schedule an appointment outside of these times please reach out to Fr. Gabriel directly
810-750-1401 or
frgabrielmmm@gmail.com

Throughout Great Lent there will be regular confessions available on Saturday's following Vigils and every other Wednesday following The Canon of Repentance. There will **not** be confessions following Pre-Sanctified Liturgies.

Check out the Great Lent at-a-glance calendar for exact dates.

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Friday, April 26th:	Following Lazarus Saturday Vespers
Saturday, April 27th:	Following Palm Sunday Vespers
Palm Sunday, April 28th:	Following Bridegroom Matins
Holy Monday, April 29th:	Following Bridegroom Matins
Holy Tuesday, April 30th:	Following Bridegroom Matins **
Holy Wednesday, May 1st:	There will be NO Confession following Holy Unction

****After Holy Tuesday Evening, Father Gabriel will be making preparations for Holy Pascha, and confessions will be difficult to schedule.**