

The Life of our Parish this Week

Saturday, April 16 *Akathist Saturday*

- 9am Akathist to Most-Holy Theotokos
- 10am Cleaning of Church in preparation for Holy Week
- 6:15pm Memorial Service
- 6:30pm Great Vespers
- 7:20pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:20pm Confessions

Sunday, April 17 *St. Mary of Egypt*

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am Divine Liturgy
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (team II)
- 12:30-1:15pm Bread Ministry (team A)
- 5pm Youth Group Outing

Monday, April 18

- 6:30pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship Meeting at UK

Tuesday, April 19 No Service Today

Isidora Zamora Birthday; Geoff & Kriss Whiteman Anniversary

Wednesday, April 20

- Beth Walther Birthday; Zachary Johnson Namesday
- 5:55pm Presanctified Liturgy
 - 7:15pm Soup/Salad Meal; Scripture Readings

Thursday, April 21 / Bert Walther Birthday

Friday, April 22

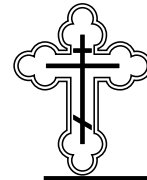
- 6:30pm End-of-Lent Vespers
- 7:20pm Confessions (Final Adult Confessions before Pascha)

Saturday, April 23 / *Holy Greatmartyr George / Lazarus Saturday*

- Birthday for: Caleb Cook, Rick Cook, Ciprian Panciuc
- Namesday for Ciprian Panciuc
- 9am Lazarus Liturgy
 - 10:30am Lenten Pancake Breakfast
 - 11:15am Children's Confessions & Crafts
 - 6:30pm Vigil for Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 24 / *Palm Sunday* / Tabitha Naughton Birthday

- 9am Baptisms/Reception of Converts (no Sunday School)
- 10am Divine Liturgy
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (team III)
- 12:30-1:15pm Bread Ministry (team B)
- 6:30pm Bridegroom Matins in Berea



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, April 17, 2016

5th Sunday of Great Lent: St. Mary of Egypt

Today's Readings: Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45



"O Lady, Mother of God, who gave birth in the flesh to God the Word, I know, O how well I know, that it is no honour or praise to thee when one so impure and depraved as I look up to thy icon, O ever-virgin, who didst keep thy body and soul in purity. Rightly do I inspire disgust before thy virginal purity. But I have heard that God Who was born of thee became man on purpose to call sinners to repentance. Then help me, for I have no other help. Order the entrance of the church to be opened to me. Allow me to see the venerable Tree on which He Who was born of thee suffered in the flesh and on which He shed His holy Blood for the redemption of sinners an for me, unworthy as I am. Be my faithful witness before thy son that I will never again defile my body by the impurity of fornication, but as soon as I have seen the Tree of the Cross I will renounce the world and its temptations and will go wherever thou wilt lead me."

+Prayer of St. Mary of Egypt
while standing in front of the icon of the Theotokos
at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem

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Many Thanks to the St. Elizabeth Sisterhood for organizing the annual church cleaning this past Saturday, and to everyone who was able to help in any small way.

Welcome Guests & Visitors! We are happy you are with us today and will gladly answer any questions you may have about our service. If this is your first time visiting, please let our greeter or doorkeeper know so we can recognize you at the end of the Liturgy. *Holy Communion is open to all baptized Orthodox Christians who have fasted from food and water since midnight, had recent confession, and are at peace with neighbors.*

Final Wednesday Evening Presanctified Liturgy of this Lent on April 20 at 5:55pm, followed by soup & salad meal and readings.

End-of-Lent Vespers at 6:30pm on Friday, April 22. Following this service, Father Justin will hear adult confessions for the last time until after Pascha. Please email Father if you need to schedule another time for confession.

Lazarus Liturgy will be served at 9am on Lazarus Saturday, April 23. A Lenten pancake breakfast will follow. You are asked to bring griddles to cook the pancakes and fruits and nuts to share. Fr. Justin will begin hearing children's confessions at 11:15am while palm folding and other crafts are going on. Come and enjoy this festive day, foreshadowing the Resurrection.

Vigil for Palm Sunday will begin at 6:30m on Saturday the 23rd. Palm blessings will be included during Vigil.

On Palm Sunday, Lovell Foushee and his son Maksim will be received into the Orthodox Faith at 9am. There is no Sunday School scheduled, so we hope you will come and share in this celebration with the Foushee family.

Mark Your Calendars for the Holy Week Services that begin next Monday, April 25. On the credenza in the narthex, there are copies of a "Holy Week Schedule leading up to the Feast of Feasts" with detailed information about each of the services. This has been prepared for you to take and share with others. You are encouraged to attend as many of the services as possible. Excuse notes for school and/or work will be available if needed. **Be sure to watch for emails with signups for various Holy Week activities.**

Flowers for Pascha Trying to be mindful of expenses without sacrificing piety, we are pulling back slightly from the great expense of flowers made in the past, and we are asking our laity for gifts of flowers and floral bouquets to be made directly on Holy Friday. It is truly a great piety to prepare and give flowers for the beautification of the church. Monetary donations, of course, will also be accepted, and are needed (~\$300).

Budget Needs (weekly: \$3,265 / monthly: \$14,150)
Offerings Last Week (4/10) = \$1,460 March Offerings = \$12,871

The Werner Family, Daniel & Aly w/ Lazarus, Anne-Marie, have all arrived safely to Kentucky and are getting settled into their home in Wilmore. Welcome back to St. Athanasius!

Date	Readers	Handmaidens	Prosphora	Bread Ministry	Fellowship	Greeter	Doorkeeper	Counters
April 17	Subdeacon Bert Walther	Robyn Cook Shannon Cook	Sarah Holiday	Team A (Karis Jacobs, Ben Worthington)	Team II (Marshall)	Josh Lourie	Myra Lourie Linda F.	Laura Walther Rebecca Wilson
April 24	Reader Ryan Winter	Rebecca Walther Myra Lourie	Laura Walther	Team B (Laura Walther, Beth Walther)	Team III (Bradshaw)	John Mize	Paul Frangedakis	Tim Powell Ellie Sutter
May 1	Reader Rick Cook	Suzannah Reeves Mandariah Reeves	Laura Walther	Team C (Inessa Verenich, Tanya Viarenich)	Pascha Picnic	Geoff Whiteman	Jeff Hart	Mary Cook Rebecca Wilson
May 8	Subdeacon Bert Walther	Beth Walther Teresa Powell	Alina Rizea Rusu	Team D (Lisa Powell, Linda Frangedakis)	Men of the Parish Host Coffee Hour	Rebecca Wilson	Chris Naughton	Tim Powell Ellie Sutter