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SUNDAY BULLETIN: APRIL 14, 2019

5th SUNDAY OF LENT: Venerable Mary of Egypt — Tone 5

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-14 (§321 ctr) / Galatians 3:23-29 (§208)

GOSPEL: (Matins) St. Mark 16:1-8 (§70) / St. Mark 10:32-45 (§47) / St. Luke 7:36-50 (§33)

Saints of the Day: Venerable Macarius the Confessor; St. Meliton, bishop of Sardis

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS... *We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. There are service books in the pews. While only prepared Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion, our non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall.*

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ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION: *Orthodox Christians must be prepared for Holy Communion through Confession, fasting, prayer and by being at peace with others. A prepared person must have been to Confession recently (frequency established by the Pastor), have abstained from food and drink from midnight, observe the fast days and seasons and have attended Divine Liturgy regularly. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Holy Communion.*

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On Sundays during Lent the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated. Page 49 in the black Service Book.

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The following Troparia and Kontakia are sung after the Little Entrance:

Let us, the faithful praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away; but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: Having been a sinful woman, you became through repentance a Bride of Christ. Having attained angelic life, you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross! Therefore, O most glorious Mary, you are a Bride of the Kingdom!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. To you our Queen, leader in battle and defender. We your people delivered from all peril, offer hymns of victory and thanksgiving, O Theotokos. Since you possess invincible power, set us free from every calamity. So that we may cry to you: Hail, O bride without bridegroom.

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We pray to the Lord in His great mercy to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are ill: Protodeacon Triva Paul, Sylvia Nassar, Darinka Kisin, Larissa Basch, Vera Pestorich, Henry Delfin, Maria Popovac,

Michael Stepanich, John Petrosian, Steve Wright, Jan Caballero, Carlos Vaga, Loretta Thomas, Valentyna Keves, Milan Rakic, Nancy Penny, Janet Zimbelmann, Teresa Tebbetts.

Remember to pray for our parishioners serving in the U.S. Armed Forces: Sage Featherstone (Air Force), Joseph Bundros (Navy)

Keep in prayer our Catechumens as they prepare to be received in the Orthodox Church during the Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday, April 20. Plan to attend and welcome to the Church: Amanda Pruse, Shirley Thomas, Bruce Hinman, Eve Padron, Andrew Vanhorne, Noel Salata, Craig Tisdale, Anne Marie Miller, Matth Tisdale, Nicholas Falaschi.

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Schedule for this Week

Great Lent

TODAY: Coffee Hour in the social hall following the Liturgy. Everyone welcome!

- Parish Council meeting at 12:30 PM

If you have received Holy Communion this morning you are encouraged to remain in church after the Liturgy for the Prayers of Thanksgiving. Page 98 in the Liturgy book.

Wednesday, April 17 – 6th Hour Prayers at Noon. / Confessions from 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 6:00 PM (*St. Peter Church*) Supper will follow the service.

Friday, April 19 Church cleaning at 9:30 AM. Volunteers needed!

Saturday, April 20 **Lazarus Saturday:** Baptismal Liturgy at 9:00 AM
Palm Sunday Vespers at 5:00 PM / *Blessing of palm and willow branches with the procession followed by church school confessions and dinner.*

Sunday, April 21 – **PALM SUNDAY: Triumphant Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem**
Matins at 8:30 AM/Divine Liturgy & CS at 9:30 AM.
- Bridegroom Matins at 6:00 PM (*Great and Holy Week begins!*)

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Upcoming Events

Scholarship Support: Support our St. Peter Scholarship Fund is through Amazon Smile. Remember, always start at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases. Select “Serbian Orthodox Church of St Peter” as your charity. It is very simple and easy! All proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund!

Lenten Confessions: Everyone is expected to receive the sacrament of Holy Confession during the Lenten season. heard following vespers on Saturday evenings, before Presanctified Liturgies from 4:30-5:30 p.m. or by appointment to George. The last time Confessions will be heard is Holy Friday after the 3:00 p.m. vespers. Prepare yourselves early advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Church School Confessions: Palm Sunday Vespers & Children’s Procession on Saturday, April 20 at 5:00 p.m. The palms and willow branches will take place at the end of Vespers followed by the traditional procession to celebrate triumphant Entry into Jerusalem! Children’s confessions will be held at the end of the service. All children are encouraged to participate! Parents, please help them with their preparations for Confession.

Pascha Flowers: At the candle counter in the narthex are offering envelope for your donations to help offset the cost of flowers to decorate Christ’s Tomb and the church for Pascha. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated! We thank you and pray that you experience a rewarding and fruitful Lenten season and celebration of our Lord’s Holy Pascha.

Preparing the church for Pascha Volunteers are needed to clean the liturgical and altar items for Holy Week and Pascha. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 19. Cleaning supplies are provided. Come and help out for a couple of hours!

Vigil at Christ's Tomb: A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex of the church for our tradition of keeping vigil at our Lord's Tomb. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this very spiritually moving practice of reading from the Book of Psalms and the Acts of the Apostles. Reading at the tomb will begin after the 3:00 p.m. Vesper Service on Holy Friday and will continue until the start of the Resurrection Service at 11:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday. *We need a volunteer to be responsible for coordinating the schedule and unlocking and locking the church. Please see Father George if you can help with this task.*

St. Sava Summer Camp: Registration is now open for our Diocesan Summer Camp season at St. Sava Camp in Jackson, CA. Visit our website: www.campstsava.org just as soon as you can to register!

Coffee Hour:

Today Marilyn Jurkovich, Charyce Hatler (Lenten)

April 21 Vacant. Volunteers needed! (Lenten)

April 28 Pascha Luncheon (*You will be receiving your reservation forms this week. Deadline is April 24!*)