

Sunday, April 5, 2020
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt



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Kontakion. Mode 3. *On this day.*

You were once full of all kinds of fornication.
But today you show yourself a Bride of Christ through repentance.

Longingly you imitated the Angels' lifestyle,
With the Cross being your weapon, you trampled demons.
Therefore, glorious St. Mary, you have appeared as a bride of heaven's realm.



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pursuing transformative growth
through fidelity to Orthodox Christian truth and worship,
sharing the Gospel, and serving our neighbors and community.

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Today's Liturgy

1. Antiphon 1: "Through the Intercessions"

Antiphon 2: "Save us, O Son of God"

Antiphon 3: Resurrectional Apolytikion #1. *Mode 1, Tone 1*

Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and Your most pure Body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving Life to all the world. Therefore, O Giver of Life, the powers of Heaven praise You: Glory to your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your Dispensation, O only Lover of mankind.

2. The Small Entrance Hymn: "Come, Let Us Bow Down to Christ"

3. Hymns after the Small Entrance:

- Resurrectional Apolytikion #1 again. *Mode 1, Tone 1*
- Apolytikion for the Feast: For the Devout Woman, St. Mary of Egypt. *Mode plagal 4, Tone 8*
In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.
- Parish Apolytikion: "In Giving Birth"
- Kontakion for the Feast: "O Champion Leader" (for most Lenten Sundays)

4. Trisagion Hymn (The Thrice-Holy Hymn)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!

5. Readings: Epistle: **Hebrews 9:11-14**

Gospel: **Mark 10:32-45**

6. The Great Entrance Hymn: "We Who Mystically" (The Cherubic Hymn)

7. Nicene Creed: **I** believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; **A**nd in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made; **W**ho for us men and for our

salvation came down from the heavens and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; **C**rucified for us under Pontius Pilate, **H**e suffered and was buried; **R**ising on the third day according to the Scriptures; **A**nd ascending into the heavens, **H**e is seated at the right hand of the Father; **A**nd coming again in glory to judge the living and the dead, **H**is Kingdom shall have no end; **A**nd in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets; **I**n one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church; **I** acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; **I** expect the resurrection of the dead; **A**nd the life of the age to come. Amen.

8. The Victory Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Angelic Hosts”
9. Consecration: “We Praise You”
10. Theotokion: “In You, O Lady Full of Grace” (for all Lenten Sundays)
11. The Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
12. “One is Holy” (Philippians 2:11)
13. Priest’s Communion: “Praise the Lord” (Psalm 148 [aka 149])
14. Prayers Before Holy Communion: **I believe** and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body, and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary & involuntary, in word & deed, in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries, for the remission of sins & for eternal life. Amen. • **Behold, I approach** for Divine Communion. O Maker, burn me not as I partake, for You are fire consuming the unworthy. But cleanse me from every stain. • **O Son of God**, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But like the thief I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom. • **Tremble, O man**, as you behold the divine Blood. It is a burning coal that sears the unworthy. The Body of God both deifies and nourishes me: It deifies the spirit and wondrously nourishes the mind. • **You have smitten me** with yearning, O Christ, and by Your divine eros, You have changed me. But burn up with spiritual fire my sins, and grant me to be filled with delight in You; so that, leaping for joy, I may magnify, O Good One, Your two comings. • **How shall I**, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I should dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my vesture will condemn me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. Cleanse, O Lord, the filth of my soul, and save me, as You are the One Who loves mankind. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me. • **Master Who loves mankind**, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my judgment, because I am unworthy, but rather for the purification and sanctification of both soul and body, and for the pledge of the Life and Kingdom to come. It is good for me to cleave unto God, and to place in Him the hope of my salvation. • **O Son of God**, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom.
15. People’s Communion: “Receive Me Today”
16. Hymns after Communion: “We Have Seen the Light” and “Let Our Mouths be Filled”
17. “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”
18. Benediction: “Lord Grant Long Life” (sung simultaneously with benediction, but softly)

April 5, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt: The memory of [St. Mary of Egypt](#) is celebrated on April 1 (see last week's bulletin). Since we have almost reached the end of the holy Forty Days, this day is appointed to celebrate her heroism, for she fasted in the wilderness for forty-seven years, that it might rouse us who find it hard to practice a little abstinence for forty days. And her life reminds us of the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repugnant when they repent.

April 5, Monk-Martyrs Claudius, Diodore, Victor, Victorinus, and those with them: Of these Martyrs, Saint Claudius died when his arms and legs were severed; Saint Diodore was burned alive; Saints Victor, Victorinus, and Nicephorus were crushed to death by a large boulder; Saint Serapion was burned alive; Saint Pappias was cast into the sea. They contested for the Faith, either in Corinth under Decius in 251, or in Diospolis in Egypt under Numerian in 284.

April 6, Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople: [Eutychius](#) was born to illustrious and pious parents in Phrygia. Studying in Constantinople, he entered the monastic life in a monastery of Amasia. In 552, he was chosen Patriarch in New Rome. By the machinations of the [Origenists](#), he was exiled in 565. In 577, he was restored to his throne. He reposed on April 6, 582.

April 7, Calliopius and Akylina the Martyrs: Calliopius was raised in piety by his mother Theocleia in Pamphylia. When Maximian began persecuting the Christians, Saint Calliopius presented himself to Governor Maximus in Pompeiopolis of Galatia. He was tortured many times, after which his mother visited him and encouraged him in his martyrdom. Then, upon learning he was to be crucified on Holy and Great Thursday, his thrice-blessed mother bribed the tyrants to defer it one day, that he might imitate the Lord's Crucifixion on the same day that He suffered it. The holy Martyr Calliopius received the crown of martyrdom on Holy and Great Friday in the year 304, being crucified upside down.

April 7, Tikhon, the Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America: Our Father among the Saints, [Tikhon](#) was born in Pskov in 1865. He was tonsured a monk in 1891 and ordained a priest later than year. He consecrated Bishop of Lublin in 1897, and Bishop of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands in 1898, with his see extending to all of North America from 1900 onwards. He united the Orthodox Christians of many ethnic backgrounds in North America as one flock under one shepherd. In 1907 he was made Archbishop of Yaroslavl and Rostov, in 1913 Archbishop of Lithuania, and in 1917 as Metropolitan of Moscow he was elected to be the first Patriarch of Russia in over 200 years. After the Revolution of 1917, the atheist government grew more bold and fierce in its persecution of the Russian Church. Meek, peace-loving Tikhon sought, while giving to God that which is God's, to give what could be given to Caesar so as to preserve peace and avoid the shedding of blood. When he reposed on the feast of the [Annunciation](#) in 1925, Saint Tikhon made the sign of the Cross thrice, pronouncing, "Glory to Thee, O God!" For his many sufferings as Patriarch, he is honored as a Confessor.

April 8, The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, and Hermes: The Apostle [Herodion](#), whom Saint Paul mentions in his Epistle to the Romans (16:11) and calls his "kinsman," was ordained presbyter and then Bishop of New Patras, where he was slain by Jews and pagans. Saint [Agabus](#) is mentioned in Acts 21:10-11, where he prophesied Saint Paul's arrest in Jerusalem at the hands of the Jewish leaders. In Acts 11:27-28 it is mentioned also that this Saint foretold the great famine that would come to pass in the time of Claudius Caesar. Having preached the Gospel throughout various regions, he departed to the Lord. The Apostle [Rufus](#) became Bishop of Thebes in Greece. The Apostles [Asyncritus](#) and [Phlegon](#) preached Christ in many places,

suffered many afflictions at the hands of the pagans and Jews, and reposed in the Lord. The Apostle [Hermes](#) is mentioned with them in the Epistle to the Romans (16:13-14).

April 9, The Holy Martyr Euppsychius of Caesarea: Euppsychius of Cappadocia lived a blameless life with his wife. During the reign of Julian the Apostate, this blessed one was filled with divine zeal and, with other Christians, destroyed the pagan temple dedicated to Fortune. Because of this he was beheaded, receiving the crown of martyrdom in the year 362.

April 10, Terence and his Companions beheaded at Carthage: Terence and his companions were from Africa, and they all contested for the faith during the reign of Decius, in 251. After many tortures, they were beheaded at the command of Fortunatus the Governor.

April 11, Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum: Saint Antipas was made Bishop of Pergamum by the holy Apostles. He contested for the faith during the reign of Domitian, by being cast into a bronze bull that had been heated exceedingly. The Evangelist John writes of him in the Book of [Revelation](#), as if from the mouth of Christ, who says to the Angel (that is, the Bishop) of the Church of Pergamum: "I know your works and where you dwell, even where Satan's seat is; and you hold fast to My Name and have not denied My Faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful Martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwells" (Rev. 2:13). The faithful pray to this Saint for ailments of the teeth.

April 11, Lazarus Saturday: [Lazarus](#) and his sisters [Mary](#) and [Martha](#) were friends of the Lord Jesus and had given him hospitality and service many times (Luke 10:38-42; John 12:2-3). They lived in Bethany, a village situated in the eastern parts of Judea by the foothills of the Mount of Olives, about two miles from Jerusalem. Lazarus' name is a Hellenized form of "Eleazar", which means "God has helped." Lazarus became ill some days before the saving Passion, and his sisters sent a message to our Savior, Who was in Galilee. But Jesus waited two more days until Lazarus had died; then he said to his disciples, "Let us go into Judea that I might awake My friend who sleeps," meaning the sleep of death. When he arrived in Bethany, he comforted the sisters, groaned in spirit, and wept over their brother. He drew nigh to the tomb and, giving thanks to God, commanded, "Lazarus, come forth." Though dead four days, he came forth immediately, bound in burial clothes. Jesus said, "Loose him, and let him go." We celebrate this wonder today.

Blessed Mary of Egypt was twelve years old when she fell into the hands of the devil. She lived in sin day and night. But the merciful God enlightened her and she abandoned the world and went into the desert. There she led a hermit's life for forty years. She was cleansed and became like an angel. God wished to give her rest, so He sent the holy ascetic Zosimas to hear her confession and to give her holy communion. Then He received her holy soul into paradise, where she rejoices with the angels. If there is anyone here like Blessed Mary, let him immediately weep and repent, now that he has time, and let him be assured that he will be saved as was Blessed Mary.

– St. [Kosmos Aitolos](#), 18th century

But let no man be troubled at the Apostles being in such an imperfect state. For not yet was the cross accomplished, nor the grace of the Spirit given. But if you would learn their virtue, notice them after these things, and you will see them superior to every passion.

– St. John Chrysostom, 4th century

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- **Birthdays:** Luther Large, Kenneth Kuykendall, Kelly Kuykendall
- **Wednesday, April 8, 6 PM** Sixth and final Presanctified Liturgy
- **Saturday, April 11** Lazarus Saturday with **9 AM** Orthros & **9:45 AM** Divine Liturgy
- **Fasting this week:** We are in Great Lent. Wine and oil are allowed on weekends. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs until Pascha. ***Why do we fast? To show devotion to God.***

Next Week: Join us LIVE online at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/orthodoxsanangelo/posts/>.

- **Sunday, April 12** Palm Sunday with **9 AM** Orthros & **9:45 AM** Divine Liturgy
- **Monday-Sunday, April 13-19** Holy Week and Pascha Services: **Our bishop, Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver, will be issuing directives on how to conduct the Holy Week and Pascha services in light of restrictions due to COVID-19. For updates on how services will be conducted, see the parish Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/pg/orthodoxsanangelo/posts/>.**

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Are you a visitor? Welcome, we're glad you're here!

If you are sick or in the hospital, call Fr. Mark. The hospital won't tell him you are there, for confidentiality.

If you would like Fr. Mark to pray for you or anyone else (including non-Orthodox), then send the names to him. He will especially include each person's name in the prayers for preparation of the Holy Eucharist (*See [proskemia](#).*) before and during Orthros. Fr. Mark takes this commitment to pray for you seriously. *Note: If you are a parish member or have already sent in a names list, then he is already praying for you and everyone on your list.*

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6 pm Wednesday • 9 am Sunday

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