

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Fifth Sunday of Great Lent – Our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt

*As we enter the Church let us pray.....  
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;  
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.*

### Resurrectional Apolytikion – Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

### Apolytikion of St. Mary of Egypt – Tone 8

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

### Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8

Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

### Ordinary Kontakion – Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## SYNAXARION

On April 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable John, disciple of Gregory of Decapolis; Venerable Euthymios and Athanasios of Aegina; Cosmas the Confessor, bishop of Chalcedon; New-martyr John of Epiros; and Venerable Euthymios, enlightener of Karelia.

On this same day, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, it was ordained that we make remembrance of our Godly Mother Mary of Egypt. Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!" Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary's lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom. Through her intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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**St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America**

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of North America, Primate

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

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**The Inquirer's Class** – will meet today, Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

**Great Compline & Book Discussion - Mondays @ 6pm** Following Great Compline, Fr. David will lead a discussion of **Thirty Steps to Heaven** by Vassilios Papavassiliou. Copies are available in the church bookstore or online.

**Weis and Giant Grocery Gift Cards** – are available for purchase. You pay the face amount of the card and the church receives 5% of the value of the card. Please see Marjorie Barrett after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

Attendance Last Week: 111

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$4,671.56

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: \$5,770.00

### **Church Calendar**

**April 18** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Parish Council. Inquirer's Class.  
**April 19** 6:00 pm Great Compline. Book Study afterward.  
**April 21** 5:20 pm 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Typika. 6:00 pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy.  
**April 23** 6:00 pm Little Compline and Canon of St. Lazarus.  
**April 24** 8:00 am Orthros. 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, St. Lazarus. 6:00 pm Vespers  
**April 25** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. 6:00 pm Bridegroom Orthros.

### **Remember In Your Prayers**

*Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear" (Is. 65:24)*

#### **The Living – for their health and healing**

Metropolitan Joseph  
Bishop Thomas  
Olena Bassarab  
Jamey Miller  
Matthew Miller  
Officer Jamie Miller  
Joyce "Kassiane" Williams  
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson  
Michael Acierno  
Ray Jauncito  
Ian Snyder  
Nicolas El Atieh  
Marjorie "Marion" Barrett  
Jerry "David" Desautels

#### **The Departed – Memory Eternal!**

Metropolitan PHILIP  
Bishop Antoun  
Priest Boniface Black  
Leavitt "George" Keener  
Mary Jane Glagola  
Norm "Nourhan" Kailian  
Eva "Marie" Kailian  
Nicholas Raptapolus  
Walter and Mary Damm  
Donnell Gregory Beck  
Michael Bogosh

Christos Tsakiris  
Harry and Grace Dorion  
Marianne Rupp  
Mary Bincarowsky  
Gene "Paul" Strayer  
Katherine Monsour  
George and Darla Feeser  
Cindi "Monica" Bennett  
Mary Kopey  
Martha Allen  
Mary Lou Grove  
Melinda "Magdalena" Stika  
James Fetter  
Andrew Himes  
Patty May  
Julie Acierno  
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic  
Steven Smith  
Edward Boner  
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury  
Thomas Lehman  
Barry "John" Hart  
Mary "Rebecca" Beck  
Angela Pandelidis  
Kathryn Velen