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April 10, 2022
Sunday of
St Mary of Egypt

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Sun., Apr. 10 th	Mission Vespers <i>St. Nicholas, Weirton</i>	5 pm
	Wed., Apr. 13 th	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	7 pm
	Fri., Apr. 15 th	Passion Akathist	7 pm
	Sat., Apr. 16 th	Lazarus Saturday Hours Divine Liturgy	8:45 am 9 am
		Great Vespers with Confession	7 pm
	Sun., Apr. 17 th	Palm Sunday Hours & Palm Blessing Divine Liturgy	9:45 am 10 am

With Palm Sunday as well as Pascha right around the corner, one of the questions that is often asked is “What should we do with the old palms and pussy willows?” If they are still being used, use them. If they need to be replaced, then the old ones should be burned and the ashes should be returned to the earth. If you don’t have a good place to burn them Father Stephan does Liturgical Burns on a regular basis.

Epistle

(Hebrews 9:11-14)

(Resurrection)

But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Gospel

(Mark 10:32-45)

(Resurrection)

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles;

“and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”

And He said to them, **“What do you want Me to do for you?”**

They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.”

But Jesus said to them, **“You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”**

They said to Him, “We are able.” So Jesus said to them, “**You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;**

“but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those for whom it is prepared.*”

And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, “**You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.**

“Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

“And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Epistle

(Galatians 3:23-29)

(St. Mary of Egypt)

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if you *are* Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Gospel

(Luke 7:36-50)
(St. Mary of Egypt)

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

and stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

And Jesus answered and said to him, "**Simon, I have something to say to you.**" So he said, "Teacher, say it."

"There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

"And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered and said, "I suppose the *one* whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "**You have rightly judged.**"

Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "**Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head.**

"You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.

"You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.

"Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little."

Then He said to her, "**Your sins are forgiven.**"

And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Then He said to the woman, "**Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.**"

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday Liturgies.

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-18

Announcements:

Today is the last day we will be taking a Paschal collection for our seminarians and their families. The families are most appreciative of all support! Thank you for the Seminarian donations!

Don't Forget! Your 2022 Pledge Form was due **March 31, 2022**. Please remember that it is important to complete your pledge form to assist Council with their annual budget and in scheduling of upcoming projects. As always, all collected information is kept confidential.

Baba Bunny needs your help – Can you help with a donation of some candy or candy-filled eggs? A few of us are getting together to make up some Pascha treat bags for our children filled with candy and goodies. To aid in assembling the Paschal bags, please fill your plastic eggs before bringing to church. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and help! God Bless!

Palm Sunday Preparations– The palms have arrived! Feeling crafty? See Marie or Mary if you are interested in helping to make palm crosses! Classes are now available.

Also, we will be getting together on **Lazarus Saturday at 5 pm** to clean and trim the pussy willows delivered a couple of weeks ago. Many hands will make the work go quickly!

Don't Forget to pick up your “**Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 10 Week Calendar**” **TODAY** at the candlestand as we head into Holy week services.

Don't Forget: Fr. Stephan will hear confessions after all scheduled services throughout Lent. If one cannot make it due to health or other noble reasons, Fr. Stephan will be glad to hear your confessions at your house.

Fr. Stephan has received numerous requests to open the Church during this Lenten season for a quiet place to pray. Father will plan to keep it as open as possible.

THANK YOU EVERYONE for helping with all the baking sessions! The outpouring of help was wonderful! Many hands made the work go fast! It was a great time of getting back together and reconnecting after Covid!

Fr. Stephan has received a couple of requests to start a Catechumen class. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Fr. Stephan.

Reminder: Please have the courtesy to inform others if you have potentially exposed them to Covid. It is still imperative that we remain vigilant to keep safe and healthy.

Please keep in your **PRAYERS** three of our diocesan priests who have been dealing with health issues during the past several months - Fr. Andrew Matychak, Igumen David Lewis, and Igumen Patrick Carpenter.