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**Sunday of St. Mary of
Egypt**

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Services	Sun., Apr. 21 st	Holy Unction <i>(HROC, Belle Vernon)</i>	5 pm
	Wed., Apr. 24 th	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	7 pm
	Fri., Apr. 26 th	LENT ENDS	
		Passion Akathist Private Confessions	7 pm
	Sat., Apr. 27 th	Lazarus Saturday	
		Hours	8:45 am
Divine Liturgy		9 am	
	Great Vespers w/ Litya and Confession	6 pm	
Sun., Apr. 28 th	Palm Sunday		
	Hours and Palm Blessing/Procession	9:45 am	
	Divine Liturgy	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.

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

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-18

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.”

<p>Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)</p> <p>Let <u>us</u>, the faithful, praise and <u>worship</u> the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the <u>Spirit</u>, <u>born</u> for our salvation from the <u>Virgin</u>; for He <u>willed</u> to be lifted up on the <u>Cross</u> in the flesh, to <u>endure</u> death, and to <u>raise</u> the dead by His <u>glorious</u> Resurrection.</p> <p>Tone 8 Troparion (St. Mary of Egypt)</p> <p>The image of <u>God</u> was <u>truly</u> preserved in thee, O <u>Mother</u>, for thou didst take <u>up</u> the <u>Cross</u> and <u>follow</u> Christ.</p> <p>By so <u>doing</u>, thou <u>taughtest</u> us to <u>disregard</u> the flesh for it <u>passes</u> away; but to care <u>instead</u> for the <u>soul</u>, for it is <u>immortal</u>.</p> <p>Therefore thy <u>spirit</u>, O <u>holy</u> Mother Mary, rejoices with the <u>angels</u>.</p>	<p>Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)</p> <p><u>Thou</u> didst descend into hell, O my <u>Savior</u>, shattering its gates as <u>Almighty</u>, resurrecting the dead as <u>Creator</u>, and <u>destroying</u> the <u>sting</u> of death.</p> <p>Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O <u>Lover</u> of man, and we cry to Thee: “O <u>Lord</u>, <u>save</u> us!”</p> <p>Tone 4 Kontakion (St. Mary of Egypt)</p> <p>Having <u>been</u> a sinful <u>woman</u>, thou becamest through repentance a <u>bride</u> of Christ.</p> <p>Having attained <u>angelic</u> life, thou didst defeat demons with the <u>weapon</u> of the Cross.</p> <p>Therefore, O most glorious Mary, thou art a <u>bride</u> of the <u>Kingdom</u>.</p>	<p>Tone 5 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)</p> <p>Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps. 11:7)</p> <p><i>V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)</i></p>
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Announcements:

Note to Choir Members: TODAY -- there will be a quick brush-up rehearsal after Liturgy for tonight’s Unction service. Please make every effort to attend. Anyone interested in joining the choir, please feel free to attend. All are welcome!

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.

Don’t forget to give Father a call to let him know when you would like to come to pray and he will make arrangements to have the Church open for you.

During Lent, we will be holding an adult scripture reading class Sundays at 9:15 a.m. We will be reading from Proverbs which is traditionally read during lent. Please join us!

A reminder regarding fasting for Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgies... If you plan to attend and receive communion, you should fast from food and drink from your lunchtime meal onward. If you take medications, please follow the normal medical instructions. Also, if one needs to eat for medical reasons, please eat what you have to eat. Don’t let this deter one from receiving. Remember, God knows our situation a little better than we do.

Paschal Altar Candles: Gifts are now being accepted for the Paschal Altar Candles. If you would like to make a gift in memory of loved ones or in honor of loved ones – place your offering in an envelope marking it “Paschal Candles” and leave it at the Candle Stand.

Note from Council: There is an open position on Parish Council. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the Parish officers: Tim Laciak, Joe Niro or Michelle Meisner.

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 together!

We will be getting together on **Lazarus Saturday at 4 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, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the Paschal season! We have quite a few parishioners who are not able to get out and about as well as they use to. See today's bulletin insert for a listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC. *If you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father Stephan know.*

Father Stephan will be asking for help for the Vespersal Divine Liturgy scheduled for May 4th. There are multiple Old Testament readings and this is also the service when the colors are changed from dark to light. Any able help is welcome.

"He restores my soul, He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." (Psalm 23:3)

The Paths of Righteousness, the hiking group launched in 2020 at St. Michael's in Greensburg under the leadership of Fr. Sam is eagerly planning to embark on wilderness hikes of 5-7 miles in length on Saturdays on established trails in Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset, Indiana and Cambria counties of which Fr. Sam is familiar with. Adult hikers of both genders are welcome, with the only requirement being that they be fit enough and able to do the hike. The hikes will take place approximately once every 6 weeks with the first one on Saturday, May 18th. Fr. Sam will host an orientation meeting for new hikers in April, day/time to be determined. See the flyer on the vestibule bulletin. Additional details will be forthcoming.