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Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Services	Sun., Mar. 29 th	Holy Unction <i>(St. John the Baptist, Canonsburg)</i>	5 pm
	Wed., Apr. 1 st	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	7 pm
	Fri., Apr. 3 rd	LENT ENDS Passion Akathist <i>Private Confessions to Follow</i>	7 pm
	Sat., Apr. 4 th	Lazarus Saturday Hours Divine Liturgy Great Vespers <i>w/ Litya and Confession</i>	8:45 am 9 am 6 pm
	Sun., Apr. 5 th	Palm Sunday Sunday School Hours and Palm Blessing/Procession Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am

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

Epistle: Philipians 4:4-9

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-18

<p>Tone 1 Troparion <i>(Resurrection)</i></p> <p>When the <u>stone</u> had been sealed by the <u>Jews</u>, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure <u>body</u>, Thou didst <u>rise</u> on the third day, O <u>Savior</u>, granting <u>life</u> to the world. The <u>powers</u> of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O <u>Giver</u> of Life: “Glory to Thy <u>Resurrection</u>, O Christ! <u>Glory</u> to Thy <u>Kingdom</u>! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who <u>lovest</u> mankind!”</p> <p>Tone 8 Troparion <i>(St. Mary of Egypt)</i></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. 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>. Therefore thy <u>spirit</u>, O <u>holy</u> Mother Mary, rejoices with the <u>angels</u>.</p>	<p>Tone 4 Kontakion <i>(St. Mary of Egypt)</i></p> <p>Having <u>been</u> a sinful <u>woman</u>, thou becamest through repentance a <u>bride</u> of Christ. Having attained <u>angelic</u> life, thou didst defeat demons with the <u>weapon</u> of the Cross. Therefore, O most glorious Mary, thou art a <u>bride</u> of the <u>Kingdom</u>.</p>	<p>Tone 8 Prokeimenon <i>(Resurrection)</i></p> <p>Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! <i>(Ps. 32:22)</i></p> <p><i>V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!</i> <i>(Ps. 32:1)</i></p> <p>Tone 4 Prokeimenon <i>(St. Mary of Egypt)</i></p> <p>God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. <i>(Ps. 67:35a)</i></p>
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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.”

Announcements:

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.

It's never too late to prepare for Pascha! We should try to look back at ourselves and our lives to see where we can improve and come closer to God. Come and attend any of the upcoming Passion services to assist you on your journey towards Pascha. Pick up a copy of the "**Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 11 Week Calendar**" for days/times.

With 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.

This upcoming Lenten Season -- Let us start refocusing our hearts and minds towards humility, forgiveness, repentance, and love towards our fellow man as we begin our Lenten journey on the path to Golgotha with Jesus. We are continuing our support and love of our seminarians and their families by taking a special Paschal collection through **April 5th**. The families are most appreciative of all support!

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!

Baba Bunny needs your help – Can you help with a donation of some candy? A few of us are getting together to make up some Pascha treat bags for our children filled with candy and goodies. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and help! God Bless!

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.

Lent is a time for quiet meditation and reflection. Disconnect from your busy day for 15 minutes or half hour and lose yourself in the *Orthodox Christian Prayers* book just received from St. Tikhon's Monastery. "It is our conversation with God that brings about our union with him. We must enter into this work of prayerful dialogue again and again, day by day, moment by moment, during every part of our life, always striving to make a new beginning." Be still, and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10) helps with lowering stress levels and blood pressure. Stop by the candlestand to purchase your copy (\$25) and begin a new daily routine that may continue after Lent.

Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners! 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 **UPDATED** 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.* (Please note that Julia Urdenis is recuperating after breaking her leg at Terrace Health & Rehab Center in Uniontown and her address has been updated.)

Father Stephan will be asking for help for the Vespereal Divine Liturgy scheduled for April 11th. 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.

Save the Date:

HROC Flea Market is back! The Flea Market will be held on **Friday, June 5th and Saturday, June 6th**. When doing your Spring cleaning, consider donating your clean, gently used, unwanted treasures to the Church. ***All items need to be brought to the church by May 31st. Please NO TVs or computers.*** Organization and pricing of the items will take place on Wednesday, June 3rd and Thursday, June 4th. Unfortunately, there will be no pre-sale this year. If you would like to help out either Friday or Saturday, your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Fellow parishioners, Ryan Dunlap and his wife Jackie, had the pleasure of visiting St. Tikhon's Monastery. It was such a great experience that they wanted to share it with their fellow parishioners. Ryan is looking to see who would like to join them for a weekend pilgrimage to St Tikhon's Monastery Saturday, June 13th through Sunday the 14th, leaving early Saturday morning at 7 am and returning around 7 pm Sunday. He plans to rent a 15-passenger van to take those who are interested up for Saturday Vigil and Sunday Liturgy. There will be time to visit the monastery grounds, bookstore and museum before attending vigil. He is also working out overnight arrangements for all who wish to attend, but there is a chance we may be able to stay in the dorms of the seminary. If you are interested in going, please see Ryan. There is also a sign-up sheet on the vestibule bulletin board. He would like to have a final headcount by April 12th.