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Sunday, April 6th, 2025

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

St. Mary of Egypt

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great – 9:00 am / Sunday School - 10:20

Panachida for ***+Gaynell and Jennifer Shrift and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evanisko*** offered by John and Johnny Shrift; ***+Michael Pysh*** (25th Anniversary) offered by Dave and Melanie Dudak; ***+Anna Fedornock and +Mary and Stephen Fedornock*** offered by Fedornock family; +***Andrew Krett*** offered by Edward and Rita Hanechak; ***+Ed Deitle and Frank Terchanik*** offered by Pani Kathy Buczak ***+Clara Marko*** offered by Mary Hanak; ***+Margaret Blehi*** offered by Mamie Hanak; and ***+Larry Buksa*** offered by sister, Kathy Feathers; and ***+Joseph Medvesky*** offered by A. David Podolak

Resurrection Tone 8 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 81 &185-186
Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

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Monday April 7, 2025

Feast of the Annunciation

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 9:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 2: 11-18 Gospel: Luke 1:24-38

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Bible Study Tuesday, April 8th @ 6:30 pm
Join us here or Via Zoom

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Choir Practice Wednesday April 9th @ 6:30 pm
This is the last practice before Pascha!
Please make every attempt to come to practice this day!

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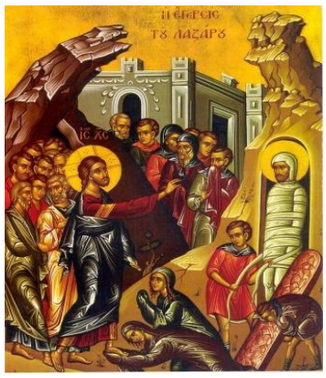
Tue. 4/08 … +Anna C. Smider; +Orthodox Christians offered by Julia Hamilla; and +Andrew Mikolaj offered by Phyllis Mikolaj and family (Perpetual)…8:00 am

Wed. 4/09 … ***Presanctified Liturgy……6:00 pm***

Thur. 4/10 … +Michael and Justina, son John, parents Andrew and Mary, in-laws Paul and Anna, and brother Michael offered by Justina Slachta; +John and Elizabeth offered by Velma and Irene Wargo and +Stephen Kassander, and +Anna and Paul Csubar (Perpetual)…….……8:00 am

Fri. 4/11 … ***Presanctified Liturgy……6:00 pm***

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Saturday, April 12th, 2025

Lazarus Saturday

Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am

Tropar & Kondak: Pages 186-187

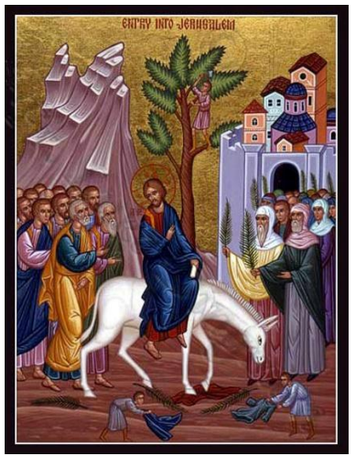
Epistle: Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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Saturday, April 12th - Vespers for Palm Sunday……4:00 pm

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Sunday, April 13th, 2025

Triumphal Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday: 9:00 am

Tropar & Kondak: pages 188-192

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18

Chrismation of Kevin Smith, and Nicholas Stillwagon and the Baptism and initiation into the Orthodox Faith of August Airsman

Bridegroom Matins – 4:00 pm

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Monday April 14, 2025

***Pre-sanctified Liturgy* - 9:00 am** ***Bridegroom Matins* – 7:00 pm**

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Tuesday April 15, 2025

***Pre-sanctified Liturgy* - 8:00 am** ***Bridegroom Matins* – 7:00 pm**

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Wednesday April 16, 2025

Pre-sanctified Liturgy – 9:00 am ***Sacrament of Holy Unction - 7:00 pm***

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Thursday April 17, 2025

Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for Holy Thursday - 9:00 am

Service of the 12 Gospels (Matins of Good Friday) - 7:00 pm

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Friday April 18, 2025

Royal Hours of Good and Holy Friday - 9:00 am

Vespers and Placing of the Holy Shroud - 7:00 pm

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Saturday, April 19, 2025

Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil for Holy Saturday - 9:00 am

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Saturday, April 19, 2025 - 8:00 pm

Matins of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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GRAVE GUARDING DUTY - There is a new sign-up sheet for Grave Guarding Duty. Please use the sign-up sheet found in the Cathedral Auditorium to place your name in the time slot desired. This is a new sign-up sheet with slots for two people per half-hour.

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CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Father Robert will hear confessions before and after every Lenten Service until Holy Friday and before and after the Divine Liturgies until Palm Sunday. If this does not suit your schedule, Father will be happy to hear your confession anytime by appointment. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY!

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PANACHIDA OFFERINGS

We are reminded that Panchidas (Memorial Services for the Departed) **CANNOT** be served on the Major Feast Days of our Lord including Sunday, April 13th (Palm Sunday), Sunday, April 20th (Great and Holy Pascha) and Sunday, April 27th (St. Thomas Sunday). It is also not appropriate to serve them during Holy Week and Bright week.

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Carrie Hower (4/6), Nick Miloro (4/6), Lillen Marria Weingard (4/7), Majed Zreigat (4/9), and Carol Piechnik (4/13).*** You were remembered in Proskomedia!

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered the week of April 6th in memory of ***+Michael and Mary Pavlik by Roger Pavlik.***

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THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered today in memory of ***+John and Donna Zizan by Roger Pavlik.***

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ACRY "Lenten Soup/Food Sale"

Lenten Soups, made by our members of our A.C.R.Y. are being sold for $8.00 a quart on Sundays after Divine Liturgy in the church auditorium through Sunday, April 13th. Anyone wishing to make and donate your Lenten recipes a sign -up sheet will be available in the church auditorium.

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CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2025
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Week 3: Sunday, August 3rd – Saturday, August 9th, 2025– Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown, and Chicago Deaneries.

Please contact Fr. Buczak for the code if you are planning on going to camp.

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ORTHODOX CASKETS FOR SALE

Parishioner George Evanisko is offering his assistance to help you buy an Orthodox Casket at cost. There are fliers posted on the Bulletin Board in the Cathedral Auditorium. If you are interested, please see George or Father Buczak to assist you.!

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL ON-LINE

Did you know that you can make donations to Christ the Saviour Cathedral on-line? Many parishioners and non-parishioners save time and efforts by donating to the Cathedral at: **https://www.acrod.org/directories/cathedral/**

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Thomas Buczak	Judith Rowlands	Beverly Mayo	John Rosiak	Lisa Luterman
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Veronica Buczak	Arianna Risso	Michael Paul Gost	Ed and Christine Sakmar	Kristo Burkett
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Barry Gilchrist	Aberdeen Rudge	Rose Conjelko	Samantha Salway	Diana Gvozdich-Smith
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Eva Zeleniak-Whitak	Dwight Nugle	Roger Zankey	Cheryl Reese	Jennifer Beas
Malcolm Barnes	Rose and Terry Fyock	Jess Ambrose	Sheri Smay	Douglas Gvozdich
Larry Eisenhauer	Rosalia Horner	Paul Kalinyak	Geroge Kuzmiak	

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You have never really lived
until you have done something for someone who cannot possibly pay you back.

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THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION



The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on March 25 each year. The Feast commemorates the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, would become incarnate and enter into this world through her womb.

Biblical Story

The biblical story of the Feast of the Annunciation is found in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke (1:26-39). The Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, who was living in Nazareth, and said to her, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you." Mary was perplexed and wondered what kind of greeting this was.

The angel told her not to be afraid, for she had found favor with God. He said, "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary responded to the angel by asking how this could happen since she had no husband. The angel told her that the Holy Spirit and the power of God would come upon her, and that the child to be born of her would be called holy, the "Son of God."

The angel then proceeded to tell the Virgin Mary that her cousin Elizabeth had conceived a son in her old age (John the Baptist), and affirmed that with God nothing is impossible.

In faith and obedience to the will of God, Mary replied to the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word." Upon her response, the angel departed.

It is on the Feast of the Annunciation, that Orthodox Christians commemorate both the divine initiative of God, whereby He took on flesh from the Virgin for our salvation, and the human response, whereby Mary freely accepted the vocation offered to her. He elected to become man, and He desired to do this with the willing agreement of her whom He chose as His mother. Mary could have refused, for she was not a passive instrument, but an active participant with a free and positive part to play in God's plan for our salvation. Thus, when on this and other feasts the Orthodox Church honors the Theotokos, the Mother of God, it is not just because God chose her but also because she herself chose to follow His will.

Icon of the Feast - The icon of the Annunciation is one that presents the joy of the announcement of the coming of Christ. It is an icon of bright colors, depicting the Archangel Gabriel (1), who has descended from heaven, and the Virgin Mary (2), who has been chosen to be the Mother of God



1. *The Archangel Gabriel presents the good news of the coming of Christ to Mary (detail).*



2. *The Virgin Mary, who was chosen to be the Mother of God (detail).*

The Archangel is shown with his feet spread apart as if he is running to share the good news with Mary (3). In his left hand is a staff, the symbol of a messenger. His right hand is extended toward Mary as he delivers the message and announces the blessing bestowed upon her by God (4).



2. *The position of Archangel Gabriel's feet suggest that he is running to share the news with Mary (detail).*

The Archangel's right hand is extended towards Mary as he announces the blessing bestowed upon her [Mary] by God (detail).





On the right side of the icon the Virgin sits on an elevated seat, indicating that as the Mother of God she is "greater in honor than the cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word." In her left hand she holds a spindle of scarlet yarn (5) which depicts the task she was assigned of preparing the purple and scarlet material to be used in making the veil for the Temple in Jerusalem. Her right hand is raised in a gesture of acceptance in response to Gabriel's message (6). Her posture expresses willing cooperation with God's plan of salvation. The three stars on her garments (7) represent that she was a Virgin before, during, and after the birth of Christ.



6. *Mary's right hand is raised in acceptance of Gabriel's message (detail).*



7. *The three stars on the garments of the Theotokos represent that she was a Virgin before, during, and after the birth of Christ (detail).*



8. *A depiction of the divine realm and the Holy Spirit coming upon the Theotokos (detail).*

At the top of the icon the segment of a circle represents the divine realm (8), from which three rays emerge. This demonstrates the action of the Holy Spirit coming upon her.

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