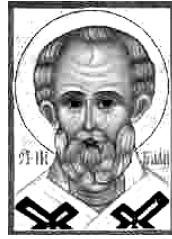


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Rev. Dn. Joseph Mell, *Attached*
Ms. Doris Wasilko, *Choir Director*

Sunday of St Mary of Egypt

Schedule of Services and Activities

Sunday, March 21st – 5:00 PM

St Mary Church, Southside

Monday, March 22nd – 5:00 PM

Tuesday, March 23rd – 5:00 PM

Wednesday, March 24th – 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 25th – 6:00 PM

Great Feast of the Annunciation to the Mother of God

Friday, March 26th – 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 27th – 9:30 AM

Lazarus Saturday – Children’s Breakfast to follow. We also need help bundling pussy willows!

Saturday, March 27th – 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 28th – 10:00 AM

Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, March 28th – 5:00 PM

Deanery Mission Service at our Church

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Daily Vespers (Church)

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Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Vesperal Divine Liturgy

Moleben for Those who are Sick

Divine Liturgy

Great Vespers

Festal Divine Liturgy

Bridegroom Matins

Thank you to everyone who so generously gave of their time during yesterday’s retreat with Fr Thomas Hopko. Our Chancellor noted that this was one of the larger gatherings in recent memory. There were many extraordinary preparations that took place to get ready for this event. Thank you to Sandi Tirpak and Lois Fuller and their hard working crew of food servers for feeding hungry learners yesterday, as well as to all those who prepared and donated the delicious food! Thank you also to Paul Parlock and his crew of workers for their persistence in changing all of the ceiling tiles in the hall which looks great! And thank you to those who cleaned a very dirty church hall after the installation – Doris Wasilko, Marsha Wasilko, Sandi Tirpak, Michelle Bittner, Mary Hughes, Tijana Timatyos, and Steve Hrush. A special thank you also to Tijana Timatyos (of Chicago) for having over \$2,000 of ceiling tiles donated to made our hall look presentable! It took many people over many days to make yesterday’s event possible. Thank you to everyone who made it such a wonderful event.

Please remember that we are holding the Mission Service next Sunday. We will serve desserts, coffee, tea, etc. Please continue with your support for this event. Thank you, Sandi Tirpak (412-458-1489).

Our annual Lenten collection “Easter Baskets for Needy Families” is wrapping up next Sunday, March 28th. Please look for the insert in today’s bulletin for needed items; however, **we are especially in need of monetary donations for perishable items and for gifts for children.** Please see Donya Yewisiak, project coordinator, for more information. God bless you for your generosity!

This month’s Hoagie/Wrap Sale will be held this Wednesday/Thursday, March 24/25. The cost of the hoagies and wraps remain the same...\$5 for an Italian Hoagie or Wrap and \$5.50 for a Turkey Hoagie or Wrap. Orders need to be called to 412 771-0176, faxed to 412 771-2111 or emailed to mbittner109@verizon.net by 7 p.m. on Monday, March 22. Assembly begins at 9 a.m. (8 a.m. if you are available to help assemble the condiments) in the church hall. All our welcome to help. Orders will be ready for pick up between noon and 1:30 p.m. Thank you.

This Wednesday’s Presanctified Liturgy will be the last one during the Lenten season in our parish. Please make every effort to attend this magnificent service, especially if you’ve not had the opportunity to attend yet. Parishioners are asked to bring a Lenten dish for the Potluck following.

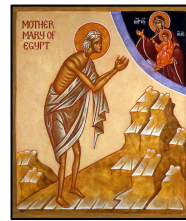
Upcoming Events! Konevets Quartet at St Mark Church, Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 PM

Vigil Light Donations (*Please remember the following people in your prayers*) **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, George, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary and Uncle Mike Wasilko; for the health of the Wasilko family, Carol Kowalcheck and Olga Kasnot. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, Uncle Mike Wasilko; for the health of sister, Doris & Marsha, Olga Kasnot and Helen March Shancey. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank and (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas, Archpriest Eugene--Memory Eternal; for the health of my children, Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Carol, John, Theodore, Joann, Mildred, Michael, Nancy; Community of St. Nicholas; men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, Uncle Michael Wasilko; for the health of the Wasilko family and Olga Kasnot. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the health of George Shaytar, John Shaytar, Donna Shaytar, Carol Lugin, Pete Kerchum, Helen Shancey & carol Kowalcheck. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the departed servant, Tanya Stark; for the health of Gina Pravlochak and Olga Kasnot. **From Mat. Joni Soroka** for the departed servant, (granny) Elizabeth Corey (11yr. 3/20); for the health of Amy Filosi. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health & salvation for our family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Carol Kowalcheck** thanksgiving for God’s blessings. **From Tom & Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Johanna, George & Beverly Porvzanik and Victor Robes; for the health of Granny, Ron, Jackie, Teresa and Georgiann; for health, happiness and Christian love in Rob & Teresa’s new home!. **From Raisa Burd** for the health of Alexandra, Tatyana and Yevgeniy. **From Tatiana Sechler** for the departed servants, Sergei, Bruce, Maria, Maria, Polina, Valentina, Victor and Marina; for the health of Nina, Tatyana, Nina, Dasha, Slava and Galina. **From John A. Tirpak** for the departed servants, John & Anne Tirpak; for the health of Alexandria & John and their families and for a secure retirement.

This bulletin is offered in memory of parents Charles and Mary Wasilko, by Charles A. Wasilko.

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Tone 8

Troparion of the Resurrection

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: Glory to Thee.

Tone 8

Troparion to St Mary of Egypt

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away,
but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal.
Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels!

Tone 3

Kontakion to St Mary of Egypt

Having been a sinful woman,
you became, through repentance, a bride of Christ.
Having attained angelic life,
you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross,
Therefore, O most glorious Mary, you are a bride of the Kingdom!

Tone 6

Kontakion of the Theotokos

Steadfast protectress of Christians,
constant advocate before the creator,
do not despise the cry of us sinners,
but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith.
Hasten to hear our intercessions and to intercede for us, O Theotokos
For you always protect those who honor you.

Tone 8

Prokeimenon of the Resurrection (Psalm 76)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

Epistle (Hebrews 9:11-14)

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)

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."

While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting,

non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us downstairs for coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.