

06 APRIL 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

5TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST / MARY OF EGYPT, VENERABLE 4/6/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Kevin and ✕ Juliann Chalmers (req. by Mike Kohan)

11:00 AM (E) ✕ Ronnie Patrick (req. by Duane & Kathy Adams)

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY and Confessions

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E)

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS 4/12/25

Friday: 6:30 PM (G) Lazarus Divine Liturgy and Confessions

PALM SUNDAY 4/13/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✕ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Sipple & Pushchak Families)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Fr. John Onesko (req. by Victor & Sandra Wheeler)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

03/30/25 \$1658.00

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD APRIL COLLECTION – Boxed macaroni & cheese

Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”

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STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS – APOSTLES OF THE SLAVS

The patron saints of this parish were brothers who were born in Thessalonica, located in the Byzantine Empire. Their parents spoke both Greek and a Slavic dialect. The brothers grew up speaking both languages. They were sent to Constantinople for their higher education. Later the Byzantine emperor sent them as missionaries to spread Christianity in Slavic territories. They developed the Slavonic alphabet from their knowledge of Greek and translated Scripture and liturgical books into Church Slavonic. St. Cyril became a monk and died in Rome on February 14, 869. St. Methodius became a bishop for the Slavic region of Moravia and died on April 6, 885. They are remembered for bringing Christianity to the Slavic areas of Eastern Europe.

ST. MARY OF EGYPT (EARLY 5TH CENTURY)

Mary spent seventeen years as a prostitute in Alexandria, Egypt. Out of curiosity, she joined a group who were traveling to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, she had a conversion experience and renounced her previous sinful life. She crossed the Jordan River and lived as a hermit in the desert for her remaining forty-seven years as an act of penance. A priest named Zosimos would bring her communion once a year in the desert. That is what is pictured on this week’s bulletin cover.

We All Need Support

When the devil tempted Jesus in the desert, he offered him quick fixes. However, when the angel comforted Jesus in his agony in the garden, he did not take away his suffering. Instead, the angel came alongside him and ministered to him, offering comfort and consolation. This image of Jesus in the garden with the angel by his side reminds us that none of us, not even Jesus, can avoid suffering, but we have many means, both heavenly and earthly, to find comfort.

Jesus did not go into the garden alone. He brought friends along, and even though they let him down by falling asleep, he repeatedly went to them for help. The truth is, we need each other, not just during life-and-death situations, but also for the daily trials of life. Do not be afraid to reach out. If your friends disappoint you, keep looking for support. There are no quick fixes, but there will always be someone in heaven or on earth who will walk with you on the way toward peace.

Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem

Lord and Master of my life
Spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair,
Lust for power, and idle chatter.

Instead, bestow on me, your servant,
The spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love.

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins
And not judge my brothers and sisters;
For you are blessed forever and ever. Amen.

JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner