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Пасха
19 Апреля
Pascha
April 19

Schedule for the Week of April 5 - 11, 2020

Sunday Apr 5 St. Mary of Egypt / Преп. Марии Египетския
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия

Monday Apr 6 Vigil for Annunciation
6:30 PM

Tuesday Apr 7 Annunciation / Благовещение
9 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday Apr 11 Palm Sunday Vigil
5:30 PM

Sunday Apr 12 Palm Sunday / Неделя Вайй
9 AM Divine Liturgy

Because of the severe limits imposed, we can have only 10 people in the church at one time.

Note: Blessed Palm/Pussy Willows will be available for pickup from 11A – 3P Sunday, April 12. They will be located in a container near the Church entrance.

Holy Week & Pascha Services

Holy Thursday Apr 16 Reading of 12 Gospels
6 PM / 12 Евангелий

Holy Friday
Vespers / Вынос Плащаницы -- 2 PM
Matins / Погребение - 6:30 PM

Holy Saturday Apr 18 9AM – Service
11 PM Nocturns

PASCHA Apr 19 Midnight(12:01 AM): Matins followed
By Paschal Liturgy

Note; Because of the severe limits imposed by the current epidemic, Easter Basket blessing / Освящение Куличей / will be by appointment only, from 3 PM to 11 PM Saturday evening, April 18. Please make arrangement to schedule your appointment by email or phone call:

Email: rsmnch@msn.com
Or church phone: 763 574 1001

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The lack of our ability to hold normal services has placed a great strain on all of us, especially financially.

We ask that during this time, you consider mailing in your offerings and donations until the epidemic passes and we can resume normal services. We thank those of you who were thoughtful enough to mail in your donations; but we ask all of you to consider doing so, so as to offset our bills and expenses. In the last 3 weeks we have received only 2 donations.

We thank you for your consideration and help in these difficult times.

Dear parishioners and friends –

Live-streaming is available for some of our services. Please call the church at 763 574 1001 if you are interested, to find out how to plug in.

Happy Birthday and Многая Лета to Olga Poppenhagen, who celebrated her birthday last week!

Не сомнивайтесь в человеколюбии Божиим

Кающийся же истинно есть тот, который, исповедуя свои грехи и жалея о них, полагает, надеясь на помощь Божию, твердое намерение никогда не возвращаться к своим прежним делам и всячески блюстись от них. Такой сподобляется как Божественного причащения, так и милосердия Божия, хотя бы он был и весьма недостойным.

Примером такого сподобления при несовершенном достоинстве может быть преподобная Мария Египетская. О ней пишется, что она настолько была недостойна Божией милости из-за своей грешной жизни, что даже церковь не желала ее впустить внутрь себя, о чем она после сама рассказывала преподобному Зосиме на исповеди, говоря: когда моя грешная нога коснулась церковного порога, то церковь принимавшая всех, не приняла меня окаянной, но появилось как бы воинство для того, чтобы загородить вход, и возбранила мне войти какая-то сила Божия.

Когда же сия грешница положила в сердце своем истинное покаяние, намерение и твердое обещание никогда не возвращаться ко греху, то тотчас не только церковь ее впустила внутрь себя, но в тот же день она сподобилась причащения Божественных Таин Тела и Крови Христовых в церкви Иоанна Предтечи, что при Иордане, как об этом пространно пишется в Житии этой святой.

Посмотрим теперь. Она ни удовольствия не сделала за грехи свои, ни коснулась скорбного пустынного жития и постнических подвигов: едва день один прошел после ее скверной жизни, но уже от нее, истинно кающейся, не отнимается Чаша Господня.

Итак, ... только истинно покайся, и положи в сердце своем обещание не возвращаться, как пес, на свою блевотину. Имея такое покаяние, ты хотя и не совершил удовольствия за грехи свои, хотя и не являешься достойным так, как подобает быть достойным, однако же, уповая на милосердие Божие, непреодолимое и всеми человеческими грехами, дерзай приступить ко причащению.

Дерзай со страхом, а бойся с надеждою, не сомневаясь в человеколюбии Божиим, и получишь оставление твоих грехов. *(Свят. Димитрий Ростовский)*

Who was St. Mary of Egypt and what is her significance today?

Born in Alexandria in Egypt in the middle of the fifth century, as a young girl Mary fell into the vice of prostitution. For seventeen years, from the age of 12 until the age of 29, she lived the life of a harlot. However, once finding herself in Jerusalem, out of curiosity, she went to see the Precious Cross of Christ. She found that she was unable to enter the church where St Helen had placed the Cross, for some invisible force prevented her from entering in. So frightened was she at this, that she asked the Mother of God through an icon at the entrance to the church, why this was. The Mother of God replied to her that Mary first needed to repent and obey her. Only after promising to do this was Mary allowed to enter the church in Jerusalem. After then entering and venerating the Cross, Mary heard the Mother of God telling her: 'If you cross the Jordan, you will find true peace' So shaken was Mary by these events that she did indeed forsake all her old life and, having taken communion, she crossed the Jordan, and went to live there in the desert. She became withered and emaciated, as we can see in the icon of her, but nevertheless she survived there for some forty-eight years. Then she was discovered by a pious monk, Zosimas.. It was to him that she related her life which we have today The Life of St Mary teaches us many things. Perhaps the first and most obvious lesson that the Life of St. Mary of Egypt teaches us is that we should never judge, never pre-judge. Who will be saved? It is impossible to answer this question, for it is never too late to repent, even for us. Humanly speaking, we are condemned; but by the grace of God everything, including the height of repentance, is possible.

На Украшение Плащаницы

Please consider a donation for Paschal flowers and adornment of the church, and to help during this virus epidemic.

From: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

