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Schedule for the Week of August 4 – 10, 2019

Sunday Aug 4	St. Mary Magdalene / Св. Марии Магдалины
Saturday Aug 10	5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday Aug 11	Martyr Callinicus 8:15 AM Nocturns, Hours, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия
Wednesday Aug 14	Beginning of Dormition Fast Начало Успенского поста

После сошествия Святого Духа на апостолов, св. Мария благовествовала сначала в Италии, а потом, уже в преклонном возрасте, переселилась в Ефес.

Там она закончила земную жизнь и была погребена. Ее святые мощи в IX в. были перенесены в Константинополь. В эпоху крестовых походов их перенесли в Италию и положили в Риме под алтарем Латеранского собора. Часть мощей Марии Магдалины находится во Франции, близ Марселя.



Равноапостольная Мирносица Мария Магдалина



Св. Мария родилась и выросла в городке Магдале, расположенном на берегу Геннисаретского озера. Предание сообщает, что Мария была молода, красива и вела распутную жизнь.

Христос изгнал из нее семь бесов, и после этого исцеления Мария

стала верной ученицей Господа. Евангелие повествует, что Мария Магдалина находилась на Голгофе в момент распятия Иисуса и бесстрашно оставалась у Креста вместе с Богородицей и ап. Иоанном. Мария была первой, кому явился Воскресший Христос.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you who celebrated our Feast Day this past week on Wednesday and Thursday together with our Archbishop Peter who joined us this year for all services.

We especially want to thank the choir and the additional singers who joined us for the services, and for Lydia and the Sisterhood who not only decorated the church for the feast day, but prepared all the delicious food for the meals we shared with the Bishop – both the evening meal and the big feast day dinner afterwards.

And we also thank all of you who contributed your time and efforts above the ordinary in order to have everything run smoothly.

May God grant you all his mercy and many years for all the extra work and effort you put in to make this celebration with our Archbishop joyful and memorable.

Fr John & Brethren

St. Mary Magdalene was born in Syria, within the environs of Magdala, and, believing in Christ, she followed Him. Up to her conversion to Christ she had the terrible illness of possession by demons (*Lk. 8:2; Mk. 16:9*). Gratitude for the Savior Who expelled seven demons from her and gave her new life ignited in her heart such faith and love for Him that could not be extinguished by anything in the world. She turned her soul and heart to Him alone.

Following Jesus Christ, deeply believing, ardently, disinterestedly and with selfless love in relation to the Savior, Mary combined in herself the worthiness of both sisters of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. And she received from Him the mystery of the Kingdom of God, and served Him from her own estate (*Lk. 8:2-3; Mk. 15:40-41*).

St. Mary did not leave the Savior even when His very disciples, "forsook Him, and all fled" (*Mk. 14:50*). Full of faith, love and boundless fidelity to the Savior, Mary, accompanied Him to Golgotha through the crowds of people who were jeering at the Crucified One, drew near to His very cross and suffered with Him participating in the severe grief of the most pure Mother of Jesus, eased the inconsolable illness of her soul, was present at the burial of the Savior, did not leave her Lord after His burial and sat "directly by His grave" up to the complete darkness of night and the Sabbath Day of rest does not force her to leave (*Mt. 27:55-56, 61; Mk. 15:40-41, 47; Jn. 19:25*).

"Saturday having past by, Mary Magdalene", having anticipated everything, "came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, to anoint Jesus". Such ardent love for the Lord, such constant fidelity to Him in the very difficult minutes of testing of faith was adequately rewarded by the Lord Himself. St. Mary was the first to see the empty tomb where "two Angels in white robes were sitting" who announced to her the resurrection of Christ; she was deigned to be the first who was shown the risen Lord

Himself and Who sent her to announce to His disciples the holy joy of the *resurrection* (*Jn. 20:11-18; Mk. 16:9-10*).

All the rest of the life of St. Mary was entirely devoted to the humble service to the preachers of the Gospel of Christ, to their assistance in converting unbelievers, in the education and statements in the faith of those converted, and in glorifying the name of the Lord Jesus Christ all over the world

Tradition says that St. Mary penetrated Rome to the court of Caesar and announced to the terribly-gloomy Emperor Tiberius "Christ is Risen!", and as a gift brought him a decorated egg (a symbol of death out of which life is born), and told him about the lawlessness of Pilate and the Judaic high priests, who condemned Jesus Christ. Traveling to Rome and back to Asia from Italy, she passed through many countries, telling the good news about Christ. Later, having arrived in Ephesus to St. John the Theologian, she served together with him for the salvation of man, when finally she reposed in the Lord with a blessed dormition, having earned this, together with the sacred name of myrrh-bearing woman, and the other most sacred name of Equal to the Apostles and the eternal glory both with the Lord God in the heavens, and among Christians on earth.

During the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise the relics of St. Mary were translated to Constantinople and placed in the Monastery of St. Lazarus. (*excerpted from S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2nd ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), pp. 0251-0253. Translated by Archpriest Eugene D Tarris © July 6, 2005. All rights reserved.*)