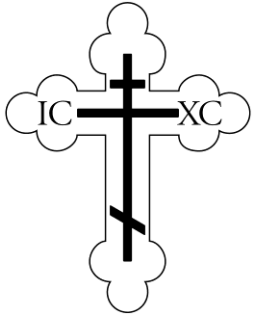
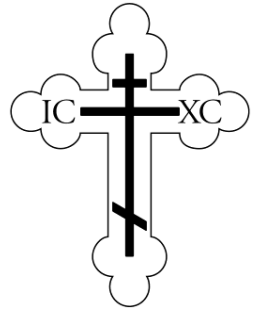


# Protection of the Virgin Mary



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Great Vespers: 6pm Saturdays  
Divine Liturgy: 10am Sundays  
Confessions are heard before or  
after Vespers or by appointment.

**Welcome visitors!  
Please join us in  
the parish hall after  
Divine Liturgy for  
coffee hour.**

## **April 14, 2019** **Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**

*For Great Lent we celebrate the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.*

**Today we give thanks to God for the retirement  
of our Church's mortgage!**

### **HYMNS OF THE DAY**

#### **Tone 5 – Resurrectional Troparion**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead//  
by His glorious Resurrection.

### **Tone 4 – Troparion of Thanksgiving**

We Your unworthy servants, O Lord,  
grateful for Your great benefits which You have showed to us,  
glorify You, praise, bless, give thanks, sing, and magnify Your  
lovingkindness,  
and with love we cry aloud unto You in humble submissiveness://  
O our Benefactor and Savior, glory to You!

### **Tone 8 – Troparion for 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, for it is immortal://  
Therefore, your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

### **Tone 5 – Resurrectional Kontakion**

You descended into hell, O my Savior,  
shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.  
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, //  
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

### **Tone 3 – Kontakion for St. Mary**

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 3 – Theotokion of Thanksgiving**

O Theotokos, the helper of Christians,  
having acquired your protection,  
we your servants gratefully cry aloud to you:  
Rejoice, most pure Virgin Theotokos!  
And from all calamities  
deliver us always by your prayers, //  
O you who alone are a speedy helper in trouble!

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **Epistle: Hebrews 9.11-14 (for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent)**

Brethren: 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?

### **Galatians 3.23-29 (for St. Mary of Egypt)**

Brethren, before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore, the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

### **Gospel: Mark 10.32-45 (for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent)**

At that time, 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.”

### **Luke 7.36-50 (for St. Mary of Egypt)**

Great multitudes followed Jesus – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**N.Dep.** Anthony Leone

David Envall

Anatol Meuch

**Ev.Mem.** Naum Christoff ('17)

Dimitri Nandov ('19)

Simeon Chipko ('56)

Helen Szymanski ('56)

Wilma Mosak ('81)

Michael Grisak ('94)

Mat. Ann Rozdelsky

Sonia Leskow

Olive Leskow

Julius Leskow

Antonina Leskow

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**Salvation:**

Protopr. George

Mat. Anna

Archiman. Cyril

Archpr. Peter

Archpr. John

Pr. John

Pr. Christopher

Mat. Jennifer

Andrew

Gideon

Kevin

Jon

Tanya

Kimberly

Gail

William

Jovan

Charles

Barbara

Theodore

Michael

Julia

Warren

Loretta

Gilbert

Carol

Peter

Janie

Tom

Elizabeth

Tina

Adam

Myah

Margaret

Diane

Madelin

Villian

Deborah

Claudia

John

Carisa

Natalia

Elizabeth

Tom

Paul

Alexander

Darlene

Kristin

Mitchel

Brittany

Jennifer

David

Roger

Tina

Chris

Benjamin

Juliana

Joseph

Cathy

Laurie

Lennox

Laila

Richard

Paula

Christopher

Brian

Jennifer

Janet

Nicholas

Kevin

Barbara

Thomas

Allyson

Daniel

Albert

Kenneth

\*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks be to God! As of this past Tuesday, April 9, **our church's mortgage has been paid off** after receipt of a bequest from the Leskow trust. After Pascha, the parish council will begin planning a mortgage burning party to be held this summer. Following the veneration of the cross we will serve a panakhida for Julius, Antonina, Sonia and Olive Leskow, along with Mat. Ann Rozdelsky (whose 17-year memorial is tomorrow).

The **Pascha bake sale** is today. Pick up your orders and browse available baked goods during coffee hour today.

Following coffee hour today and next Sunday there will be **choir rehearsals** to prepare music for Holy Week and Pascha.

**Descent of the Holy Ghost** holds their **annual fish dinner** today at 12:30. Adults: \$15. Students: \$7. Under 7 free.

**Cleaning day** to prepare the Church for Holy Week and Pascha will be on **Lazarus Saturday** (this Saturday). Divine Liturgy is at 10am, followed by a **children's procession** and **pancake breakfast**. Then the children will help **make palms** while the adults beautify the church. We need every hand on deck to make the Church as beautiful as possible for Pascha.

O-Club is hosting a **Trivia Night fundraiser** at St. Mary's Center on Friday, May 3 to support Meals-on-Wheels and its other outreach endeavors. Flyers are available in the narthex. There is an O-Club meeting today to make plans for final preparations. If you want to volunteer at Trivia Night, please come to the meeting.

## Mark your calendars:

Apr 17: **Presanctified Liturgy @ 6pm**

Apr 19: **Presanctified Liturgy @ 10am**

**Presanctified Liturgy at Descent of the Holy Ghost @ 6pm**

Apr 20: **Lazarus Saturday: Liturgy @ 10am**, followed by pancake breakfast and making palms/cleaning church

**Apr 21: Palm Sunday: Procession into Church @ 10am  
Bridegroom Matins at Holy Trinity Cathedral @ 6pm**

**Apr 22: Bridegroom Matins @ 6pm**

**Apr 23: Bridegroom Matins @ 6pm**

**Apr 24: Bridegroom Matins @ 2pm**

**Holy Unction at Descent of the Holy Ghost @ 6pm**

**Apr 25: Liturgy of the Last Supper @ 10am**

**Matins of the Passion of Our Lord @ 6pm**

**Apr 26: Royal Hours at Descent of the Holy Ghost @ 8am**

**Vespers of the Entombment of Christ @ 2pm**

**Lamentations and procession w/Plashchanitsa @ 6pm**

**Apr 27: Vespereal Liturgy of Pascha (the harrowing of hell and  
change into white) @ 10am**

**Paschal Vigil @ 11pm**

**Apr 28: Agape Vespers @ 11am followed by Easter Egg Hunt**

**Apr 29: Bright Monday Liturgy @ 10am**

**May 3: O-Club Trivia Night to benefit Meals on Wheels of  
Northwest Indiana. Doors open @ 6pm; trivia @ 6:30**

**Jun 1: Annual Golf Outing**

**Last Week's Offerings to the Lord:**

**General Fund: \$3,857**

**Mortgage: \$173**

**“Not My Will, but Thy Will be Done”**

**by His Grace, our Bishop Paul**

*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:5-8).*

Most of us are very familiar with this reading from Philippians. It is read at most of the Marian Feasts. These words from Saint Paul express the mind we seek to acquire, the fact that “this mind” is ours in Christ, and that Christ is obedient even unto death on a cross. As I said last week: love, trust, and obedience come together in the life-creating death of our Savior on the Cross. This perfect, mature obedience is founded on our Lord’s trust in His Heavenly Father; therefore, He obeys out of love for Him and for us in seeking our salvation.

The goal of obedience in life, especially family life, is this “mind” we are to acquire, which is ours in Christ. This icon of obedience brings joy into the world and brings people to their right mind. And when we are able to acquire this mind, we realize obedience is joyful, and even easy. One wants to obey and no longer has to obey.

So God accomplishes this work in us when we acquire the mind of Christ. We can’t do this on our own. That is what we do during Lent. We can’t dumb down our fast to the point where there is no longer any sacrifice in it. Fasting is supposed to be difficult. It is supposed to help us give up wants and hungers that dominate our lives that have nothing to do with our salvation and well-being. We pray to tell our Lord “apart from Him we can do nothing.” We pray to seek communion with Him and that He would illumine the path on which we are to walk. We give alms to put others ahead of our own needs. We learn what it means to be a good steward with the things of this world by living this way.

May we, in the remaining time of this fast, move a few steps closer to acquiring this mind of our Lord.

Forgive me a sinner,

+Paul

# Glory to God for all things!