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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request

Epistle Heb: 9:11-14

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45

PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Pat Federonko, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Mildred Cislo, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Brian Kurtyka, Ryan Kerrigan, and Frances Munaco.

Father Timothy and Matushka are continuing with services. If you can, pray with them at the time the services are scheduled. Please continue to pray for those who are afflicted with this disease, as well as those who put their lives on the line administering to the sick, and also for those who serve our communities – police, emergency personnel, fireman, government officials, and those working to provide necessities for us.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK OF LENT - by Fr. Timothy and Matushka Sherry

Wednesday, April 8th – Presanctified Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Lazarus Saturday, April 11th Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Palm Sunday- April 12th Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Pussy Willows 9:30 a.m.

GOSPEL 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARK: 10:32-45 –At that time, Jesus took his twelve Disciples aside and began to explain to them what would befall him: “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem., There the Messiah will be betrayed into the hands of the high priests and the scribes; they will sentence him to death; They will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him; they will flog him; and they will kill him. But he will rise again on the third day.” Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Him and said: “Master, we want you to do for us whatever we ask?” Jesus asked them; “What do you want me to do for you?” They replied: “Grant us that we may sit one at your right and one at your left in the day of your glory.” Jesus said to them: “You do not know what you ask. Can you drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” They answered him: “We can.”

Jesus said to them: “Indeed, you will drink the cup that I drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. But to sit at my right and my left is not mine to grant, for it belongs to those for whom it has been prepared.” When the other ten Disciples heard this request, they began to be very indignant at James and John. Thereupon Jesus called them and said to them: “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it must not be so with you. On the contrary, whoever wants to be great among you must be your minister; and whoever wants to be your leader must be the servant of all. For the Messiah has not come to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many”.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT -- MARY OF EGYPT SUNDAY

Today we honor **St. Mary of Egypt - From Sinner to Saint**. The Story of St. Mary of Egypt is one of the great epics of repentance to be found in our church. Since repentance is a primary theme of the great Fast, it is no wonder that commemoration of this sinner who became a saint is made on the fifth Sunday of Lent?

Mary was born in Egypt some fifteen hundred years ago. At the age of 12, she left home and went to the city to be free from parental bounds and to taste the delights of the world. It wasn't long before she forgot all she was ever taught about morality, purity and virtue. For seventeen years she led a shameful life.

Finally, she learned the bitter truth: the world with all its sin cannot satisfy the deep yearning of the human soul, and Mary came to despise her life. She attempted to enter a church, but encountered an “invisible” barrier. She poured out her soul in sorrow and repentance. At last, the burden of sin was lifted and she was able to enter. She then crossed over the Jordan and sought peace in the wilderness of the desert.

Zosimus, a monastic who spent the Great Fast in the desert, found her one day and learned her amazing story. She had spent 47 years alone in the desert, except for the times in the Fast that Zosimus came and brought the Eucharist for her. The final time he came he could not locate her, but found these words traced in the desert sand: “Abba Zosimus, bury here the body of the sinner, Mary . . .” And so Zosimus returned to the monastic community and preserved the story of this truly penitent soul. (The Orthodox Weekly Bulletin - Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey)

PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE: Spring is approaching and our parking lot is in need of maintenance – filling of cracks and top coating. This project will be costly so we are asking members to help. Use the envelopes labeled “Parking Lot Repair” - available in the vestibule (or label your own envelope). Please use this envelope when making your donation and place it in the collection basket or mail to church. As always, your support will be appreciated. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD AND BE AT PEACE AND OF GREAT LOVE!!!!!!