

St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, as part of Orthodox Campus Fellowship
At the University of Mount Union, Dewald Chapel. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)

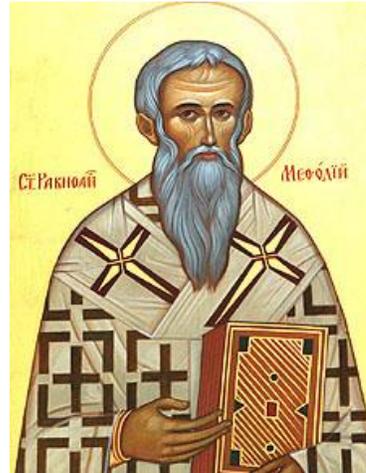
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April 6, 2014: Fifth Sunday of Lent: St. Mary of Egypt/ St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople/ St. Methodius, Enlightener of the Slavs



St. Mary of Egypt



St. Methodius

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 8 Troparion (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 4 Troparion (St. Nikolai)

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Nikolai, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 3 Kontakion (St Mary of Egypt)

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.

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!
v: *In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.*

Tone 8 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing the following Hymn to the Theotokos)

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men.

O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages.

He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Schedule of this week's Services:

Wednesday, April 9, Presanctified Liturgy, 7 pm. Mt Union Chapel.

Saturday, April 12, Lazarus Saturday Liturgy, 9 am. There will be a general Parastas (memorial service) at the end of Liturgy. Please bring the names of departed family members, relatives, Kumovi, loved ones (printed) to be commemorated.

(Confessions will be heard after Lazarus Saturday Liturgy)

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday Liturgy, 9 am.

Palms have been ordered, donations covering the \$25 cost are welcome.

Holy Week Schedule:

Monday, April 14, Bridegroom Matins, 7 pm. *(Confessions will be heard after)*

Wednesday, April 16, Holy Unction, 7 pm.

Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday Liturgy, 9 am.

Thursday, April 17, Matins for Holy Friday with 12 Passion Gospels, 7 pm.

Friday, April 18, Holy Friday Vespers, 3 pm.

Friday, April 18, Matins of Holy Saturday, 7 pm.

Saturday, April 19, Holy Saturday Liturgy, 9 am.

Saturday, April 19, Nocturn, **Resurrection Matins & Pascha Liturgy**, 10 pm.

With blessing of eggs & food baskets with fellowship following Liturgy.

Pascha Donations:

Flowers: If you are interested, we are accepting donations towards flowers for the Tomb of our Lord and Pascha. Please indicate on your envelope if you would like to contribute towards flowers and if you would like it to be a memorial.

Eggs: Please bring red eggs to be blessed and handed out following Pascha Liturgy.

Baskets: As we did last year, please prepare and bring a food basket to Pascha Services, Saturday night, April 19, where they will be blessed at the end of Liturgy. Again, as we did last year, you are

encouraged to share some of your favorite foods with one another when we break the fast following the Pascha Liturgy.

Pascha Invitation: The Gresh family is again inviting everyone to their annual Pascha celebration at their home (9135 Gans Avenue, Canton, Ohio 44721) beginning at noon, April 20. Please join this Orthodox family celebration of the Resurrection! Please bring a covered dish and if you have a favorite drink, bring that too! (Feel free to bring any members of your family or close friends – all are welcome).

St. Mary of Egypt began her life as a young woman who followed the passions of the body, running away from her parents at age twelve for Alexandria. There she lived as a harlot for seventeen years, refusing money from the men that she copulated with, instead living by begging and spinning flax. One day, however, she met a group of young men heading toward the sea to sail to Jerusalem for the veneration of the Holy Cross. Mary went along for the ride, seducing the men as they traveled for the fun of it. But when the group reached Jerusalem and actually went towards the church, Mary was prohibited from entering by an unseen force. After three such attempts, she remained outside on the church patio, where she looked up and saw an icon of the Theotokos. She began to weep and prayed with all her might that the Theotokos might allow her to see the True Cross; afterwards, she promised, she would renounce her worldly desires and go wherever the Theotokos may lead her. After this heart-felt conversion at the doors of the church, she fled into the desert to live as an ascetic. She survived for years on only three loaves of bread and thereafter on scarce herbs of the land. For another seventeen years, Mary was tormented by "wild beasts – mad desires and passions." After these years of temptation, however, she overcame the passions and was led by the Theotokos in all things.

Following 47 years in solitude, she met the priest St. Zosima in the desert, who pleaded with her to tell him of her life. She recounted her story with great humility while also demonstrating her gift of clairvoyance; she knew who Zosima was and his life story despite never having met him before. Finally, she asked Zosima to meet her again the following year at sunset on Holy Thursday by the banks of the Jordan.

Zosima did exactly this, though he began to doubt his experience as the sun began to go that night. Then Mary appeared on the opposite side of the Jordan; crossing herself, she miraculously walked across the water and met Zosima. When he attempted to bow, she rebuked him, saying that as a priest he was far superior, and furthermore, he was holding the Holy Mysteries. Mary then received communion and walked back across the Jordan after giving Zosima instructions about his monastery and that he should return to where they first met exactly a year later. When he did so, he found Mary's body with a message written on the sand asking him for burial and revealing that she had died immediately after receiving the Holy Mysteries the year before. Thus St. Mary of Egypt was buried. Zosima returned to the monastery, told all he had seen, and improved the faults of the monks and abbot there. He died at almost a hundred years old in the same monastery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LENTEN FISH DINNERS:

Dinners are served from 5 to 7 PM at the Marlinton Middle School. Please check the website for our flyer. We need volunteers to help cook, serve and clean up! If you can help in any way please contact Tom Baier in person or via the Mission email (stnikolaimission@gmail.com) Pass the word and encourage friends and co-workers to come and try the best fish dinner in the area!

COFFEE HOUR:

Thank you to Amy Catania and Allison Krupko for serving as Coffee Hour Host last week.

This Sunday, our host is Dan Ralich.

Heidi Gresh and family will host coffee hour on April 13.

PRAYERS:

Candi (friend of John and Lynette Baier)

Wendy (friend of Lana Baier)

Jacquelyn, friend of Dan and Jake Krupko who has been ill.

Jean Minnick Co-worker of Katie White's, whose father, Edgar Pryor passed away on March 4. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Prayers for the repose of Metropolitan Philip of the Antiochian Archdiocese who passed away Wednesday March 19 from a heart attack.

Prayers for the repose of the soul of Father Joe's and Bishop Mark's dear friend, +Father Alexander Atty, who passed away March 23.

Prayers for Amy and Matt Catania, as they are expecting Camryn's baby brother in the next few weeks.

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