

## The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (9:11–14)

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?

## The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (10:32–45)

At that time, the disciples 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.”

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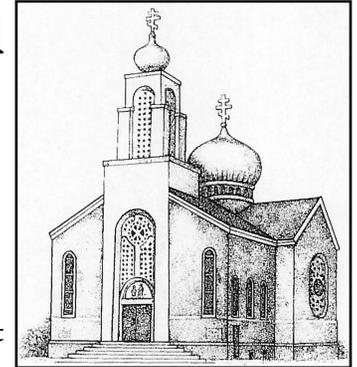
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Fifth Sunday of Lent—Tone 1  
St. Mary of Egypt  
April 10, 2022

Martyrs Terence, Pompeius,  
Africanus, Maximus, Zeno,  
Alexander, Theodore, Macarius, and  
33 others, beheaded at Carthage  
(3rd c.).

### Welcome!

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (this “antidoron” is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament). Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

For the Sundays of Great Lent, we use the older, more extensive form of the Liturgy—the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. The rest of the year, we use the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The Liturgy Books available at the doors of the church have both (as well as the Presanctified Liturgy we use on Wednesdays). You can find the Liturgy of St. Basil starting on page 101.

## Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to participate in our services online. Visit our website ([sspeterpaul.org](http://sspeterpaul.org)) for details.

Saturday, April 9	Great Vespers, followed by Confession	5 PM
Sunday, April 10	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
<i>St. Mary of Egypt</i>	Holy Unction Service Three Saints, 26 Howard Ave, Ansonia	4 PM
	This service is devoted to prayer and anointing (unction) for the healing of our souls and bodies. As the Apostle James taught: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (James 5:14–15).	
Wed., April 13	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, followed by a Lenten Supper	6 PM
Friday, April 15	Last Day of Great Lent	
Friday, April 15	Festal Matins—Eve of Raising of Lazarus	6 PM
Saturday, April 16	Divine Liturgy—Raising of Lazarus, followed by breakfast	9:30 AM
<i>Raising of Lazarus</i>	This day, we celebrate how our Lord raised his friend Lazarus, though he had already been dead in his tomb four days.	
	Assembly and Delivery of Easter Baskets to neighborhood families	
Saturday, April 16	Great Vespers of Palm Sunday, followed by Confession	5 PM
Sunday, April 17 <i>Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem</i>	Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy Palms and branches will be blessed before the service	9:30 AM
	Bridegroom Matins of Holy Monday Christ the Savior Church, Southbury	4 PM

There will be a **brief Special Parish Meeting immediately following the Liturgy today**. We will review emergency plumbing work on our apartment house in the last few days and consider further action.

Flyers with the **schedule of Holy Week services** are available in the narthex.

**We are now in the last week of Great Lent.** It is the responsibility of each member of the parish to **come to confession at least once during Lent, which ends on April 15**. Once we come to Holy Week, our attention truly should be turned from our own sins to the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection. Confessions are heard after any evening service, and also by appointment.

**We need a few dozen dyed red eggs to distribute on Pascha.** Please leave them in the parish refrigerator no later than Holy Saturday so that we can distribute them on Pascha.

### We Ask Your Prayers

**For the newly departed Dimitry.**

**For the Sick & Suffering:**

His Eminence, Archbishop Paul—Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest, who has been diagnosed with an incurable brain cancer  
 William (Derrig)—cousin of Sarah Massaro  
 Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident  
 Alexander (Mankevich)—Alzheimer's Disease  
 William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis  
 Judy (Zeuwalick)—Jen Sullivan's mother, suffering from a complicated operation  
 Gregory (Mankevich)                      Jill (Zadar)  
 Paul (Leonowich)                          Robert (Hodges)  
 Patricia (McFarland)                      Steven (Cardillo)  
 Margaret    Irene  
 Maria    Veronica  
 Cyprian and Dana                          Nicole and Naaman  
 Helen and Helene

**For Our Shut-Ins:**  
 Yvonne (Rutcho)                              Jennie (Padick)  
 Margaret (Savchik)                              Ann (Kreshik)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: [priest@sspeterpaul.org](mailto:priest@sspeterpaul.org) or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-284-0856.

## Hymns of the Day

### **Tone 1 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Your Kingdom!//  
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

### **Tone 4 Troparion – Apostles Peter and Paul**

O first-enthroned of the Apostles, teachers of the universe:  
entreat the Master of all  
to grant peace to the world,//  
and to our souls great mercy!

### **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 1 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Yourself.  
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.  
Adam exults, O Master!  
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://  
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

### **Tone 2 Kontakion – Apostles Peter and Paul**

O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest  
and to the enjoyment of Your blessings  
the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles,  
for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice,//  
for You alone know what lies in the hearts of men.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

### **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.  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **Tone 4 Kontakion** *(Steadfast Protectress)*

#### **Prokeimenon in the First Tone** *(Resurrection)*

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You!  
*(Ps. 32:22)*

*v:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!      *(Ps. 32:1)*

### **Tone 4 Prokeimenon** *(St. Mary of Egypt)*

God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel.      *(Ps. 67:35a)*

#### **Alleluia**

*v:* God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.      *(Ps. 17:48)*

*v:* He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David,  
His anointed, and his seed forever.      *(Ps. 17:51)*

*v:* I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my  
supplication.      *(Ps. 39:1)*

#### **(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)**

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 Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!      *(Ps. 148:1)*  
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil  
tidings!      *(Ps. 111:6)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!