

**The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (3:23–29)**

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.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (7:36–50)**

At that time, one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

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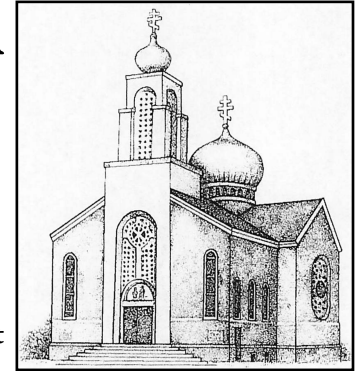
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Fifth Sunday of Great Lent—Tone 5  
St. Mary of Egypt  
April 21, 2024

Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, & his companions: Deacons Festus, Proculus, & Sosius; Reader Desiderius; & laymen Eutychius & Acutius at Pozzuoli (ca. 305).

## Glory to Jesus Christ!

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

Please feel free to follow along with a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors. For these Sundays during Great Lent, we are using the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. The most significant hymns and responses specifically for today are printed inside this bulletin.

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 for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called "antidoron," this blessed bread 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.

## Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to pray along with us, following our services online. Visit our website ([sspeterpaul.org](http://sspeterpaul.org)) for details.

Saturday, April 20	Parish Clean-Up Day	9–Noon
	Please help us prepare our church for Holy Week.	
	Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, April 21	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).	
Tuesday, April 23	Study of Luke 13–14 via Zoom: <a href="http://sspeterpaul.org/study">sspeterpaul.org/study</a>	7 PM
Wednesdays	Morning Prayer	8:15 AM
Thursday, April 25	<i>A Foundation in Orthodox Christianity</i> #8 via Zoom: “Personal Holiness”	6:30 PM
Wed., April 24	Prepare Palms & Branches for Palm Sunday	3 PM
	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, Supper	6 PM
Saturday, April 27	Matins & Liturgy— <i>Raising of Lazarus</i>	9 AM
	Chrismation of Robyn Levesque	4:30 PM
	Palm Sunday Vigil with blessing of palms	5 PM
Palm Sunday, April 28	Divine Liturgy— <i>Entrance into Jerusalem</i>	9:30 AM
	Bridegroom Matins at All Saints Church, 205 Scarborough Street, Hartford	4 PM

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

## We Ask Your Prayers

**Many years to all those who have as their heavenly patron** Great Martyr George (4/23), or St. Mark the Evangelist (4/25).

**Many years to those celebrating birthdays:** Bishop Benedict (4/19), John Barone & Yvonne Rutcho (4/23), Cyprian Kolpakov & Charlotte Anne Lombardi (4/27).

**The cross is lit for Yvonne Rutcho’s 95th birthday**, and also for the **wedding anniversary of Laura & Michael Panico**. May God grant them many years!

### For the Sick & Suffering:

Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident  
William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis

Joyce—friend of Mary Jane Rodgers

Julianna—friend of Sierra Levesque

Carol—friend of Mary Jane Rodgers

Gregory (Mankevich)                      Christopher (Sullivan)      Anita (Propheter)

Rosemary (Delaney)                      Douglas (Hodges)              Steven (Rygiel)

Michael (Edwards)                      Shawwna (Kelly)

Susan (Shulga Waas)                      Timothy (Waas)

Irene    Lorraine

Jacob    Katelyn

Crystal    Angela

Innocent    Larissa

Stacia    Georgiy

Cyprian and Dana                              Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene

### For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho)                              Jennie (Padick)

Margaret (Savchik)                              Helen (Olsen)

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: 203-623-5336.

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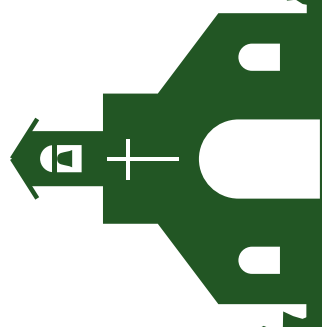


# Youth Rally

2024

August 5th - 10th

For ages  
9 - 17



At:

St. Methodius Faith and Heritage Center  
Contoocook, NH

[www.dneyouthrally.com](http://www.dneyouthrally.com)



## Hymns of the Day

### **Tone 5 Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

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** *(Apostles Peter & 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 5 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

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 2 Kontakion** *(Apostles Peter & 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 6 Kontakion** *Steadfast Protectress*

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

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.  
*(Ps. 11:7)*

*Verse:* Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! *(Ps. 11:1a)*

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

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

#### **Before the Gospel, the Alleluia**

*Verse:* I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will  
proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. *(Ps. 88:1-2)*

*Verse:* For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will  
be prepared in the heavens. *(Ps. 88:3)*

*Verse:* 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:*

#### **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 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)*