

SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

April 18, 2021

Saints Commemorated today: Holy Father John the Righteous, Disciple of St. Gregory Decapolis; Euthemios the Enlightener of Karelia; Cosmas, Bishop of Calcydon; John the New Martyr of Epiros and Athanasios the Wonderworker of Aegina

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9:11-14

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him 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 shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

ENTRANCE HYMN: 4TH TONE

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples spake to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

FOURTH MODE

As the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.

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PALM SUNDAY PLAKI LUNCHEON

Continuing our long-standing tradition of hosting the Palm Sunday luncheon, the Good Samaritans are happy to announce there will be a Plaki Luncheon this year on April 25, it just will look a little different. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, we will be hosting a carry-out only luncheon. We will take advance orders that are prepaid via the form included in this bulletin: **\$20 -Plaki, Mashed Potatoes, Skothalia, Vegetable, Salad.** Dinners must be ordered and prepaid by **Sunday, April 18.** Please email your reservations [here](#).

We apologize, but we will not have the capability of taking same day orders or collecting money at the time of pick up. All dinners will be packaged in takeout containers, and will be ready to pick up at the back doors of the Good Samaritan Cultural Center. We will have signs posted. Thank you for your support and understanding. We all are hopeful next year's luncheon will be back to normal, and we can all be together again.

PHILANTHROPY AT ST ANDREW

1) Thank you to everyone who donated last week to our collection to benefit Hellenic College / Holy Cross Seminary. We're grateful to be helping invest in the development of our Greek Orthodox clergy who keep our faith alive in the United States.

2) We are hosting another virtual pastry and Greek olive oil sale, this one delivering in time for Orthodox Pascha. Pre-paid order deadline is April 24, and pick-up is May 1, 10-12 behind the church. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer tsoureki with red egg this year. All proceeds benefit the philanthropic ministries of Saint Andrew. The order link is [here](#).

3) Thank you to everyone who has thus far donated to our Dress for Success campaign. We've had a tremendous response! Last day to donate is Pascha. Collection bins are in the foyer. Accepting all clothing and accessories that comprise a woman's business outfit.

PROSFORO COMMITTEE

We are in need of parishioners willing to join the Prosforo Committee. If needed, we will do an instructional class for anyone who would like to join but is not sure how to prepare the Prosforo. Generally it means making the Prosforo for four Sundays during the year (2 every six months) and occasionally making extra for weekday Liturgies. The more who sign up the less often each individual will need to cover a Sunday. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.

Jesus is the Bread of Life Who offers Himself for our salvation. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you have no life in you; he who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53-54).

DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Discretionary Fund is to assist local parishioners (individuals, and families) that have encountered financial hardship. If you would like to help please contact Father John or make donations payable to the Discretionary Fund.

VISITING SAINT ANDREW?

People of different religious affiliation or tradition are always welcome at the liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodoxy or have specific questions, please set up a time to speak with Father John.

YOUR PRAYERS HELP...

"...I was sick and you visited Me..." St. Matthew 25:36. "Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies have mercy, forgive and heal thy servants." The following brothers and sisters in Christ need your constant

prayers and love, recovering at home or ill at home/hospital: Vasilios Spentzos (home) and Nick Limberopoulos (home).

In nursing homes or home bound: Artemis Hoke (Westgate Garden), and Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Leon Andrews, Kurt Metros, Nick Giannakakis If you are not serving in the pangari today, please join everyone in the Sanctuary.

Today's Epistle Lesson will be read by an Altar Boy.

Maria Giannakakis prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

MEMORIAL: A 9 month Memorial for **Nick Rorres** is offered this morning by his loving wife, Rose May His Memory Be Eternal

THIS WEEK

Friday April 16	The Akathist Hymn	6:00pm
Saturday April 17	The Akathist Hymn	9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday April 17	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 18	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Monday April 19	Great Compline	6:00pm
Tuesday April 20	Discoveries in Orthodoxy: Exploring Holy Week	7:00 pm via Zoom
Wednesday April 21	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday April 24	Lazarus Saturday	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday April 24	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 25	Palm Sunday	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sunday April 25	Bridegroom Matins	6:00pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday April 26	Holy Monday Presanctified Liturgy	9:00am
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Tuesday April 27	Holy Tuesday Presanctified Liturgy	9:00am
Tuesday April 27	Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Matins	6:00pm
Wednesday April 28	Holy Wednesday Holy Unction	3:30pm
Wednesday April 28	Holy Wednesday Matins of Holy Thursday	6:00pm
Thursday April 29	Holy Thursday Vesperal Divine Liturgy	9:00am
Thursday April 29	Holy Thursday Matins of Holy Friday and Passion Service	6:00pm
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Royal Hours	8:30am
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Descent from the Cross	2:00pm
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Matins of Holy Saturday and Lamentations	6:00pm
Saturday May 1	Holy Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgy First Resurrection	9:00am
Saturday May 1	Holy Saturday Canon & Great and Holy Pascha at Midnight	11:15pm
Sunday May 2	Great and Holy Pascha-Anastasi/Resurrection Service	12:00am
Sunday May 2	Great and Holy Pascha Agape Vespers	12:00pm