

## **HOLY MARTYRS AMPHIANUS AND EDESIUS OF LYCIA**

The Holy Martyrs Amphianus and Edesius were brothers. They lived in the city of Patara in the family of the pagan governor. They went to Beirut to study the pagan sciences, but there they became ardent followers of Christ.

They left their pagan parents and went to Alexandria Caesarea, where they were instructed by St. Pamphilius and became accomplished in the spiritual life, spending their time in prayer and the study of sacred books.

By decree of the emperor Maximian (305-313), a zealous pagan and cruel persecutor of Christians, all inhabitants of Caesarea were required to offer public sacrifice. Many Christians hid in order to avoid sacrificing to idols. When the city prefect was about to offer sacrifice, St. Amphianus boldly went into the temple, took the prefect's hand and urged him to abandon his error and believe in Christ.

By order of the governor, soldiers seized St. Amphianus, fiercely beat him and threw him in prison. Two days later they led him to trial, where they beat him with iron rods and burned his body with bundles of flax soaked in oil. The brave youth, steadfastly confessing his faith in Christ, was then thrown into the sea with a stone about his neck. A storm soon arose, and the waves carried the martyr's body to shore, where he was buried by Christians.

St. Edesius was tortured and sent to the copper mines. After a while, he was freed and sent to Alexandria. There he boldly denounced the governor Hierokles for his extreme cruelty towards Christians. He was then tortured and drowned.

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TONE 8

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

*St. Mary of Egypt*  
*Ven. Titus the Wonderworker;*  
*Martyrs Amphianus and Edesius of Lycia;*  
*Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria*

“Your maiden, Mary, rejected the cares of this world as a burden, O Christ, preferring to renew her spirit by mastering her body through discipline and self-control. For this, You gave her a share in the glory of heaven. By her prayers, and those of the Theotokos, O Savior, enlighten us and save us.”

Exapostilarion, Tone III

“Without stain was God’s image preserved in you, O holy father, Titus, for you took up your cross and followed the Lord. By word and example you taught us to live in the Spirit while still in the flesh, so that, now, you rejoice with the angels of heaven.”

Troparion, Tone VIII

TODAY’S EPISTLE: HEBREWS 9:11-14  
GALATIANS 3:23-29

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MARK 10:32-45  
LUKE 7:36-50

### HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, April 5	6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, April 7	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 8	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - <b>Lazarus Saturday</b>
	5:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Vigil

### Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, April 3	Isaiah 48:17-49:4	Genesis 27:1-41	Proverbs 19:16-25
Tuesday, April 4	Isaiah 49:6-10	Genesis 31:3-16	Proverbs 21:3-21
Wednesday, April 5	Isaiah 58:1-11	Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16	Proverbs 21:23-22:4
Thursday, April 6 (St. Tikhon)	Isaiah 65:8-17 Solomon 3:1-9	Genesis 46:1-7 Solomon 5:15-6:3	Proverbs 23:15-24:5 Solomon 4:7-15
Friday, April 7 (St. Tikhon)	Isaiah 66:10-24	Genesis 49:33-50:26	Proverbs 31:8-31
Saturday, April 8		Hebrews 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16
		Hebrews 12:28-13:8	John 11:1-4

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**COMING EVENTS**

**APRIL:**

- 2, TODAY LCBA annual meeting at Archangel Michael Church
- 6, Thursday 7:00 p.m. "Shroud Encounter"; St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore
- 7, Friday 6:00 p.m. Palm preparation
- 10, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 21, Friday 6:00 p.m. Bright Friday Dinner Dance
- 23, Sunday 12:30 p.m. Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS:**

Father Alexander will offer time for private confessions this coming week on Wednesday, April 5, 4:30-6:00 p.m.; Friday, April 7, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; and Saturday, April 8, 8:30-9:00 a.m., 4:00-5:00 p.m. and after Great Vespers. Confessions can also be scheduled by appointment.

**BRIGHT FRIDAY DINNER DANCE:**

Join your HTOC parish family for good food and fun on Friday, April 21, at 6:00, with dinner at 7:00. Jewelann Stefanar has tickets—Adults, \$22.50; Ages 7-17, \$8. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

**SHROUD OF TURIN:**

St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore is hosting "Shroud Encounter," a program exploring the Shroud of Turin mystery, with expert Russ Breault. Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. Free admission, but limited seating. Reservations: 330-305-9540; or mprice6@neo.rr.com. See details in the Hall.

**LA COUPOLE:**

We have wonderful children's books available for purchase—perfect for Easter baskets! Also for your gift-giving pleasure or personal enjoyment—unique look-like Faberge eggs with egg pendants inside.

**PASCHAL FLOWERS:**

Donations for Paschal flowers are appreciated. Please use the envelope designated for this in your box of donation envelopes.

**OUTREACH PASCHA BASKETS:**

The Outreach Group will prepare Pascha baskets for shut-ins during Holy Week. We would appreciate assistance with preparing baskets as well as delivering them on Holy Friday. Please see Marie Wallace or Laura Gluntz after church on Sundays; or call Laura (440-331-5233) to offer your help.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

Today we are having a special collection to support the St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Mission. This local Cleveland ministry provides food for the needy throughout the year. Please use a "Special Donation" envelope; place in the basket at the rear of the church.

**ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:**

The Book Circle will meet May 1 at 12:30 p.m. We are reading The Joy of the Holy (Teachings of St. Seraphim), pages 1-24 and Appendix A (pgs. 93-122). All are welcome. Books are available at La Coupole.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Marge Sabol in memory of John and Mary Stoyka and Family.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Dave and Judy Howe in memory of Andrew and Anna Boryk.

**LOYAL CHRISTIAN BENEFIT ASSOCIATION:**

Branch 17 of LCBA annual meeting is TODAY at Archangel Michael Church after the Divine Liturgy.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, MARCH 26	\$ 2676.25
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	30.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	56.25
BUILDING FUND	41.25
MORTGAGE FUND	76.25
CANDLES	152.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	90.00
IN MEMORY OF CHRIS KRISINSKI	25.00

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**THE HOLY LIGHT**  
**(FOR ST. MARY OF EGYPT)**

*Standing, O saint, before Christ the Light that no one can approach, send down light upon me, for with love I celebrate your light-giving and holy memory; and keep me safe from the multitude of temptations in life.*

*When Moses on Sinai beheld in a mystical vision the backparts of God, he shone with glory, thus manifesting dimly the strange mystery he had seen; and now Mary falls down fervently before the most pure icon of the Mother of God, the golden Vessel that received divine Manna, and she chooses the angelic life.*

*(from Matins - Fifth Sunday of Great Lent)*

Forgiveness is not easy; it comes with fortitude, patience and humility, Ordinarily, during Great Lent, we fulfill the obligation, but let us accept Returning home as what it is: a glorious, undeserved miracle of holy light.

Much sorrow, tears, confusion and all miracles are possible, And life worth remembering begins with forgetting the past, as when Recalling you, Mary of Egypt, the master monk Zosimas marveled at Your courage, transcendent beauty and love of silence.

“Overcoming the violence of thoughts was hard,” she reluctantly said, “Fulfilling a vow, in my mind I had no words but turned to an icon, as Every Christian turns to a mirror when thinking of death, I trusted only my Good conscience, went to the desert, descending in my soul to hell with Yearning passion (veiled as sins of my youth), and embarked to search for Possible resurrection with fear and love by surrendering to the Cross.”

There are not enough examples of majestic sanctity today, not enough Holy women or holy men whose faith is in everything; they are the most Excellent examples and, like you and I, the lost but certain children of God.

“How can she live there? How does she not get sick?” Zosimas pondered; “Only eating herbs, a few things growing in the desert, and the Word of God?” “Love survives survival,” Mary said, “as the sun, searing unknown desires, Yields to inspiration, and the Kingdom lost without is found within.”

Literature and philosophy will endure, through chaos, policies and wars, In the depths of souls humans need more than promises of happiness, God-centered, broken-hearted visionaries still go to deserts, Hoping for healing, venturing further into forsaken honesty, praying, That forgiveness will come before the end, an incandescence of holy light.

*Fr. Alexander Garklaus*