

“Today there come glad tidings of great joy: it is the feast of the Virgin. Things below are joined to things above. Adam is renewed, and Eve set free from her ancient sorrow; and the Tabernacle of the human nature which the Lord took upon Himself, making divine the substance He assumed, is consecrated as a Temple of God. O mystery! The manner of His emptying is unknown, the fashion of His conceiving is ineffable. An angel ministers at the wonder; a virgin womb receives the Son. The Holy Spirit is sent down; the Father on high gives His consent; and so the covenant is brought to pass by common counsel. In Him and through Him are we saved, and together with Gabriel let us cry aloud unto the Virgin: ‘Hail thou who are full of grace: the Lord is with thee. From thee has Christ our God and our Salvation taken human nature, raising it up unto Himself. Pray to Him that our souls may be saved.’”

St. Andrew of Crete



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ***THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY,*** ***THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY*** ***St. Mary of Egypt***

“Today, the Word of God descends to this earth, and the angel stands before the maiden and exclaims: Of all women, you are the most blessed, for your virginity alone has pleased the Most High. Now, without disturbing it, He makes you the mother of the eternal Word and Lord, God Himself who will save the world from error.”

Jerusalem Troparion, Tone VIII

“While you were still wandering about in the dismal darkness of sin, the light of repentance burst forth in your heart and you turned to the Lord. You offered Him His own most pure and holy mother as your compassionate advocate, for through her you had received the remission of your sins. Now, you rejoice forever with the angels above.”

Kondakion for St. Mary of Egypt, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: HEBREWS 9:11-14
HEBREWS 2:11-18

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MARK 10:32-45
LUKE 1:24-38

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, March 28	6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 30	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 31	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — Lazarus Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, March 26	Isaiah 48:17-49:4	Genesis 27:1-41	Proverbs 19:16-25
Tuesday, March 27	Isaiah 49:6-10	Genesis 31:3-16	Proverbs 21:3-21
Wednesday, March 28	Isaiah 58:1-11	Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16	Proverbs 21:23-22:4
Thursday, March 29	Isaiah 65:8-16	Genesis 46:1-7	Proverbs 23:15-24:5
Friday, March 30	Isaiah 66:10-24	Genesis 49:33-50:26	Proverbs 31:8-31
Saturday, March 31 (St. Innocent)	Hebrews 12:28-13:8 Hebrews 7:26-8:2	John 11:1-45 John 10:9-16	

COMING EVENTS

MARCH:

- 26, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House
- 27, Tuesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House
- 28, Wednesday Soup Supper following the Presanctified Liturgy
- 31, Friday 6:00 p.m. Preparation of Palms

APRIL:

- 6, Friday Delivery of Pascha baskets to shut-ins
- 13, Friday 6:00 p.m. Bright Friday Celebration
- 16, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting

LENTEN CONFESSIONS:

Father Alexander will offer time for private confessions next week on Wednesday, 3/28, 4:30-6:00 p.m.; Friday, 3/30, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; and Saturday, 3/31, 8:00-9:00 a.m., 4:00-5:00 p.m., and following the Vigil. Please see Father with any questions.

PASCHA BASKET OUTREACH:

The Outreach Group will prepare Pascha baskets for shut-ins during Holy Week. We would appreciate assistance with food items, preparing baskets and delivering the baskets on Holy Friday. Please see Barb or Gene Filipow or Laura Gluntz after church; or call Laura at 440-331-5233 to offer your help.

GREETERS:

We are looking for new people to become greeters. If you are interested, contact Alex Cundik at 440-877-1980; or email ajcundik@cox.net

FLOWERS:

CORRECTION: The flowers last Sunday, March 18, were offered by Jewelann Stefanar.
The flowers today are offered by Diane Hastings.

LA COUPOLE:

Please come and see the beautiful selection of pysanky donated by Jerry Petrykowski from his wife Daria's collection. Also, there is a new selection of books, icons, egg wraps and cards for Pascha.

BRIGHT FRIDAY CELEBRATION:

Join HTOC on Friday April 13! Appetizers are served at 6:00, with a family-style dinner catered by Stancatos at 7:00. BYOB; beer and wine included. Adults \$22.50 before April 6; Ages 7-17 \$8.00. Call Jewelann; 216-741-0985; jewelann1@roadrunner.com

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

We are conducting a collection for the St. Mary of Egypt Mission. Please consider helping this Cleveland-based ministry, which supplies food to the needy.

PASCHA FLOWERS:

Donations for Paschal flowers are appreciated. Please use the envelope designated in your box.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, Monday, April 16, at 12:30. Our new book is Becoming a Healing Presence by Dr. Al Rossi. Copies will be available soon. Read chapters 1-3 for discussion.

KEEPING WATCH AT THE TOMB:

There is a sign-up sheet at the candle counter if you can help to keep watch over the shroud on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Tom and Sandie Adamczek.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, MARCH 18	\$ 4653.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	735.00
BUILDING FUND	143.00
MORTGAGE FUND	145.00
CANDLES	94.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	88.00

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ANNUNCIATION

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.” (Luke 1:35)

This being the season of repentance,
There are more temptations and knowing more,
I must confess: I have no faith in progress, no strength
No comforting memories, no promises of blessings
From once-honored saints, no hard-earned knowledge
Of how planets move, or an interest in how things end,
For lamentable desires, demons that should have perished,
Now have scarred a hopeless heart’s regret.

To seek consoling answers for questions that remain,
Let not confusion be considered misdirection,
Find a place each day, perhaps an icon and a flame,
A quiet hint of love’s real beauty, impossible but true,
As a wise thief’s repentance or a virgin’s tears
Make a life-time’s changes seamlessly acceptable,
Pondering in prayer that forgiveness means
To walk before God’s will not after.

Afflictions terrorize but will not conquer
Consolation’s solitude nor diminish thoughts
Accepting sorrows, which can be sad or
Very funny, revelation of youth’s inexperience,
Bold innocence and wisdom of obedience,
Expectation of eternal faithfulness, learning about
Politics, tradition and remembrance of the good.

God descends into human life,
At times in silence, at times forever.
Pre-eternal mysteries breach nature’s confines.
Therefore celebrate one joy and meaning,
Gabriel’s secret journey, a masterstroke assignment,
The beginning of salvation, the salvation of beginnings,
The better life, as sacristans, for worship
Honors pasts and presents and encourages the rest
On Scripture’s highway, fulfilling life confronting death.

Neither love nor patience can be measured,
By a yardstick or a clock; they are gifts, holy, timeless,
Like Spring’s rebirth, and miracles of growth and rain,
As on a day in March complete and free my soul does rise.

Father Alexander Garklaus

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APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem Church School Activity—no classes 5:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins	2 Great and Holy Monday 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy	3 Great and Holy Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins	4 Great and Holy Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 Matins with Anointing	5 Great and Holy Thursday 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 6:00 Matins with 12 Passion Gospels	6 Great and Holy Friday 9:00 a.m. Royal Hours 3:00 p.m. Vespers with Entombment 7:00 Matins	7 Great and Holy Saturday Noon Divine Liturgy 11:15 p.m. Nocturnes, Paschal Matins Liturgy Blsg. Of Baskets
8 HOLY PASCHA Paschal Vespers at Noon No Church School classes	9 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy T H I S	10 I S A	11 F A S T	12 - F R E E	13 6:00 p.m. HTOC Bright Friday Celebration W E E K	14 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers .
15 2nd Sunday of Pascha Antipascha St. Thomas Sunday 12:30 Blessing of Graves	16 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	17	18	19	20	21 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
22 3rd Sunday of Pascha Holy Myrrhbearing Women	23	24	25	26	27	28 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
29 4th Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Paralytic	30					