

Love for God and neighbor,
in our present corrupt state, is impossible without
self-sacrifice;

he who wishes to fulfill the commandment
concerning love for God and neighbor ought to de-
vote himself to great deeds and privations for the
sake of those he loves.

Hereby, perceive we the love of God, because He
(Christ) laid down His life for us.

“Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.”
(John 15:13)

St. John of Kronstadt



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TONE 5

APRIL 14, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Mary of Egypt

St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome;

Martyr Ardalion the Actor; Martyr Azades the Eunuch and 1,000 Martyrs of Persia;

Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius of Vilnius;

The Vilnius Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos

“Your handmaiden, 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

“Today, the new Rome rejoices with the old, and Tuscany revels in the memory of your great deeds, O holy father, Martin. For you staunchly defended the doctrine of two wills in Christ, and boldly exercised the apostolic power entrusted to you by the Lord. For this, you suffered shamefully at the hands of the powers of this world, and then you received your crown from the Lord Himself. Beg, Christ, our God, to save our souls.”

Kondakion, Tone I

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 17	6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, April 19	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 20	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy— Lazarus Saturday
	5:00 p.m. Vigil

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, April 15	Isaiah 48:17-49:4	Genesis 27:1-41	Proverbs 19:16-25
Tuesday, April 16	Isaiah 49:6-10	Genesis 31:3-16	Proverbs 21:3-21
Wednesday, April 17	Isaiah 58:1-11	Genesis 43:26-31;45:1-16	Proverbs 21:23-22:4
Thursday, April 18	Isaiah 65:8-16	Genesis 46:1-7	Proverbs 23:15-24:5
Friday, April 19	Isaiah 66:10-24	Genesis 49:33-50:26	Proverbs 31:8-31
Saturday, April 20	Hebrews 12:28-13:8	John 11:1-45	

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL:

- 14, TODAY 11:00 a.m. Church School Spiritual Hospital
 11:15 a.m. Parish Council meeting
- 17, Wednesday Soup Supper following Presanctified Liturgy
- 19, Friday 6:00 p.m. Preparation of Palms
- 26, Friday Delivering Pascha baskets to shut-ins

LENTEN CONFESSIONS:

Father Alexander will offer time for private confessions this coming week on Wednesday, 4/17, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Friday, 4/19, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; Saturday, 4/20, 8:00-9:00 a.m., 4:00-5:00 p.m. If you need special arrangements, please call Father Alexander.

PARISH COUNCIL:

The Parish Council will meet today at 11:15 a.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

We are having a special collection assist the St. Mary of Egypt Mission. This local Cleveland ministry has become a welcome food distribution site for needy people. A special collection basket is at the rear of the church; if donating with a check, please make it out to "Holy Trinity Church."

BRIGHT FRIDAY:

We will have our annual Bright Friday Dinner on May 3; doors open at 6:00. Please see Jewelann Stefanar to purchase tickets. \$25.

IOCC BANQUET:

Plan now for the Annual IOCC Banquet on Sunday, May 29, at St. Sava Church in Broadview Hts. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased from Paula Svilar, Popadija Kathy Babich, or Diane Hastings.

SAVE THE DATE:

Please save good used items for a Rummage Sale on May 17 & 18. Contact Alex Cundik with questions (440-877-1980; ajcundik@cox.net).

SPIRITUAL HOSPITAL:

Congratulations to our Holy Trinity Church School teachers and students on a job very well done! The Spiritual Hospital was a special project they worked on this year; and for two Sundays it was successfully presented to the parish. As our parish hosted local deanery parishes on March 31, a number of guests were also able to see it. All reactions have been extremely positive. The Spiritual Hospital will remain "open" this Sunday; if you haven't yet visited, come by and take a look.

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 Laura Gluntz after church; or call Laura at 216-396-6255 to offer your help.

PASCHA FLOWERS:

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

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Jerry Petrykowski.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Diane Hastings.

COFFEE HOUR:

We are in need of Coffee Hour hosts for **next** Sunday, April 21.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, APRIL 7	\$ 4824.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	45.00
BUILDING FUND	105.00
MORTGAGE FUND	35.00
CANDLES	164.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	115.00
ST. MARY OF EGYPT MISSION	40.00
3/31 COFFEE HOUR	107.00

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JESUS THE SUFFERING SERVANT

*“He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.”
(Isaiah 53:3)*

The gospel of Jesus shocks everybody. It was not the generally accepted idea about how God would act through His Messiah, that He would be a Suffering Servant marred beyond human form. Isaiah prophesies, “Who has believed what we have heard?” (Isaiah 53:1). These words are quoted in John, when Jesus is speaking about being lifted up from the earth and all are looking upon Him whom they have pierced (see John 12:38-41). Jesus continues, saying God Himself is blinding the eyes and shutting the ears that people would understand. Yet God only hardens the hearts of people who do not open their hearts to Him. Then the presence of God is experienced as wrath and not as mercy. The wrath of God is a sign of His love for us, but when we resist that love, it is experienced as wrath.

Nobody sees anything great in Jesus. Isaiah continues, “Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted” (Isaiah 53:4). He carries our sorrows, our pains. He is smitten by God; He is afflicted, and that is how we see Him. The description is so vivid one would think that Isaiah was looking at the Cross of Christ and describing it.

We suffer because we sin. Jesus takes this on Himself. He bears the griefs, carries the sorrow, affliction, grief, pain, and ultimately corpses. As the old Latin saying goes, “Man is a wolf to man.” We are destructive; we consume one another; we all die together in pits like beasts. Even in the best societies, there is extortion, greed, lying, stealing, perversion, oppression of the poor, inequality, and injustice. And we suffer because of them. Isaiah says that God’s Servant bears all these things for us, because of us. He enters into all of our world, for us and for our salvation. It is not that God is torturing Him or punishing Him; rather, He enters into the torturing and the punishment that we inflict upon each other and upon ourselves. We sinners cause the suffering of the Suffering Servant of the Lord, described by Isaiah in the prophecy. His suffering is because of us and for us.

We believe the Incarnation and suffering of Jesus Christ was the only way we could be made whole, which in Greek means being saved. There is no other way than by God’s Servant becoming a Man and suffering death. God puts His Son in the situation in which we now find ourselves because of our iniquity. The Lord sent Him into the world so that He could become it, experience it, and therefore reconcile it to God by this way. “There is no righteousness without sacrifice.” Any righteous being is righteous because he loves and gives his life to the other. God Himself is righteous because He gave His only Son. Jesus, the Servant of God, was stricken for us, bearing our sin. He suffered because we torture Him ourselves. Every time we sin, we crucify Him on the Cross. The Savior of the world is the Servant, God’s Son, the Suffering Servant, Jesus Christ Himself, our Savior and Redeemer.

From The Names of Jesus by Fr. Thomas Hopko