



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Mar. 25

Annunciation of the Theotokos

Readings: Heb. 2:11-18; Lk. 1:24-38

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Mckees Rocks, PA)

Sunday, Mar. 26

Fifth Sunday of Great Fast/Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

Readings: Heb. 9:11-14; Mk. 10:32-45

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Cheryl Paschel – 40 days**

God's blessing upon Isabella DePaol on her 15th birthday, by Char Rumsky

Thursday, Mar. 30

St. John Climacus, Venerable

Readings: Gen. 18:20-33; Prov. 16:17-17:17

(LENTEN MISSION)

6:30 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (St. John's)

Saturday, Apr. 1

Saturday of Lazarus

Readings: Heb. 2:11-18; Lk. 1:24-38

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Mckees Rocks, PA)

Sunday, Apr. 2

Palm Sunday

Readings: Phil. 4:4-9; Jn. 12:1-18

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+John Pyptyk, By Pyptyk's sisters**

Supplications will be offered for **+Philip Perkun (17th anniver.) & +Larry Merritt (11th anniver.),**

By family



The other 10 disciples were angry with James and John for what they had asked Jesus. What was Jesus' answer?

Write all the number 1 letters in order on the lines below.
Then write all the number 2 letters in order,
then the number 3 letters and so on.

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1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
T	I	F	S	H	T	O	B	E	A	R
4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
E	Y	T	M	L	H	M	E	O	A	Y
3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1
T	N	V	R	O	G	E	I	G	T	B
2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
G	R	O	E	H	A	T	E	T	N	H
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
N	O	T	O	P	R	T	S	R	L	H
4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
E	E	E	E	F	P	F	S	O	A	T
3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1
E	R	R	I	P	W	E	S	L	H	D
2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

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The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the earliest Christian feasts, and was already being celebrated in the fourth century. The Greek and Slavonic names for the Feast may be translated as “good tidings.” This, of course, refers to the Incarnation of the Son of God and the salvation He brings. The background of the Annunciation is found in the Gospel of St. Luke (1:26-38).

There are two main components to the Annunciation: the message itself, and the response of the Virgin. The message fulfills God’s promise to send a Redeemer

(Genesis 3:15): “I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed; he shall crush your head, and you shall lie in wait for his heel.” The Fathers of the Church understand “her seed” to refer to Christ. The prophets hinted at His coming, but the Archangel Gabriel proclaimed that the promise is about to be fulfilled.

The icon of the Feast shows the Archangel with a staff in his left hand, indicating his role as a messenger. Sometimes one wing is upraised, as if to show his swift descent from heaven. His right hand is stretched toward the holy Virgin as he delivers his message. The Virgin is depicted either standing or sitting, usually holding yarn in her left hand. Sometimes she is shown holding a scroll. Her right hand may be raised to indicate her surprise at the message she is hearing. Her head is bowed, showing her consent and obedience. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon her is depicted by a ray of light issuing from a small sphere at the top of the icon, which symbolizes heaven.



March 26 , 2023

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast: Our Venerable Mother, Mary of Egypt. Octoechos Tone 1; Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel

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In the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)

Announcements:

Today: 5th Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor our venerable mother Mary of Egypt. As part of our Lenten journey we focus today on the life of St. Mary of Egypt and realize that it is never too late in life, or in Lent, to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him with sincere repentance.

Next Sunday: Order of Confession

As part of our preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection – Pascha, we will welcome next Sunday Fr. Andrew Crarke, who will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confession. If you have not availed yourself of this life-giving Sacrament, please be sure to do so next Sunday as we will celebrate the Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem. Let us remember that as frequent communicants we should make a confession during this and all penitential periods, and whenever the conscience is burdened.

Church Mice

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Parish Lenten Mission 2023

Mark your calendars for our Parish Lenten Mission 2023 which will take place Wednesday & Thursday, March 23 & March 30, 2023. A parish mission is a special event that allows us to take some time to look at our lives, values, and direction.

On Thursday evening, March 30, we will celebrate at 6:30 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at St. John's parish, Mckeeks rocks. Following that service Fr. Andrew Clarke, retired priest and our good friend, will have a Lenten homily. Also, Father Andrew will be able to hear confession. Let us come together for the renewal of our souls and bodies in preparation for the Great Feast of the Resurrection!

Prayer List:

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Barbara Fedora, Helen Fedenko, Orysia Barshowski, Kate Wyko, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

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Our total income from last week's sale was **\$2,023.00**. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday, March 19, 2023, was **\$1,258.00**

(Collection: \$1059.00, loose & candles: \$69.00, Ukraine Aid: \$130.00)

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!

Daily Observance of the faithful during Holy Week



Lazarus Saturday (this year on March 31st) concludes the Great Fast-Lent. This celebration remembers Christ's raising of Lazarus from the dead and the promise of universal resurrection for all. Lazarus Saturday provides a bridge to Holy Week during which the Church services remember Christ's last week before His crucifixion and resurrection.

In the Eastern Church the last week of Christ's life is officially called Passion Week. Each day is designated in the service books as "great and holy." There are special services every day of the week which are fulfilled in all Churches. Earthly life ceases for the faithful as they "go up with the Lord to Jerusalem". (Mark 10:32)



Our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt

The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast-Lent is dedicated to a most amazing young woman who became one of the most penitent Saints in our Holy Church. Her name is Mary of Egypt who lived in Alexandria (northern Egypt) during the reign of the Emperor Justinian (527-565). During her young life, Mary of Egypt was an unbeliever and spent much of her time in pursuing the pleasures of life. She was a very beautiful young lady and was much sought after by the young men of Egypt. One year she visited Jerusalem on September 14th (Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross) accompanied by several of her admirers. As she was about to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the place where Christ was buried) she suddenly

discovered that it was impossible for her to enter. An unseen power kept her from entering this Holy Church. A sudden change came over Mary of Egypt and taking this as a personal sign from God, she was cut to the heart by a profound awareness of her own sinfulness. She repented of her sins and begged the Blessed Virgin Mary to help her. Embracing the monastic life, our venerable mother Mary of Egypt remained in the desert some forty years, until she peacefully fell asleep in the Lord near the Jordan River. Her fame spread through the land as the penitent Saint of the Church, and she became known for her inner spiritual beauty. The Church dedicates this Sunday to her memory to remind us of the wonderful Christian virtue of repentance.



What is REPENTANCE? Repentance is the act of turning from one's sin and reorienting one's entire life toward God. The aspects of repentance are three: contrition, confession, and satisfaction. Contrition is sorrow and perfect grief of the heart, which comes about in a person who, on account of the sins committed, disappointed God and transgressed His divine Law. Related to contrition is affliction, which is also a sorrow and imperfect grief of the heart, which comes about, not because a person disappointed God by his sins, but because that person was deprived of divine grace, lost Paradise, and gained hell.

