

Bulletin sponsors this week are for:

Health of:

Joshua Turpin on his 12th birthday, requested with love from his grandparents, Fr. Matthew and M. Barbara.

Memory of:

Christopher Dawson, grandson of Fr. Dn. Edward and Mat. Holly.
Olga Romanofsky, offered by Andrew and Maribeth

Hebrews 9:11-14 (*5th Sunday of Great Lent, St. Mary of Egypt*)

[Galatians 3:23-29](#) (*Saint*)

Mark 10:32-45 (*5th Sunday of Great Lent, St. Mary of Egypt*)

[Luke 7:36-50](#) (*Saint*)

Readings:

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.

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, 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."

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy, 3rd Sunday of each month

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee Hour.

Sunday school classes meet every Sunday.

Please see your child's teacher for meeting times.

Announcements:

- This **Wednesday**, April 1st, we will celebrate a **Presanctified Liturgy** at 6:30 pm. (See next page for full list of upcoming services.)
- For the upcoming weeks, there will be a **special collection can**, earmarked for the **repair of the heater's flue pipe**. The church's cost was **\$5700**.
- There is a **second special collection can** for donations towards the purchase of **Paschal flowers**, located at the candle stand. There are just two Sundays remaining before Pascha. Please be generous with your donations so that our church can look beautiful for the feast day.
- **Only TWO WEEKS remain for the purchase of Pascha basket raffle tickets!** (please note, there is a misprint on the tickets as to the date of the raffle. The raffle will be held on Palm Sunday, April 5th, not this Sunday as stated on the tickets.) There are still plenty of tickets remaining! The Sisterhood is asking **every adult parish member to sell 10 tickets** at the cost of \$1 each, Please see Maribeth Romanofsky for tickets.
- There will be a **meeting of the parish council** today, **March 29th**, after coffee hour.

Reminders:

- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing.** Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you!
- We now have a dedicated fund for a **parish rectory**. Please **mark** any **donations** for this important fund with the designation "**Rectory**".
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin should be **submitted by email to:** bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson> .
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt:

The Fifth Sunday recalls the memory of Saint Mary of Egypt, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that **no amount of sin and wickedness can keep a person from God if they truly repent**. Christ himself has come “to call sinners to repentance” and to save them from their sins (Lk 5:32). In addition, Saint Mary tells us that **it is never too late in life—or in Lent—to repent**. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him even at the eleventh hour of their lives. But their coming must be in serious and sincere repentance.

*Having been a sinful woman,
you became a Bride of Christ through repentance.
Having attained the angelic life,
you defeated demons by the weapon of the Cross;
therefore, O most glorious Mary you are a Bride of the Kingdom.*

Kontakion – Tone 3

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/03/29>

List of upcoming services:

- April 1 (Wednesday) 6:30 PM Liturgy of the **Presanctified Gifts**
- April 5 (Sunday) 10 AM **Divine Liturgy** Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem
- April 7 (Tuesday) 6:30 PM Liturgy of the **Presanctified Gifts**
- April 8 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM Sacrament of **Holy Unction**
- April 10 (Friday) 7:00 PM Holy Saturday **Matins**
- April 11-12 (Saturday-Sunday) 11:30 PM **Holy Pascha Vigil** (Nocturns, Matins, Divine Liturgy and blessing of baskets)

Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers:

Each **Sunday afternoon (5:00 PM)**, around the New Jersey Deanery, different parishes invite everyone to a Sunday Lenten Vespers Service. This year the remaining date and location are:

March 29 – Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt - Saints Peter and Paul Church, 76 Whitehead Ave, **South River, NJ**

All Sunday Lenten Vespers services will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

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See our Website at: ChurchMotherOfGod.org
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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

**5th Sunday of Great Lent:
St Mary of Egypt**

*In you, O Mother, was preserved with exactness what was according to the image;
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.*

*By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away;
but to care for the soul, since it is immortal.*

Therefore, O Venerable Mary, your spirit rejoices with the Angels.

Tone 8—Troparion

March 29, 2026

Today the Church remembers:

- St Mary of Egypt** • Hieromartyr Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, Martyr Cyril the Deacon, of Heliopolis, and others who suffered under Julian the Apostate (ca. 364)
- Ven. John, Anchorite, of Egypt (4th c.) • St. Eustathius the Confessor, Bishop of Bithynia (9th c.) • St. Nikētas of the Roslavl Forests (Russia—1793)

Triodion week 9
Sunday of St Mary of Egypt.

5th Sunday of Great Lent
Tone 1 of the [Octoechos](#)