



Saint Mary Orthodox Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Sunday, March 29th, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

Commemoration of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt

Martyr Mark, bishop of Arethusa, Martyr Cyril the deacon of Heliopolis and those with them;

Martyrs Jonah and Barachisios of Persia and those with them

Entrance Hymn

O Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

هلم لنسجد ونركع للمسيح ملكنا والهنا، خلصنا يا ابن الله يا من قام من بين الاموات، لنرتل لك هلوليا!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone One)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ، فُمِتَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أَيُّهَا الْمُخَلِّصُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قُوَّتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَاهِبِ الْحَيَاةَ: الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحَبِّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِّكَ.

Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt (Tone Eight)

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

بِكِ حُفِظْتَ صُورَةَ خَلْقِنَا بِدِقَّةٍ أَيُّهَا الْأُمُّ مَرْيَمَ، فَإِنَّكَ حَمَلْتِ الصَّلِيبَ وَتَبِعْتِ الْمَسِيحَ، وَعَمَلْتِ وَعَلَّمْتِ أَنْ يُتَغَاضَى عَنِ الْجَسَدِ لِأَنَّهُ زَائِلٌ، وَأَنْ يُعْنَى بِالنَّفْسِ غَيْرِ الْمَائِتَةِ. لِذَلِكَ تَبْتَهِّجُ رُوحُكَ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ.

Troparion of the Dormition (Tone One)

In thy birth giving O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

فِي مِيلَادِكَ حَفِظْتَ الْبَتُولِيَّةَ وَصَنَّتْهَا وَفِي رِقَادِكَ مَا أَهْمَلْتِ الْعَالَمَ وَتَرَكْتِهِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ. لِأَنَّكَ انْتَقَلْتِ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ بِمَا أَنْكَ أُمُّ الْحَيَاةِ. فَبِشَفَاعَاتِكَ أَنْقِذِي مِنَ الْمَوْتِ نَفُوسَنَا.

Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone Two)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

يا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرَ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرَ الْمَرْدُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنِّ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنَّكَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِحِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بِادْرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ وَأَسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلِبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، الْمُتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمُكْرَمِيكِ.

The Epistle for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:11-14)

Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats 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?

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا.

إِنْتَهَجُوا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ.

يَا إِخْوَةٌ، إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ إِذْ قَدْ جَاءَ رَئِيسَ كَهَنَةٍ لِلْخَيْرَاتِ الْمُسْتَقْبَلَةِ، فَبِمَسْكَنِ أَعْظَمَ وَأَكْمَلَ غَيْرِ مَصْنُوعٍ بِأَيْدٍ، أَي لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ. وَلَيْسَ بِدَمِ ثِيُوسٍ وَعَجُولٍ بَلْ بِدَمِ نَفْسِهِ دَخَلَ الْأَقْدَاسَ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَوَجَدَ فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا. لِأَنَّهُ إِنْ كَانَ دَمُ ثِيرَانٍ وَثِيُوسٍ وَرَمَادُ عِجَلَةٍ يُرَشُّ عَلَى الْمُتَجَسِّينَ فَيَقْدِّسُهُمْ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْجَسَدِ، فَكَمْ بِالْأُخْرَى دَمُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بِالرُّوحِ الْأَزَلِيِّ قَرَّبَ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّهِ بِلا عَيْبٍ، يُطَهِّرُ ضَمَائِرَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الْمَيِّتَةِ لِتَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ.

The Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and 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,

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقُسِ الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ تَلَامِيذَهُ الْإِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ وَابْتَدَأَ يَقُولُ لَهُمْ مَا سَيَعْرِضُ لَهُ. "هُوَذَا نَحْنُ صَاعِدُونَ

and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon 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 would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire” And Jesus said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And they said to Him, “Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy 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 at 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 servant 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.”

إِلَى أُورَشَلِيمَ، وَابْنُ الْبَشَرِ سَيُسَلَّمُ إِلَى رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ
وَالْكَتَبَةِ، فَيَحْكُمُونَ عَلَيْهِ بِالْمَوْتِ وَيُسَلِّمُونَهُ إِلَى الْأَمَمِ.
فَيَهْزَأُونَ بِهِ، وَيَبْصُقُونَ عَلَيْهِ، وَيَجْلِدُونَهُ، وَيَقْتُلُونَهُ،
وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ يَقُومُ. "فَدَنَا إِلَيْهِ يَعْقُوبُ وَيُوْحَنَّا ابْنَا
زَبْدَى قَائِلَيْنِ: "يَا مُعَلِّمُ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ تَصْنَعَ لَنَا مَهْمَا
طَلَبْنَا. " فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: "مَاذَا تُرِيدَانِ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكُمَا؟" قَالَا
لَهُ: "أَعْطِنَا أَنْ يَجْلِسَ أَحَدُنَا عَنْ يَمِينِكَ وَالْآخَرُ عَنْ
يَسَارِكَ فِي مَجْدِكَ." فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: "إِنَّكُمَا لَا تَعْلَمَانِ
مَا تَطْلُبَانِ. أَتَسْتَطِيعَانِ أَنْ تَشْرَبَا الْكَأْسَ الَّتِي أَشْرَبْتُهَا
أَنَا، وَأَنْ تَصْطَبِغَا بِالصَّبْغَةِ الَّتِي أَصْطَبِغُ بِهَا أَنَا؟"
فَقَالَا لَهُ: "نَسْتَطِيعُ." فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: "أَمَّا الْكَأْسُ الَّتِي
أَشْرَبْتُهَا فَتَشْرَبَانِيهَا، وَبِالصَّبْغَةِ الَّتِي أَصْطَبِغُ بِهَا
فَتَصْطَبِغَانِ. وَأَمَّا جُلُوسُكُمَا عَنْ يَمِينِي وَعَنْ يَسَارِي
فَلَيْسَ لِي أَنْ أُعْطِيَهُ إِلَّا لِلَّذِينَ أُعِدَّ لَهُمْ. " فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ
الْعَشْرَةَ، ابْتَدَأُوا يَغْضَبُونَ عَلَى يَعْقُوبَ وَيُوْحَنَّا. فَدَعَاهُمُ
يَسُوعُ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "قَدْ عَلِمْتُمْ أَنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحْسَبُونَ رُؤَسَاءَ
الْأَمَمِ يَسُودُونَهُمْ، وَعُظَمَاءُهُمْ يَتَسَلَّطُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ. وَأَمَّا
أَنْتُمْ فَلَا يَكُونُ فِيكُمْ هَكَذَا. وَلَكِنْ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ
فِيكُمْ كَبِيرًا، فَلْيَكُنْ لَكُمْ خَادِمًا. وَمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُمْ
أَوَّلًا، فَلْيَكُنْ لِلْجَمِيعِ عَبْدًا. فَإِنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ لَمْ يَأْتِ
لِيُخْدَمَ بَلْ لِيُخْدَمَ، وَلِيَبْذُلَ نَفْسَهُ فِدَاءً عَنْ كَثِيرِينَ."

St. Basil Liturgy Megalynarion (Tone Eight)

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.

إِنَّ الْبَرَايَا بِأَسْرِهَا، تَفْرَحُ بِكَ يَا مُمْتَلِئَةَ نِعْمَةً: مَحَافِلَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ، وَأَجْنَاسَ الْبَشَرِ. أَيُّهَا الْهَيْكَلُ الْمُتَقَدَّسُ، وَالْفِرْدَوْسُ
النَّاطِقُ، فَخْرَ الْبَتُولِيَّةِ مَرْيَمَ، الَّتِي مِنْهَا تَجَسَّدَ الْإِلَهُ، وَصَارَ طِفْلًا، وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ. لِأَنَّهُ صَنَعَ
مُسْتَوْدَعَكَ عَرْشًا، وَجَعَلَ بَطْنِكَ أَرْحَبَ مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ. لِذَلِكَ يَا مُمْتَلِئَةَ نِعْمَةً، تَفْرَحُ بِكَ كُلُّ الْبَرَايَا وَتُمَجِّدُكَ.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

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The Annunciation, March 25, 2026

To the Beloved Hierarchs, Clergy, and Faithful of our God-Protected Archdiocese:

As we walk together through the Great and Holy Fast, the Church calls us to deepen our repentance, strengthen our prayer, and express Christ's love through compassionate action. In this spirit, I write to you with a pastoral appeal on behalf of our brothers and sisters in the Antiochian Archdioceses of Mount Lebanon and Zahle, who are facing a severe humanitarian crisis.

Ongoing instability in Lebanon has forced many families—including numerous Christian households—to flee their homes with only the most basic necessities. In response, the Archdioceses of Mount Lebanon and Zahle have opened their churches, monasteries, and institutions to provide shelter, food, medical care, and pastoral support, and above all, the dignity of being received with love.

Their Eminences Metropolitan Silouan and Metropolitan Antonios—both of whom sacrificed their own time by leaving their flocks to serve our Archdiocese faithfully during times of transition—now labor tirelessly to care for the displaced. We also offer our fervent prayers for His Eminence Metropolitan Elias of Tyre and Sidon, whose archdiocese includes many of the areas affected by forced displacement, and for all who have been impacted by this crisis. We pray for the swift restoration of peace and for the safe return of families to their homes.

During this holy season, we are blessed with the opportunity to respond with generosity and love. I therefore ask every parish, mission, family, and individual to prayerfully consider making a financial offering to support these urgent relief efforts.

Donations may be made through the Archdiocese's [online giving platform](#) and [Antiochian.org](#).

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless your compassion, reward your generosity, and grant lasting peace to Lebanon.

Yours in the service of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Saba".

+SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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Upcoming Services & Events

Date	Time	Event
3/29/2026	8:15am	Prayers before Holy Communion
	8:45am	Orthros
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	10:00am	Sunday School
	12:30pm	SOYO Family Coffee Hour
3/30/2026	6:30pm	Great Compline
	7:30pm	Catechism Class
3/31/2026	9:00am	Orthros
	6:00pm	Byzantine Music Class
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
4/1/2026	10:00am	Kaek and Mamoul Baking
	10:30am	Arabic Bible Study
	6:15pm	Prayers before Holy Communion
	6:30pm	SOYO Night
	6:30pm	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
4/2/2026	9:00am	Orthros
4/3/2026	8:45am	Prayers before Holy Communion
	9:00am	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
	6:30pm	Canon to Lazarus (w/ Little Compline)
4/4/2026	8:45am	Prayers before Holy Communion
	9:00am	Orthros for Lazarus Saturday
	10:00am	Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
	10:00am	Lazarus Retreat
	5:00pm	Great Vespers for Palm Sunday w/ Artoklasia
	6:00pm	Compline with Canon for Holy Communion

Volunteers Needed

The Antiochian Women are in need of women volunteers on Wednesday and Thursday, **April 1st and 2nd** to help with the Kaek and Mamoul. If you are available to help please contact Rita Sweis 773-510-4303 or Muna Salman 708-769-5105



2026 Easter

FLOWER DONATIONS

All names will be placed in the tomb of Christ on Holy Friday. On Pascha (Easter), the names will be read privately during a special prayer service inside the Holy Altar. Thank you for your support! St. Mary's Antiochian Women

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Any questions please call (708) 239-0004



THE RAISING OF LAZARUS



Resurrection

**St Mary's Sunday School
Lazarus Saturday Retreat**
Saturday, April 4th | 10:00am-3:00pm
Kindergarten—8th grade
For St. Mary's Sunday School Students Only

Sunday School students are invited to our Lazarus Saturday Retreat! We will begin with Divine Liturgy with our families.

The day will include activities, games, crafts and lessons all about *RESURRECTION!* There is no cost to this retreat, however if you would like to make a donation, you can do so through the registration link. Thank you!

EACH CHILD MUST BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH
If you are interested in donating fasting snacks, please let us know.

[CLICK HERE OR SCAN TO REGISTER](#)

Please contact Fabiola Sweis or Jane Haddad
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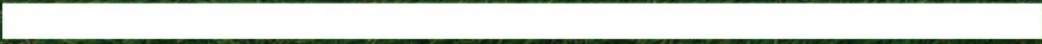


2nd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Green Garden Country Club — Frankfort, IL



SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 8AM – 5PM



Sponsorship opportunities and registration information to follow.

Please join us in making this a successful event!

A PORTION OF PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:



LA RABIDA
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

SAVE THE DATE!



NATIONAL ORTHODOX BABY SHOWER

Help us collect baby items for moms in need!

Join us in supporting our local pregnancy resource center, which helps mothers in crisis pregnancies choose life for their unborn children.

Now through the end of March we will be collecting the following items, which can be dropped off in the crib located in front of the front office.

- Diapers (Size NB, 4, 5, 6, 2T-3T & 3T-4T pull-ups)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Toiletries: Baby Wash/Shampoo, Baby Lotion, Baby Oil
 - Baby Clothes (Boy & Girl): Outfits, Onesies, & Sleepers
Size NB to 4T
- Other Items: Hooded Towels, Wash Cloths, Bibs, Pacifiers

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Food For Hungry People 2026

This year we celebrate 52 years of raising funds for our FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE & CHARITABLE OUTREACH program. Through your generosity, over \$6.9 million has been distributed to the hungry poor in the United States and around the world. During this past year, we made every effort to reach out to those in need in our own parishes and in our local communities.



We are asking each Sunday School family to take home a box and help the FFHP reach their goal for 2026. Lent is not only about fasting, it is about helping those in need.

“When you see a poor person, remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He declared that it is He, Himself who is fed. For though that which appears be not Christ, yet in that person’s form, it is Christ Himself who receives and begs.”

~ St. John Chrysostom

St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church of Palos Heights

ST. MARY'S SUMMER FEST

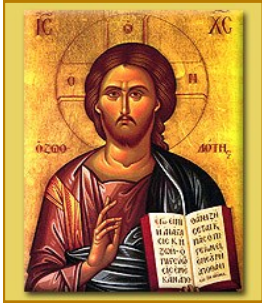
June 4th - 7th 2026

Live Band | Carnival | Food | Byzantine Choir Concert | Church Tours



خدمات الصيام والاسبوع العظيم 2026 Lent & Holy Week Services

March 26 آذار	Thursday: Pre-sanctified Liturgy الخميس: القداس السابق تقديسه	6:30pm مساء
March 27 آذار	Friday: Great Akathist to the Theotokos الجمعة: خدمة المديح الكبير لوالدة الإله	7:00pm مساء
March 28 آذار	Saturday: Divine Liturgy السبت: القداس الإلهي Great Vespers صلاة الغروب	10:00am صباحا 5:00pm مساء
March 29 آذار	Divine Liturgy for the 5th Sunday of Lent القداس الإلهي للأحد الخامس من الصوم	10:00am صباحا
March 30 آذار	Monday: Great Compline الإثنين: صلاة النوم الكبرى	6:30pm مساء
April 1 نيسان	Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy الأربعاء: القداس السابق تقديسه	6:30pm مساء
April 3 نيسان	Friday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy الجمعة: القداس السابق تقديسه Canon to Lazarus (w/ Little Compline) قانون سبت اليعازر	9:00am صباحا 6:30pm مساء
April 4 نيسان	Saturday: Lazarus Saturday Orthros السبت: صلاة السحر لسبت اليعازر Lazarus Saturday Liturgy القداس لسبت اليعازر Great Vespers for Palm Sunday w/ Artoklasia صلاة الغروب لعيد الشعانين	9:00am صباحا 10:00am صباحا 5:00pm مساء
April 5 نيسان	Sunday: Palm Sunday Liturgy الأحد: خدمة القداس لعيد الشعانين 1st Bridegroom Service الختن الأولى	10:00am صباحا 6:30pm مساء
April 6 نيسان	Monday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy الإثنين: القداس السابق تقديسه 2nd Bridegroom Service الختن الثانية	9:00am صباحا 6:30pm مساء
April 7 نيسان	Tuesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy الثلاثاء: القداس السابق تقديسه 3rd Bridegroom Service الختن الثالثة	9:00am صباحا 6:30pm مساء
April 8 نيسان	Wednesday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy الأربعاء: القداس السابق تقديسه Orthros for Holy Thursday صلاة السحر ليوم الخميس المقدس Holy Unction Service صلاة الزيت المقدس	9:00am صباحا 4:30pm مساء 6:30pm مساء
April 9 نيسان	Thursday: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil الخميس: قداس باسيليوس العظيم 12 Passion Gospels خدمة 12 انجيل والصلب	10:00am صباحا 6:30pm مساء
April 10 نيسان	Friday: Royal Hours الجمعة: خدمة الساعات Taking Down from the Cross خدمة انزال المصلوب Lamentations جناز المسيح (HOLY FRIDAY All-Night VIGIL to follow سهرانية الجمعة العظيمة)	10:00am صباحا 3:00pm مساء 6:30pm مساء
April 11 نيسان	Saturday: Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil السبت: قداس سبت النور Rush Procession & Orthros followed by Paschal Liturgy سحرية العيد، الهجمة و قداس القيامة	10:00am صباحا 10:00pm مساء
April 12 نيسان	Sunday: Agape Vespers Followed by Annual Parish Pascha Picnic الأحد: صلاة الباعوث	1:00pm ظهرا



Weekly Synaxarion



On March 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Martyr Mark, bishop of Arethusa, Martyr Cyril the deacon of Heliopolis and those with them; and Martyrs Jonah and Barachisios of Persia and those with them. On this same day, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, it was ordained that we make remembrance of our Godly Mother Mary of Egypt. Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: “If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!” Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary’s lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom. Through her intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.