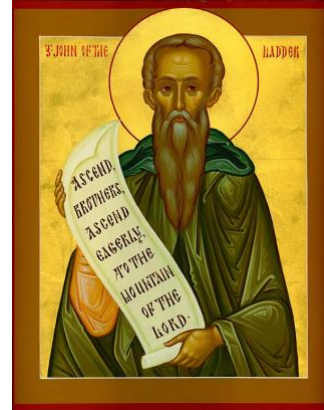


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“Just as fire burns and destroys the wood, so pure tears
wash away every impurity, both external and internal.”
-Saint John Climacus

Schedule

Sunday April 4:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Veneration of the Holy Cross of Christ

Wednesday April 7:

7 pm Presanctified Liturgy of the Holy Cross
Wednesday of Holy Cross Week

Friday April 9:

11:30 am Presanctified Liturgy and return
Of the Holy Cross

Sunday April 11:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sunday of the Ladder of Divine Ascent
(St. John Climacus)

Wednesday April 14

7 pm Great Canon of Repentance by St Andrew

Sunday April 18:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
St. Mary of Egypt

Sunday April 25:

9:55 Blessing of Palms and Branches
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Palm Sunday (Fish are permitted to be eaten today
even on the strictest of fast observations)

Holy Tuesday April 27:

7 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Holy Wednesday April 28:

Holy Unction 7 pm – 7:30 pm

Great Thursday April 29: eve of Great Friday

12 noon Mystical Supper Liturgy (no foot washing this year)
8 pm - 9 pm Passion of Christ Matins

Great Friday April 30: eve of Great Saturday

6 pm – 8 pm Crucifixion and Burial Vigil

Great Saturday and Great Pascha Sunday May 1 & 2:

3 pm Great Saturday Vespers and First Resurrection Liturgy
beginning the Vigil of Pascha

10:30 pm Paschal Nocturnes

11 pm – 1 am Paschal Procession and Great Festal Matins and Divine
Liturgy 1 pm (Sunday) Resurrection Vespers of Love

Saint John Climacus

On the fourth Sunday of Great Lent the Holy Church honors Saint John of the Ladder because he is a “great ascetic and author of the renowned spiritual book called the Ladder, from which he is also called of the Ladder (Climacus).” Little is known about his origins but one tradition suggests ...”he was born in Constantinople around the year 570 and was the son of Saints Xenophon and Maria (January 26).” John went to Sinai when he was sixteen, submitting to Abba Martyrius as his instructor and guide.” The Abba predicted that John would become...” a great luminary in the Church of Christ.”

“For nineteen years Saint John grew in monasticism and obedience to his spiritual Father. After the death of the Abba St. John led a solitary life in Thola where he spent forty years working in silence, fasting, prayer and tears of repentance. ...Gifted with discernment, and attaining wisdom through spiritual experience, he lovingly received all who came to him and guided them to salvation.... He was chosen as igumen of Sinai when he was 75 and governed the monastery for four years.

At the request of the igumen of the Raithu monastery..., he wrote the incomparable LADDER, a book of instruction for monks who wished to attain spiritual perfection.”

Saint John called his work THE LADDER, because...the book is a fixed ladder leading from earthly things to the Holy of Holies...’ The thirty steps of spiritual perfection correspond to the thirty years of the Lord’s age.’ When we complete these thirty steps , we will find ourselves with the righteous and will not stumble.”

“Although the book was written for monks any Christian living in the world will find it a guide for ascending to God and a support in the spiritual life.” It gives a picture of all the virtues and is an especially exceptional read during the days of Great Lent, and for married couples.

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Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to read the epistle and/or to be chanters.
Contact Pani Carrie.

Out Reach:

A walk was held at the PregnancyCenter in Plant City on March 28th. Tracy Galla represented our church in the walk and raised money to help support pregnant women in need. Thank you for your contributions to help prevent abortions.

Prayer Corner:

Contact Cynthia Brown to add or delete names from the Prayer Corner lists. Cynthiaann36@live.com or (863) 223-6775.

Living: Please pray for the ailing: Pearl, (grandmother) Mike, Stella, Egerton, Amanda, Mike, Michael, Samuel, Vilma, Stacy, Arlene, Cecily, Reagan, Emmanuelle, and Dan. Sheila, Mia, Anna and Pearl

Reposed : Please pray for the departed: Virginia, Harry, Millie, Harry, Richard, Albert, Mary, John, Doris, Mary, Subdeacon John, Vera Beverly James Dessie, Ernest, Elbert, Bill, Viva, Ina, Cynthia, Bernard, Finn, Marie, Kathy, Cassia, Ashton, Camillo, Lexi, Francesca, Tina, Joan, Lennie, Walter, Wally, Bertha, and George. and Sarah

Church School

Contact Tracy Galla for church school information:

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Here is the information about Great Lent that might be helpful for families!

Lent is a time to change our lifestyle to prepare for the Feast of Feast... Pascha!!! One way to teach our children about the services and Lent is to lead by example. Embrace this Lenten season and experience it together as a family!

Make a commitment as a family:

....each day during lent, either collect food, toy or clothing and donate the 40 items at the end of lent.

.... attend a service during the week, including Sunday.

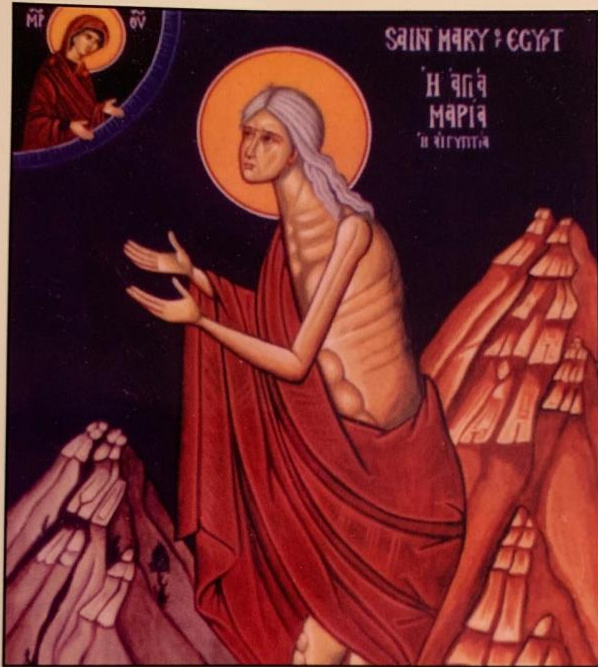
.... fast from a specific food together, whether it be meat, dairy, or sweets, start off with 2 days a week and as Pascha approaches add another day of fasting.

.... say the prayer of St. Ephraim every night together, if you can't read it every night read the prayer every other Night.

Take time to sit down and talk with your family and ask the children what ideas they have for lent, when they have an opportunity to make the choice, it might be easier for them to accomplish their goal!!

Yours in Christ,
Tracy Galla

This month's Saint of the month is Saint Mary of Egypt. Her Icon and brief biography follow.



St. Mary of Egypt

Dismissal Hymn. Plagal of the Fourth Tone.

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother;
for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds
thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend
to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, thy spirit
rejoiceth with the angels.

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St. Mary of Egypt

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent and April 1/14

Our St. Mary was from Alexandria and a street person from the age of twelve and for seventeen years she lived a life of total depravity. One of total abandon, of sinful pleasure. She had said she would give herself to men not so that she could survive but for the sheer pleasure of it. When once she saw men boarding a boat she asked where they were going. She was told that they were off to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross. She decided to go with them and vowed that she would seduce all of them. In Jerusalem she continued her sinful life. When the day of the Feast came she went to the Great Church of the Holy Sepulcher. As she moved with the throng toward the entrance and as she approached the door she was prevented from entering. She tried again and again and still she could not enter. In despair she saw the icon Holy Virgin and shame fill her heart. She admitted her sins to the Virgin and asked to be allowed to worship at the foot of the cross. For this she promised not to defile her body again. After leaving the church, she thanked the Holy Virgin and asked how she might save her soul. The Virgin spoke to her and told her to cross the Jordan. She lived in the desert for over forty years repenting of her sins. It was during Great Lent that the monk Zosimas came upon her in the desert that we learn of her. She confessed her sins to him and revealed her life to him also. She asked that he bring her the Holy Mysteries. He said that he would on Pascha. When Pascha came he went out to the desert to find her. As he approached the banks of the Jordan he saw her on the other side. As she came toward him he saw her walk across the river as on dry land. He gave her Holy Communion and she departed. The next year he went out to find her and he came upon her grave. She had written in the sand that a lion buried her.

What impressed you most about the life of St. Mary?

