



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## **DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT**

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

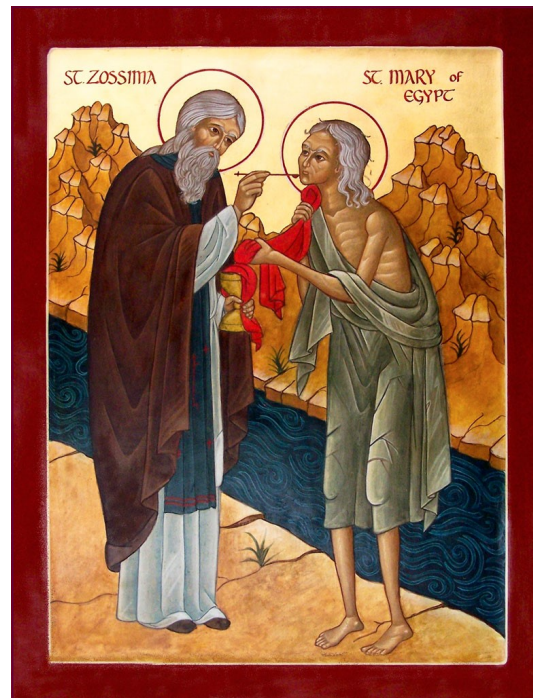
**Tone 4 / Eothinon 1; Fifth Sunday of Great Lent  
Commemoration of our Righteous Mother**

**Mary of Egypt**

Venerable John, disciple of Gregory of Decapolis;

Venerable Euthymios and Athanasios of Aegina;

Cosmas the Confessor, Bishop of Chalcedon



**We welcome children of all ages in our worship.**

“Let the little children come unto Me for of such is  
the Kingdom of Heaven.” Luke 18:16

## ***CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK***

### **Sunday, April 18—St. Mary of Egypt**

9:00 a.m.        Matins  
10:00 a.m.        Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m.        Coffee Hour (beverages only)

### **Monday, April 19**

6:45 a.m.        Daily Matins  
5:00 p.m.        Akathist by Zoom  
6:00 p.m.        Great Compline

### **Tuesday, April 20**

9:00 a.m.        St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

### **Wednesday, April 21**

6:45 a.m.        Daily Matins  
6:00 p.m.        Presanctified Liturgy

### **Thursday, April 22**

7:45 a.m.        Akathist by Zoom  
10 a.m.-1p.m.    Showers of Blessing  
6:00 p.m.        Youth Group

### **Friday, April 23**

6:45 a.m.        Daily Matins  
6:00 p.m.        CANON OF LAZARUS

### **Saturday, April 24—LAZARUS SATURDAY**

8:30 a.m.        Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday  
10:30 a.m.        Work Party/Decorating/  
                         Making of palm crosses  
6:00 p.m.        Great Vespers/Confessions

### **Sunday, April 25—PALM SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m.        Festal Matins  
10:00 a.m.        Festal Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m.        Coffee Hour (beverages only)  
6:00 p.m.        Bridegroom Matins

## ***SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE***

### **EUCHARIST BREAD**

April 18	Dillon
April 24	Kern (Lazarus Saturday)
April 25	Morrison
May 2	Jacobs (Pascha)
May 9	D. Washburn

### **READERS**

April 18	Rdr. H. Lange
April 21	Rdr. M. Kern (Presanctified)
April 24	D. Washburn (Lazarus Sat. Lit.)
April 24	D. Alexander (Great Vespers)
April 25	M. Braun
April 27	D. Meyer (Presanctified)
April 28	Rdr. M. Kern (Presanctified)
April 28	D. Alexander (Unction)
April 29	M. Braun (Institution Liturgy)
April 30	All readers who are available

### **ROYAL HOURS**

April 30	D. Meyer (Vespers)
April 30	Rdr. H. Lange (Lamentations)
May 1	Kern, Gish, Butler, Lange (Liturgy)
May 2	Rdr. J. Butler (PASCHA)
May 9	M. Braun

### **USHERS**

April 18	D. Washburn, M. Loulias
April 25	C. Berari, D. Meyer
May 2	P. King, J. King
May 9	C. & S. Speier

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology  
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion**

**THE DIVINE LITURGY  
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**THE GREAT LITANY**

**FIRST ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain**

Vs. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High;  
To proclaim Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. [Refrain]

**Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

Vs. Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. [Refrain]

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

**SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain**

Vs. The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and  
hath girded Himself.

**Refrain: O Son Of God Who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee,  
Alleluia!**

Vs. For He hath established the world which shall not be shaken. [Refrain]

Vs. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore. [Refrain]

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages  
of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and immortal Word of God, who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate  
of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and was  
crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, who art one of the Holy Trinity,  
glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us.

### **THIRD ANTIPHON—The Beatitudes or “Sermon on the Mount”**

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord,  
when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you, and shall say all manner  
of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

### **HYMNS FOR THE DAY at the LITTLE ENTRANCE:**

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 4**

Having learned the joyful message  
of the Resurrection from the angel,  
the women disciples of the Lord cast from them  
their parental condemnation,  
and proudly broke the news to the disciples  
saying death has been spoiled.  
Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

#### **Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt**

**Tone 8**

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,  
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 instead for the soul, for it is immortal.  
Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary,  
rejoices with the angels.

#### **Troparion to St. Athanasius**

**Tone 3**

Holy Bishop Athanasius,  
you became a stronghold of Orthodoxy,  
strengthening the Church through your divine teachings.  
Opposing the heretical opinion of Arius,  
you explained and taught that the Son is equal in nature with the Father.  
O holy Father, intercede with Christ God that He may grant us abundant mercy.

**Kontakion - Ordinary Sundays****Tone 4**

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,  
The mediatrix, who was unrejected by the Creator.  
Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners.  
Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good.  
Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos,  
who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

**TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.  
+Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Deacon: With strength!

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

**Preparatory Psalm verses before the Epistle****Tone 4**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom Thou hast made them all. (*Ps 103/104:24*)  
Vs. Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord my God, Thou art very great.

**THE EPISTLE READING**  
**Hebrews 9:11-14**

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.

**Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel      Tone 4**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Verse:** Draw Thy bow and prosper and reign, in the cause of  
truth, meekness, and righteousness. (*Ps 44/45:5*)

**Verse:** Thou hast loved righteousness and hated wickedness.  
(*Ps 44/45:8*)

**GOSPEL READING  
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, 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 again."

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 Jesus 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 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."

**Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God**

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages: He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil  
tidings! (*Ps. 111:6*)

**We remember in prayer at each of our services:**  
Fr. Paul Abernathy (LEFT) and the community of St. Moses Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Fr. Turbo Qualls (RIGHT) and the community of St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Church in Kansas City, Missouri.



***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

**Wedding Anniversaries**

4/22 Owen J. & Monica Finley

**Birthdays**

4/19 Dn. Richard Easbey

4/20 Paul Wintz

4/21 Carla Brunstead

4/22 Dn. Gary Braun, Elias Hedges

4/23 Cheryl Fisher

4/24 Christie Robinson, Julianna Ballew, Sydney Hedges

**Patronal Feast Days**

4/18 St. Athanasia the Wonderworker

Asia Ballew

4/23 St. George the Great Martyr

Richard Ballew

4/24 St. Elizabeth the Wonderworker

Christina Lydick

**HOLY COMMUNION**

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Christians who are baptized in the name of the Trinity and chrismated into the Orthodox Faith. Non-Orthodox believers **may approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread instead of the Eucharist.** So that the priest is aware of this, please just say,

*“Father, bless” when you get to the chalice.*

**Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion**

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, we offer the prayers of thanksgiving for having received the Body and Blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have just partaken, and prepare us for our transition back into the “world.” We invite you to listen to these beautiful prayers during and after the veneration of the cross at the end of the service, and ask that you show courtesy to those who are remaining to hear the prayers in their entirety by waiting until Coffee Hour to socialize.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY YEARS to Gary Jr. and Cheyenne Braun** on the birth of their son, Hunter Scott Braun, 8lbs. 14 ounces, 21.5 inches, on April 15th. Congratulations to grandparents, Dn. Gary and Melissa Braun, and to GREAT Grandpa, Fr. Jon Braun!

### MUSIC FOR THE KIDS

Children ages 3-8 years are invited to join us at the church this Wed. April 21 from 3:30—4:00 p.m. as we “make a joyful noise!” We’ll learn about rhythm and melody, and we will learn several versions of “Christ is risen.” We hope to continue the class on a regular basis after Pascha.

### LAZARUS SATURDAY WORK PARTY — HELP NEEDED

Once again, we will be cleaning, polishing and decorating on Lazarus Saturday, April 24th, at 10:30 a.m. (after the Divine Liturgy) to get the Church ready for Palm Sunday and Pascha. The Festal Decorating Team needs LOTS of extra hands for putting up palms and making palm crosses. Please stay after the Liturgy, if you are able. If you have questions, contact Lisa Ballew: [lisaballew8@gmail.com](mailto:lisaballew8@gmail.com).

### UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES — 6th WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Monday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Great Compline

Wednesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m.

CANON OF LAZARUS

Saturday, April 24 at 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy for Lazarus

### HELP NEEDED – SHOWERS OF BLESSING

The Showers of Blessing needs 3 volunteers to help with laundry. Each volunteer would help once a month. The volunteer would be asked to launder 2 baskets of towels and cleaning cloths and return them any time during the week to any of the sites where showers are offered. The pick up time would be one Tuesday a month at 12:45 p.m. Please contact Sally Hamilton at [sallyshamilton2gmail.com](mailto:sallyshamilton2gmail.com) if you are able to help.

**THE SHOWERS OF BLESSING can use used or gently worn MEN’S CASUAL CLOTHING. (No women’s clothing, please.** They have plenty right now.) Here’s what they need: Men’s jeans, t-shirts, men’s jackets, sweatshirts, and **CASUAL** button down shirts. **No formal/office wear, please.** If you have clothing to donate, please leave it **IN A BAG** in the hallway near the parish office with a note clearly marking it for SHOWERS OF BLESSING. Thanks!

### JOIN US FOR COFFEE ON THE PATIO!

We are serving beverages after the Liturgy on Sundays. Join us for some fellowship time out in the fresh air!





# PASCHA CELEBRATION

*Sunday, May 2, 2021*

- 5:00 a.m. Paschal Procession & Rush (Matins) Service
- 6:15 a.m. Paschal Liturgy and Blessing of Meat, Cheese and our Baskets
- 7:45 a.m. Break-fast on the patio — Bring your own basket.  
Coffee, juice, Pascha cheese, bread, strawberries provided by the church.  
Sorry...no buffet table this year for sharing food items.
- 8:15 a.m. Egg Hunt for the kids in the field behind the church
- 9:00 a.m. Agape Vespers with the Gospel read in many languages

**NO PICNIC AT THE PARK THIS YEAR.**

**PARENTS:** For the egg hunt please bring one dozen **FILLED PLASTIC EGGS** for each child (preschool through Grade 6) who will be participating. Bags will be provided for the kids to use when collecting eggs. Filled eggs need to be brought to the church **no later than 6:00 a.m. on Pascha morning.** There will be a cart in the hallway near the church office where you can drop off eggs throughout Holy Week. Questions? Contact Christie Robinson: [christie.d.robinson@gmail.com](mailto:christie.d.robinson@gmail.com)



**If you do not have children participating but would like to donate eggs for the hunt for children who might be visiting that day, or for a particular family in the parish, your donations are welcome! Please let Christie know.**

## SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK 2021

(Finish times are approximate.)

Palm Sunday, 4/25	Bridegroom Matins	6:00—7:15 p.m.
Monday, 4/26	Bridegroom Matins	6:00 –7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 4/27	Presanctified Liturgy Bridegroom Matins	7:00—8:15 a.m. 6:00-7:20 p.m.
Wednesday, 4/28	Presanctified Liturgy Holy Unction	7:00—8:15 a.m. 6:00-7:40 p.m.
Thursday, 4/29	Institution Liturgy Matins with 12 Passion Gospels	7:00-8:20 a.m. 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Friday, 4/30	Royal Hours Burial Vespers Lamentation Matins All-night Vigil	9:00-11:00 a.m. 3:00-4:00 p.m. 7:00-8:50 p.m. 10:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.
Saturday, 5/1	Vespereal Liturgy celebrating Christ's Victory over Hades	8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

### BAPTISMS OF: James Arnold, Peter Van Dolah, Cyrus & Lincoln Brunner

Sunday, 4/28	Paschal Procession, Matins Liturgy, Blessing of baskets Break-fast, Egg Hunt Agape Vespers	5:00—8:00 a.m.  8:00 a.m. 9:30-10:15 a.m.
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## SAFETY PROTOCOLS—March 2021

Metropolitan Joseph asks that we continue to adhere to the following:

- During services, please maintain at least 6 ft. of distance on all sides, including in the Communion line, and wear a mask that covers both YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE. (Families may sit together but should have six feet of space in front and behind them.)

The Sunday Divine Liturgy is being broadcast in the hallway and on the patio for overflow crowd and for those who are not comfortable sitting inside the nave.

**Please do not linger inside the building after the services unless you are buying something from the Bookstore.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests received through the parish office will be printed in the bulletin and will be prayed for during the litanies at the daily services. Prayer requests received in the box at the church will be prayed for quietly at the altar at all services. Prayer requests remain for 40 days unless requested otherwise.

**Send prayer requests for the bulletin to: [office@stathanasius.org](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).**

**Please pray for the health of:**

Metropolitan JOSEPH  
Mother Victoria  
Met. Paul & Abp. John  
Fr. Markos  
Fr. Jon B.  
Dn. Richard E.  
Kh. Diane C.  
Greg & Margaret Y.  
Hoppe Family in Albania  
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya  
Duane F.  
Richard and Susan B.  
Monsignor J. Yanek  
Bob N.  
Kh. Melissa H.  
Cole K. (military)  
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)  
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)

Chase K. (military)  
Nick & Kristine J. (military)  
Steve T,  
Dn. John Y.  
Mitch D. Sr.  
Harvey G.  
Nina  
Dasha  
Bev R.  
Phyllis M.  
Christina & Anthony  
Lee Family  
Fr. Wayne W.  
Audrey  
Zack  
Keith  
Kent F.  
S. Washburn & Family  
L. Jacobs

Scott L.  
Samantha and Chris N.  
Dan A.  
John S.  
Earle L.  
Barbara W. and Doreen

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church  
The Church & people in Lebanon  
All those suffering and  
in danger in Ukraine,  
Africa, and the Middle East

Please pray for the raising up and  
support of long-term missionaries from  
our parish.

### **For repose of the souls of:**

Fr. George M., Fr Jon-Stephen, Fr. Vladimir L., Jim R., Betty  
All who have died in the conflicts in Ukraine Africa & the Middle East  
Those who lost their lives in the explosion in Lebanon

## **ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE**

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing items that are FOR SALE. One cabinet holds icons, crosses, incense, prayer ropes, etc. The bookshelf has books for sale, arranged alphabetically by book title. Children's books are on the bottom shelf. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jewelry such as a cross or chain. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' office. Make checks payable to **S.A.O.C. Bookstore**. (The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

**All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.**

***On the Fifth Sunday of Lent*** the Orthodox Church commemorates our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt. The feast day of Saint Mary of Egypt is April 1, however, she is also commemorated on this Sunday due to her recognition by the Church as a model of repentance.

This Life of Our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt was written down in the seventh century by Saint Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem, some hundred years after the repose of the holy Mary, who fell asleep in the Lord April 1, 522. It is one of the most beautiful and edifying lives of a saint. Its obvious and stated purpose is to glorify God and to feed the souls of its readers. St. Sophronius lifts up the life of blessed Mary as a most wondrous example of repentance for all the faithful. Indeed, the Church has lifted up this life before all the faithful on the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, the Sunday before Palm Sunday. It is both a challenge and an inspiration to us. It shows us what a human being is capable of when she works with the all-powerful saving and forgiving grace of our all-loving God.

This life should not discourage us by the superhuman efforts of glorious Mary; it should instead give us hope and the will to take courage to begin our repentance. As we go along the compunctionate path of repentance, God will give us the strength to go deeper and deeper into our souls, opening our whole life to Him so that He can heal, restore, and glorify it by uniting it to Himself. To Him be the glory for ever. Amen.

Pray to our venerable Mother Mary that she will not forsake us but that she will bear with our weaknesses, even our lack of repentance, and will always stand with us and uphold us with her holy prayers, that she will always intercede for all those who honor her.

To read her life story:

<https://stmaryofegypt.org/files/library/life.htm>