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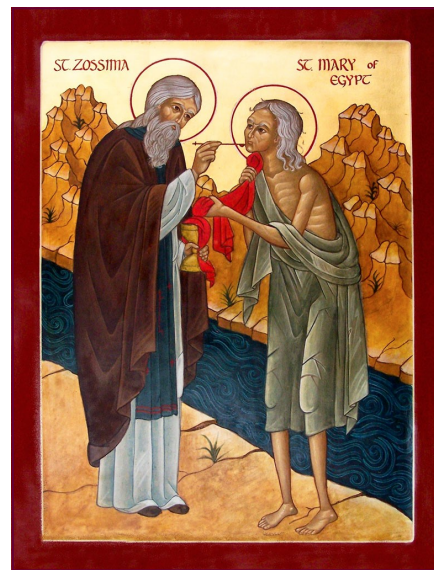
DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

April 2, 2023

**Tone 1 / Eothinon 9; Fifth Sunday of Great Lent
Commemoration of our Righteous Mother**

Mary of Egypt

Venerable Titus the Wonderworker;
Virgin-martyr Theodora of Palestine



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning.

If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to partake of the
blessed bread during communion.

Please join us on the patio after the Liturgy for Coffee Hour.

We'd love to meet you!

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

During Great Lent there will be no Daily Vespers or Daily Matins except for Fridays, when there are Daily Matins at 7 a.m.

Sunday, April 2—ST. MARY OF EGYPT

9:00 a.m. Matins & Religious Ed. ages 3-12
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education
11:45 p.m. Agape Meal
12:30 p.m. Adult Catechism

Monday, April 3

5:15 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist by Zoom
5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Great Compline /Confessions

Wednesday, April 5

12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 6

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, April 7

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Little Compline/Canon for Lazarus

Saturday, April 8

8:30 a.m. Liturgy for Lazarus
10:30 a.m. Work Party
5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, April 9—PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Matins & Religious Ed. ages 3-12
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education
11:45 p.m. PARISH POTLUCK
5:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

April 2 Dn. G. Braun
April 8 Kern (Lazarus Saturday)
April 9 Jacobs
April 15 Meyer (Holy Saturday)
April 16 Kern (Pascha)
April 23 Fr. Nicholas

READERS

April 2 Meyer
April 5 Gish (Presanctified Liturgy)
April 8 Alexander (Lazarus Liturgy)
April 8 Kern (Vespers)
April 9 Butler
April 11 Meyer (a.m. Presanctified Liturgy)
April 12 Alexander (a.m. Presanctified Lit.)
April 12 Lange (Unction)
April 13 Kern (Liturgy)
April 14 Gish (Burial Vespers)
April 14 Butler (Lamentations)
April 15 Kern, Gish, Butler, Lange
April 16 Lange (PASCHA)
April 22 TBA (Vespers)
April 23 Meyer

GREETERS

April 2 H. Lange/D. Lewis
April 9 M. Loulias/P. Cocores
April 16 N/A
April 23 K. Fox/D. Washburn

USHERS

April 2 P. King/J. King
April 9 K. L. King/C. Berari
April 16 D. Meyer/M. Loulias
April 23 C. Speier/S. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

April 2 Team Lander
April 9 PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK
April 16 PASCHA BREAKFAST
April 23 Team Kawahara

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Apr. 6 M. Loulias Apr. 20 L. Ballew
Apr. 13 F. Young Apr. 27 M. Loulias

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive. Non-Orthodox believers and others **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.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

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 wast
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.

**AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR AT THE
LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 1

(Music on p. 40 of Liturgy book)

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 pow'rs
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.

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 (p. 9 of Liturgy book)

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 8**

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

Verse: *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

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 before the Gospel**Tone 1**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**Verse:** It is God Who avenges me, and subdues people under me. (*Ps 17/18:47*)**Verse:** He gives great deliverance to His King, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his seed forever. (*Ps 17/18:50*)**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 HYMNSPraise 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*)

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 the blessing of the food at Coffee Hour to eat and socialize.**

Please pray for all of our catechumens, that their minds and hearts will be illumined as they continue their journey towards baptism and/or chrismation.

Emma Bobro
Tatianna Calhoun
Kevin Duke
Kaleigh Flores
Anthony Salcedo, Ethan, Dominic and Jennifer
Gage Salinas
Naomi Siragusa
Mary Wolfington, Alicia & Gabriel
Marleyinna Worthington

THANK YOU....

...to all of the women of our parish who supported this year's women's Annunciation Tea! Through your generosity, we were able to send \$1,000 in support of the Earthquake Relief Fund, which is the Antiochian Women's national project this year.

Thank you to Dorothy Alexander for the inspiring and very clever presentation on the quali-TEAS of the Theotokos which we all strive to emulate!



SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, April 3	Great Compline at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5	Presanctified Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. (Fr. Bob & Parishioners of St. Barbara Greek parish will be our guests.)
Friday, April 7	Canon of Lazarus at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 8	Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy at 8:30 a.m. followed by Coffee Hour & Work Party
Sat./Sun., April 9/10	Palm Sunday — regular weekend service schedule

DAILY MATINS & VESPERS DURING GREAT LENT

During Great Lent there will be no Daily Vespers, and no Daily Matins on Mondays & Wednesdays. There will still be Daily Matins on Fridays at 7 a.m. served by a priest.

CONFESSIONS

During Great Lent, Fr. Symeon will be hearing Confessions on the following days:

- Mondays at 5:00 p.m. before Great Compline and also after that service.
- Fridays at 5:00 p.m. before Akathist and also after that service.
- Saturdays at 5pm before Great Vespers, and also after Vespers.
- **HOLY WEEK:** Fr. Symeon will be available after each service up until Good Friday Vespers.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

- ★ 4/2 Christina Shackelford
- ★ 4/3 Donna Friesen, Timmy Palmer
- ★ 4/4 Duane Franzen
- ★ 4/5 Corina Berari, Ethan Keller
- ★ 4/6 Monica Finley, Valerie Yova
- ★ 4/7 James Arnold

PASCHA CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 16, 2023

- 5:00 a.m. Paschal Procession & Rush (Matins) Service
- 6:15 a.m. Paschal Liturgy and Blessing of Meat, Cheese and our Baskets
- 8:00 a.m. Break-fast on the patio — Bring your own Pascha basket.
The church will provide:
Pascha eggs
Meats (breakfast sausage, bacon and ham)
Pascha cheese
Bread
Strawberries
Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, juice, chocolate milk, water
- 8:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for the kids in the field behind the church
- 2:00 p.m. Agape Vespers
- 3:00 p.m. Picnic at Tucker's Grove (More details TBA.)



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.
- **Please mark the filled eggs according to the age of your child: Preschool/Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, or Grades 4-6.**

Questions? Contact Christie Robinson:
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**METROPOLITAN SABA, our new hierarch, is posting weekly teachings and meditations to the Archdiocese website. You can access them here:
<https://antiochian.org/dashboard?name=MetSaba>**

OUR ANNUAL PRE-PASCHA WORK PARTY will be THIS Saturday, April 8th after the Liturgy for Lazarus. Please plan to stay and help for a few hours. Kids are welcome! Breakfast will be served after the Liturgy, and snacks will be available throughout the work party.

FR. HARALAMBOS FOX AND THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. BARBARA PARISH will join us on Wed. April 5th for Presanctified Liturgy and the soup dinner afterwards.

FINAL LENTEN SOUP DINNER — WE NEED YOUR HELP! THIS WEDNESDAY AFTER PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Please take a look at the sign-up page at this link and consider how you can participate:

bit.ly/LentenSoupDinners

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE DRIVE — LAST WEEK TO BRING FOOD!

Please keep in mind those who are suffering from food insecurity or hunger during these last few weeks of Great Lent. We are collecting both funds and food between now and Palm Sunday. Monetary donations will go to “Food for Hungry People,” through our Antiochian Archdiocese. We are also collecting food for our local Food Bank. We are asking for a very specific list of their most-needed food items. Food may be placed in the large boxes in the hallway between now and April 9th.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Whole grain cereal (with less than 12g sugar per serving)	
Canned tuna or chicken	Nut butters
Pasta	Canned or dried beans/legumes

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

- New nave sound system and lighting: We are scheduled to begin the install the week of May 29th. Ben Hedges and Jim Morrison are leading this project.
- The Reception Room sound system will be installed at the same time; and we are looking into a baby changing table for this area.
- A team is being set up by Glenn Hoppe and Dom Dopico to arrange for a speaker on the patio for Liturgy. Those with young children or a need to be outside will be able to continue hearing the service.

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.

Please pray for the health of:

His Beatitude, Patriarch John X
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Audrey 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.
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Connor V. (military)
Julianna B. (military)
P. Speier (military)
Subdn. Matthew W. (seminary)

Steve T.
Abp. Benjamin
Temmo K.
Sarah B.
Chuck S.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Lander and Washburn Families
Kevin
Stephan & Rosa K.
David
Evonne C.
Phyllis M.
Christina S.
Judy A.
Mark K.
Todd C.
Ethan K.
Mari & the Fewell Family
Matt & Tessa, Matt & Olivia
Jesús D.
Erik L.
Matthew

Nina & Erik Sr.
Anthony & Christina and Family

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church

The Church & people suffering from the earthquake in Syria and Turkey

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: Bishop Tikhon, Nicko, Aiden B., Rick S.

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 Temple Fund.

Divine Services for Holy & Great Week and Pascha 2023

at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church in Santa Barbara, CA

Lazarus Saturday

April 7 6:00 PM

April 8 8:30 AM

The festal transition from the end of Lent to beginning of Holy Week.

Little Compline with Canon of Raising of Lazarus

The Divine Liturgy (followed by Work Party to prepare for Holy Week & Pascha)

Palm Sunday

April 8 5:30 PM

April 9 9:00 AM

10:00 AM

The Great Feast of the Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Great Vespers for Palm Sunday

Orthros with the Blessing of Palms

Divine Liturgy & Procession with Palms

HOLY WEEK

Services begin Sunday evening in anticipation, strict fasting resumes

Sun. April 9 6:00 PM

Bridegroom Orthros for Great Monday

Great & Holy Monday

April 10 6:00 PM

The Commemoration of the Patriarch Joseph as a Prototype of the Lord's Passion

Bridegroom Orthros for Great Tuesday

Great & Holy Tuesday

April 11 8:30 AM

6:00 PM

The Commemoration of the Parable of the Ten Virgins

Presanctified Liturgy

Bridegroom Orthros for Great Wednesday

Great & Holy Wednesday

April 12 8:30 AM

6:00 PM

Commemoration of the Sinful Woman Who Repented Contrasted with Judas

Presanctified Liturgy

The Sacrament of Holy Unction

Great & Holy Thursday

April 13 8:30 AM

6:00 PM

The Mystical Supper of the Lord

Orthros & Vesperal Liturgy for the Mystical Supper followed by the Rite of the Washing of the Feet

Orthros for Holy Friday with the Passion Gospels, the Golgotha Procession, and Nailing to the Cross

Great & Holy Friday

April 14 10:00 AM

3:00 PM

7:00 PM

The Passion, Crucifixion and Burial of Our Lord

The Great Hours and Typika for Holy Friday

Vespers with the Removal of Christ from the Cross

Orthros for Holy Saturday with Lamentations and Procession with the Bier

Great & Holy Saturday

April 15 10:00 AM

The Despoliation of Hades by our Lord

Vesperal Liturgy of the Harrowing of Hades with Reception of Converts

Great & Holy Sunday: PASCHA

The Bodily Resurrection of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ from the Dead.

April 16 5:00 AM Rush Service, Orthros, and Divine Liturgy // Paschal Reception

2:00 PM

Agape Vespers

Communal Paschal Celebration

Join us at 3:00 PM at Tucker's Grove Park for BBQ and Games.

Let us share abundantly the joy of the Lord's Resurrection with Paschal Exchange:

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!