

**ST. MARY'S
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.. SYNAXIS ARCHANGEL GABRIEL March 26, 2023

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SAT. 4:30 p.m. +John & Mary Hudak by Daughter, Joan 329

SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Service

TUE. 10:30: a.m. No Service

**WED. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
+Vince Carosella by wife, Geri**

THU. 10:30 a.m. No Service

**FRI. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
+Marge Hritzso by Anonymous**

SAT. 3:30 p.m. Confessions until 4:00 p.m.



PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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SUN. 10:30 a.m. +John Marshall Baugher by Grandmother, Maureen Newell

Today is the summit of our salvation, and what was hidden from before all ages is revealed: The Son of God becomes a virgin's son, and Gabriel announces the good news of grace. Therefore, let us exclaim with him to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

CHURCH DONATIONS March 19 , 2023
Sisters of St. Basil \$ 170.00 Candles \$ 28.00
Lent \$360.00 Monthly Dues \$145.00
Maintenance \$200.00
Offertory \$ 1,336.00

LENT FUND RAISER FOR SISTERS

We are asking for donations during Lent that will be sent to our Sisters at St. Mt. Macrina. Envelopes are at both entrances .

SHUT-IN VISITS.....ANOINTING

Father will bring the Holy Eucharist as well as the annual Anointing during Holy Week to his regular shut-ins. If you are not on his list and would like him to visit with you please call the office 330 792-1578

BCW ...NEWS

If you do not want to receive the BCW and have not been sending in your donation, please let us know so we can remove your name.

CEMETERY ...CLEAN-UP

PLEASE remove all Christmas decorations from the cemetery as our Guys will up there this week to start SPRING-CLEANING.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father will hear Confessions Sat. April 1st from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. and on Good Friday, April 7th following Good Friday Service.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Will be held at St. Michael Church, Robinson Rd. Campbell on Palm Sunday from 12 NOON -2:30 p.m. Dine in or Take out. \$12.00 per dinner....Children under 10 \$6.00. Call 330-770 9213 to place order.

PUSSY WILLOWS NEEDED

If you have Pussywillow tree in your yard please call us Monday morning. We are in need of Pussy willows for Palm Sunday. We will come & cut them down.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

An anonymous author once said, "Others will judge your God by the way you present Him." And how right he is. Reflecting upon our own lives, we can testify to the fact that the good Samaritan's who crossed our path and radiated the spirit of joyfulness, understanding, kindness, generosity, and especially mercy and forgiveness, made an imprint upon our hearts and minds forever.

The Gospels present Jesus as that type of individual. As the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, Jesus presented God as He really is. For example, to the woman caught in the act of adultery, as He witnessed her repentive disposition, He was merciful and forgiving, exhorting her to go and sin no more.

No one is beyond the reach of God no matter how serious we may have offended Him throughout our life. He forgives all who approach Him especially through the Mystery of Reconciliation and anoints their soul with healing.

On this Fifth Sunday of The Great Fast, our Byzantine Catholic tradition brings to our attention the life of an Egyptian woman who after living a very immoral and degrading existence, found how compassionate and loving God is. Mary the Egyptian (522 A.D.), according to her biographer Saint Sophronios, stands as the exemplar of genuine penance. After experiencing a great change of heart, she turned away from her evil ways and approached the merciful Savior with extreme sorrow. She then experienced a heavy burden lifted from her heart by reconciling herself to God. With a grateful disposition, she continually gave herself to Christ in love and devotion for the rest of her life.

During this sacred season of the Holy Fast, we are challenged to show mercy to others. Saint John Chrysostom tells us, "Do you wish to receive mercy? Show Mercy!"

Just as Mary the Egyptian committed her life to Jesus, witnessing to God's mercy and forgiveness must we lead others during our generation to Him by our witness and devotion. Remember, "*Others will judge your God by the way you present Him.*"



Mary's Obedience Reversed Eve's Disobedience

So the Lord now manifestly came to His own: Born by His own created order that He Himself bears, He by His obedience on the tree renewed and reversed what was done by disobedience in connection with a tree. The power of that seduction by which the virgin Eve, already betrothed to a man, had been wickedly seduced was broken when the angel in truth brought good tidings to the Virgin Mary, who already by her betrothal belonged to a man.

For as Eve was seduced by the word of an angel to flee from God, having rebelled against his Word, so Mary by the word of an angel received the glad tidings that she would bear God by obeying His Word. The former was seduced to disobey God and so fell, but the latter was persuaded to obey God, so that the Virgin Mary might become the advocate of Eve. As the human race was subjected to death through the act of a virgin, so was it saved by a virgin was precisely balanced by the obedience of another. Then indeed the sin of the first formed man was amended by the chastisement of the First Begotten, the wisdom of the serpent was conquered by the simplicity of the dove, and the chains were broken by which we were in bondage to death.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

Having suffered the Passion for us, Jesus Christ, O Son of God, Have mercy on us!