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

*Father Hector Firoglanis, Pastor*

**New Sunday Worship Schedule**
- 7:00 AM - Early Divine Liturgy
- 8:15 AM - Orthros
- 9:30 AM - Regular Divine Liturgy

(Preceded by singing Doxology at 6:55 AM)

**OCMC Mission Boxes**
Since boxes were not given to children this year, we ask that you please make a generous donation to support our missions for the clean water fund. Please make checks payable to “OCMC” with “clean water” on the memo line.

**Palm Sunday**
- GOYA Dinner Dialogue
- April 25th from 5:30PM to 6:45 PM
- Food, Fellowship & Discussion

**GYROFEST 2021**
- Tickets have been mailed!
- More details to follow

**Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt**

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of Egypt, a harlot who became a saint. Saint Mary was a runaway child who went to Alexandria and became a prostitute. In the course of her life, out of curiosity, she once joined a throng of pilgrims who traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14) and there she did not cease to lead others to sin.

However, when she tried to enter into the Church of the Holy Resurrection, an unseen power prevented her from doing so, once, twice, three times, while others around her entered freely. Taking this as a personal sign to her from God, she was cut to the heart by a profound awareness of her own sinfulness. She immediately repented and decided to change her life, embracing the monastic life (in desert solitude) for over four decades and becoming a saint of the Church.

From harlot to saint by the grace of God! Her feast is set on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, “while the end of Lent is near, so that idlers and sinners may be aroused by repentance, having as an example this saint” (Festal Commemoration, Fifth Sunday of Lent).

Once you were defiled with every impurity, but today through Repentance you have become the Bride of Christ.

Desiring the life of the angels, you have cast down the demons with the weapon of the Cross. Therefore, O glorious Mary, you have been made a bride of the Kingdom.

(Matins Hymn, 5th Sunday of Lent)


**WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS**

We welcome our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors at all the liturgical services with a reminder that Holy Communion may be received only by prepared Orthodox Christians. Please sign the Visitor’s Registry in the Narthex if you wish to be contacted by the priest.

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Father Theodosios Papas, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus

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Apolitikia Hymns of the Day in English & Greek

1. RESURRECTIONAL APOLOGYTIKION (4TH MODE)

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples said to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

2. FOR THE DEVOUT WOMAN (PLAGAL 4TH MODE)

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted the glory of the Virgin and Gabriel proclaims the gift from God. Together with him we cry out to You, O Theotokos: “Hail thou full of grace, the Lord is with you.”

3. HYMN OF OUR CHURCH (4TH MODE)

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery of ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin and Gabriel proclaims this gift from God. Together with him we cry out to You, O Theotokos: “Hail thou full of grace, the Lord is with you.”

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

1. APOLOGYTIKION ANASTASIMON (‘ΗΧΟΣ Δ’)  

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσα αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀποῤῥίψασαι, τοῖς Χριστοῦ ἁγιάζοντες τοὺς κεκωκωμένους ἀγάμον πρὸς τὴν τὴν σαρκὸς καθαρισμὸν, πάλαι μᾶλλον τὸ αἷμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὡς δὲ Πνεῦματος ἀιώνιου ἐστίν προσηγγείκεν ἀδύνατον τῷ Θεῷ, καθαρίσῃ τὴν συνείδησιν ἡμῶν ἀπὸ τοὐ διόρθων εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν Θεῷ ζῶν ἀμέν.

2. ΤΗΣ ΟΣΙΑΣ (‘ΗΧΟΣ ΠΛ. Δ’)  

Εἰς αὐτὸ ἔκρηξις διατίθεται ὁ κατ' εἰκόνα βασιλιάς αὐτοῦ ἐλάχιστος διά τοῦ σταυροῦ ἐκεῖνου, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Αρχάγγελῳ τῷ Τιμίῳ καὶ ἔνεκεν τὸν ἀνθρώπων ἐχθρὸν ἐκ τοῦ χριστίου τῷ Οὐρανῷ, ἀνεμόφλεγτος τὸν κόσμον τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

3. ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ (‘ΗΧΟΣ Ε’)  

Προστάσια τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκατάσχητη, μεταξὺ προς τὸν Παρθένο ἀμέτρητα, μὴ παρήξις, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεσμῶν φυσικῶν, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασιν, ὡς ἀγάθου, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν ποιθός κραυγοῦστος σοι. Τάχθην εἰς προεξοθεν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, τὸν κόσμο τοῦ κόσμου.