



Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church

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Weekly Services: Saturday: Great Vespers-5:00p.m., Sunday: Divine Liturgy-9:30a.m. **Great Feasts:** Vespers Liturgy on the eve of the Feast @ 6:30p.m. or as scheduled; **Women's Ministry meets:** 1st Sunday on even months; **Choir rehearsal:** 2nd Thursday of the month

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Hebrews 9: 11-14.

Mark 10:32-45.

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5th Sunday of Great Lent: St. Mary of Egypt, St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Today, April 6: Divine Liturgy – 9:30am You can watch live streams of services on Facebook or YouTube. Go to our web site: www.hroc-oca.org and click on the hyperlink for either one at the top of the page.

Chicago Deanery Vespers: Holy Theophany Mission, N2107 State Highway 67 Walworth (Williams Bay), Wisconsin 53184 – 6:00pm Fr. John Thetford will speak on Vainglory and Sadness.

Monday, April 7: Building Committee meets – 5:00pm Parish Council meets – 6:15pm

Tuesday, April 8: OCCA Akathist Hymn at St. Haralambos Church – 7:00pm (see flyer)

Wednesday, April 9: Presanctified Liturgy – 6:30pm Confessions before the service by appointment.

Thursday, April 10: Choir rehearsal – 7:00pm

Friday, April 11: Vespers for the feast of the resurrection of Lazarus – 6:30pm (Confessions before/after)

Saturday, April 12: Divine Liturgy for the Feast – 9:00am

Sunday, April 13: Normal Sunday Schedule. Deanery Bride Groom Matins at Holy Trinity Cathedral – 6:00pm Archbishop Daniel will speak.

Celebrations this week: Tuesday, (4/8) **Bob Jostes'** birthday; Thursday, (4/10) **Oksana Manhart's** birthday. Many years!

OUR LIFE

We continue to pray for the recovery of **Jackie Luburich** who had a nasty fall/concussion and

Cornelia Rusu who also had a fall, hitting her head. Jackie is back with us as she continues to heal. We hope that Cornelia will return very soon!

We've added **John Grabavoy**, **Greg Grabavoy's** uncle who is dealing with a serious health issue, to our prayers for healing and health;

We extend our sincere sympathies to **Helen Haffner** on the loss of her mother, **Ann**, who fell asleep in the Lord this past Monday. Services will take place on Monday at Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview. May Ann's memory be eternal! More info at: www.nelsonfunerals.com/obituary/ann-stevens

Today is **John Cha's**, last Sunday with us for some time as he is being activated in the Army and will be deployed away from us. We will pray for his safe travels and hopefully for his return at some point. Godspeed John!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our suffering sisters and brothers experiencing war in Ukraine, Gaza, Syria and throughout the world, Lynette and Mike, John Grabavoy, Greg's uncle, for health; Vince Feldman's mother in law; cancer and father-in-law, cancer treatments; **Andrey**, Alexandra Basinger's cousin, cleared to fight in war; **Sam and Helen Luburich**, in physical rehab, for health; **Leah**, daughter of Fr. Howard and Michaelyn Sloan, sudden onset of neurological illness; **Elena**, Paul Melonas' grand-daughter for faith and health; **Jim McMillan**, friend of Mark Bach, prayers for health and future surgery, **Mark Bach**, for strength; **Nancy**, Margo Pelak's sister, kidney issues; **Dale Svetanoff**, for health; **David Judson**, for health; **Rita Lansing**, Sharon Wagh's mother, dementia; **Shari**, Amy Voltz's mother in law, for health; **Christine**, Francine Karas' sister, for health, **Leah**, friend of Michele Hagerman, cancer diagnosis; **Claudia**, for health, **Tony**, nephew with chronic pain and **Stephen**, cancer, **William and Pamela**, health issues, Helen Anderson's sister, nephew and dear friends; **Jeffrey**, Margaret Chobanian's cousin, retinal tear; **Michael**, Parkinsons, **Joy** (cancer), **James**, neighbor with MS, **Kenneth, Patricia**, multiple health issues, **Jane**, cancer; req by Chobanians; **Warren**, friend and husband of friend; **Gordana**, for health; **Atlas**, young boy with serious disease; requested by Diane Damos; **Kurt**, brain trauma after a fall; **James**, son of Betty Anderson and **Betty** herself, for health following accident and stroke on 12/23; **George Mueller**, cancer (Betty's ex brother in law) **Ronald Twellman**, brother-in-law of Betty Anderson, melanoma, **Sheila**, Ron's wife, for strength; req. by Betty Anderson; **Anna** (Helen H's mother, in decline), **Laura** (young mother with serious health issues, **Allene**, Helen Haffner's cousin with serious health issues, **Rob** (Mesothelioma) and **Mary Ann**, brother-in-law and sister, **Fr. Djuro Krosnjari**, for health; req. by Oksana Manhart, **Amanda, Aubrey, John**, children of Michael Naser; Albert and Doreen, Michael Naser's parents; **Newly departed: Michael Naser**, nephew of Marijo Svojse, killed in auto accident (+3/3), **William Schwarze**, (+3/7) Dick's brother. **Sister Chrysostomi**, (+3/24) Helen Haffner's cousin, **Ann** (+4/3) Helen Haffner's mother.

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

St. Mary of Egypt

Mary of Egypt, also known as Maria Aegyptiaca, was born somewhere in the Province of Egypt, and at the age of twelve ran away from her parents to the city of Alexandria. There, she lived an extremely dissolute life.[4] In her Vita it states that she often refused the money offered for her sexual favors, as she was driven "by an insatiable and an irrepressible passion", and that she mainly lived by begging, supplemented by spinning flax.

After seventeen years of this lifestyle, she traveled to Jerusalem for the Great Feasts of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. She undertook the journey as a sort of "anti-pilgrimage", stating that she hoped to find in the pilgrim crowds at Jerusalem even more partners to sate her lust. She paid for her passage by offering sexual favors to other pilgrims, and she briefly continued her habitual lifestyle in Jerusalem. Her Vita relates that when she tried to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for the celebrations, she was barred by an unseen force. Realizing this was because of her impurity, she was struck with remorse, and upon seeing an icon of the Theotokos (the Virgin Mary) outside the church, she prayed for forgiveness and promised to give up the world (i.e., become an ascetic). She attempted again to enter the church, and this time was able to go in. After venerating the relic of the True Cross, she returned to the icon to give thanks, and heard a voice telling her, "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest." She immediately went to the monastery of Saint John the Baptist on the banks of the River Jordan, where she received absolution and afterwards Holy Communion. The next morning, she crossed the Jordan eastwards and retired to the desert to live the rest of her life as a hermit in penitence. She took with her only three loaves of bread she had bought, and once she had eaten these, lived only on what she could find in the wilderness.[5]

Approximately one year before her death, she recounted her life to Zosimas of Palestine,[6] who encountered her in the desert. When he unexpectedly met her in the desert, she was completely naked and almost unrecognizable as human. She asked Zosimas to toss her his mantle to cover herself with, and then she narrated her life's story to him. She asked him to meet her at the banks of the Jordan on Holy Thursday of the following year, and to bring her Holy Communion. When he fulfilled her wish, she crossed the river to get to him by walking on the water, and received Holy Communion, telling him to meet her again in the desert the following Lent.

The next year, Zosimas went to the same spot where he first met her, some twenty days' journey from his monastery. There, he found her lying dead; an inscription written in the sand next to her head stated that she had died the very night he had given her Communion, her incorrupt body miraculously transported to that spot. He buried her body with the assistance of a passing lion. On returning to his monastery, he related her life story to the other brethren, and it was preserved among them as oral tradition until it was written down by Sophronius.

Taken from Wikipedia.org

ATTENTION BOOK LOVERS

There is a display of books to read for Lent, *IN THE CHURCH HALL, ON THE BACK TABLE*, from our HROC Library. The books don't seem to be flying off the table so to peek your interest, here is a question for you? Do you know why we read Genesis, Proverbs, and Psalms in Lenten services? Well if the answer is no then you should read "Great Lent" by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, to learn the answer, and so much more about the themes of Great Lent. Let's not be illiterate Orthodox. Lent is a good time to learn more about our Faith. If you have any questions, or looking for a specific book, ask Anna Strelka or Natalie Kuchta. When giving up TV and other entertainment during Lent, it is a good time to do some reading. We are blessed with a full Library of Orthodox books so please use them.

BOOKSTORE LENTEN BOOKS

If you prefer to purchase your reading materials, our Bookstore has many books for Lent also. Pat has put them on display on top of the bookstore. There are also some service books if you prefer to have your own. Stop by during coffee hour on Sundays. Happy reading. Ask Pat or Anna if you are looking for a specific book.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EASTER BAKE SALE

The Women's Ministry Pascha Bake Sale will be April 13 after Liturgy. Our traditional Pascha baked goods will be available for purchase. We need your help so all you talented bakers get out the flour and sugar and start baking! THANK YOU for your continued support.

CLEANING YESTERDAY

We thank everyone who came to help in our pre-Pascha cleaning of the Church yesterday! God bless you all!