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## Week of April 21, 2024

### Sunday, April 21

SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT — Ieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and his companions at Pozzuoli (ca. 305). Tone 5.

9:00am Matins

10:00 The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

11:45-12:15 Sunday school

12:00pm Fellowship

### This Divine Liturgy's Hymns & Readings

#### *one 5. Troparion of the resurrection*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

#### *Tone 8. Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt*

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.

*Tone 5. Kontakion of the resurrection*

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

*Tone 3. Kontakion of St. Mary of Egypt*

Having been a sinful woman, you became through repentance a bride of Christ. Having attained angelic life, you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross. Therefore, O most glorious Mary, you are a bride of the Kingdom.

*Tone 5. Prokeimenon*

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

*Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14*

*Tone 5. Alliluias*

I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.

*Gospel: Mark 10:32-45*

*Hymn to the Theotokos*

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!

### **This week's schedule**

*Monday, April 22.* St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis (613).

**1:00-3:00pm** Fr. Silviu office hours **CANCELED**

**6:00-8:00pm** Presanctified Liturgy for the feast of St. George

**8:00pm** Fellowship for our patronal feast

*Tuesday, April 23.* **Holy Glorious Greatmartyr, trophy-bearer, and Won-**

derworker George (303). Martyr Alexandra the Empress, wife of Diocletian (303).

*Wednesday, April 24.* Martyr Savva Stratelates (“the General”) of Rome, and 70 soldiers with him (272).

**3:00-5:00pm** Fr. Silviu office hours

**6:00-8:00pm** Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

*Thursday, April 25.* Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (1st c.).

*Friday, April 26.* Ieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (ca. 322).

*Saturday, April 27. Lazarus Saturday.* Ieromartyr Simeon, kinsman of the Lord, second Bishop of Jerusalem (107).

**9:00-10:00am** Matins

**10:00-12:00pm** The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-mouth

**5:00-5:45pm** Adult education class with Fr. Kyril-CANCELED

**6:00-7:00pm** Ninth Hour and Great Vespers

**7:00-7:30pm** Choir practice

## Announcements

### *OUR PATRONAL FEAST on Monday, April 22, at 6:00pm*

The feast of St. George falls on Tuesday this year and as always we will have an evening Liturgy for our dearest saint, the evening before, at 6:00pm, followed by a common meal with fish and other delicatessen which we haven't had in a while. Be a part of this most special day!

### *Final day for confessions is Saturday, April 27*

Please note that Fr. Silviu does not hear confessions between April 27 and May 12. Unless, of course, there is an emergency.

### *Services for the Saturday of Lazarus and Palm Sunday, April 27-28*

Please note that on each of these two days we will have the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am, preceded by Matins at 9:00! They are both special days. On Lazarus Saturday Lupita and Evangelia will cook lazarikia immediately after the Divine Liturgy. These are special Greek pastries served on this one day of the year; come and help!

Also, note that on Palm Sunday we will have a procession around the church with palm branches. Please do not forget to bring your palm branches and your palm crosses with you that day! In case you have extra, please bring them to the church before April 25, so that they can be prepared for the ones who

need them.

### *The schedule for Holy Week and Pascha, April 29-May 5*

The following are the services for the Holy Week and Pascha:

*Monday April 29, 6:00 pm:* Bridegroom Matins

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*Wednesday May 1, 6:00 pm:* Holy Unction

*Thursday May 2, 10:00 am:* Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great; *6:00 pm:* Matins of Holy Friday with the passion gospels.

*Friday May 3, 3:00 pm:* Vespers of Holy Friday with the bringing out of the shroud; *6:00 pm:* Matins of Holy Saturday with Lamentations and Entombing

*Saturday April 15, 9:00am,* Baptism and Chrismation of Brandy, Daniel, Hayden, Ivan, Matthew, and Peter; *10:00am* Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.

*Saturday April 15, 11:30pm, PASCHAL SERVICE:* Midnight with Canon, Resurrection Matins, the Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-mouth, and the blessing of the Paschal bread, meats, eggs, and dairy products

*Sunday April 16, 3:00 pm:* Agape Vespers followed by Pascha celebration with egg hunt for the kids.

Mark your calendars! Please plan on attending as many of the services as possible! The meal after the 3:00 pm agape vespers on Pascha is provided by Presv. Maria and Fr. Silviu! Father even promises to man the grill.

### Quote of the Week

Truly God did not lie when He promised that when we purify ourselves we shall be like Him. Glory to You, Christ our God, who through this have shown me, your servant, how far away I stand from perfection.

(from St. Sophronios of Jerusalem, *The Life of St. Mary of Egypt*, from *The Great Canon, the Work of Saint Andrew of Crete*, Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY)