

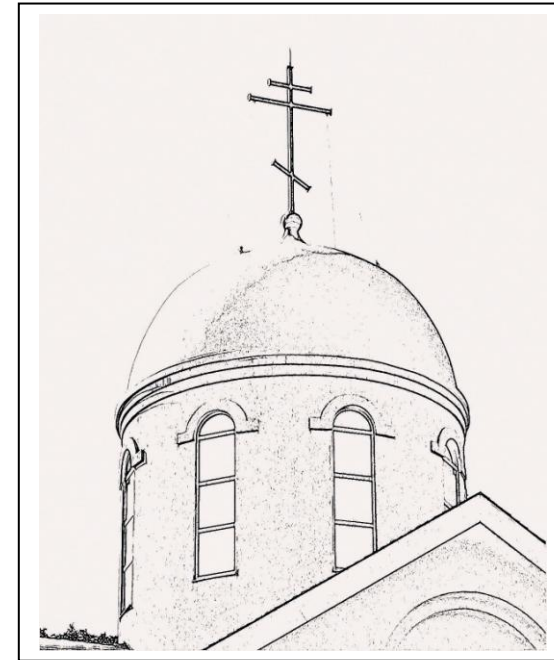
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 9:11-14 (Epistle) 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.

Mark 10:32-45 (Gospel) At that time, they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he 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 spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he 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 slave 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."

During the Paschal Vespers on the Sunday of Great and Holy Pascha, we traditionally read the Gospel in as many languages as possible. If you are able to read the prescribed Gospel lesson (John 20:19-25) in a foreign language and will be present for the service, please speak with Father Gary as soon as possible.

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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April 6, 2014
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
St. Mary of Egypt

Tone 8. *St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople (582). St. Methodius, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Moravia and Enlightener of the Slavs (885). St. Platonida (Platonis) of Nisibis (Syria—308). 120 Martyrs of Persia (344-347). Martyrs Jeremiah and Archilias the Presbyter (3rd c.). Ven. Gregory the Byzantine (1308). Monk Martyr Gennadius of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos—1818).*

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 and Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45 and Luke 7:36-50

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Today – 4:00pm Deanery Lenten Vespers @ Medford

Wednesday – 7:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday – 7:00pm Vespers of Lazarus Saturday

Saturday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday

Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers w/Blessing of Branches)

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy (Palm Sunday)

Sunday – 12:30pm Bridegroom Matins

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 **Gospel:** John 12:1-18



Pani Mary Buletza is making bread Paskas. Please see her to order yours as soon as possible. They are \$7 each.

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM B Next Sunday – TEAM C

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our fellow parishioners, but we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Among them are: **Julia Katko, Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Carol Menzel, Daniel Riegler, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Anna Hlinka, Mary Bionde, and Tara Escalona.**

Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after today's services for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. Please sign our guest book before you leave, tell your friends and family members about us, and bring back one or two of them on your next visit!

Annunciations

TODAY – The **Lenten Mission Vespers** for our area will be served at **Church of the Holy Cross in Medford**. All are invited to attend and enjoy lenten refreshments after the service which begins at 4:00pm. His Grace, Bishop Michael, will celebrate and preach the homily. This is the **last Deanery Mission Vespers** of this lenten season.

TODAY – A **sign-up sheet** for donations for **flower arrangements** to be placed on the shelves of the iconostasis is located in the narthex. Those wishing to donate a floral piece may do so for a requested donation of \$50 per piece. **Many thanks.**

THIS WEDNESDAY - The **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** is served at 7:00pm. An **agape pot-luck meal** follows the service. If you plan to attend, please bring along a Lenten dish for all to share. **If you plan to receive the Eucharist** at this service, please refrain from eating and drinking during the day to the degree you are able. This is the **last evening Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** of this lenten season.

THIS FRIDAY – There will be **NO Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** served.

THIS SATURDAY – After the Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday, **help will be needed to assemble pussy willow and palm branches**. All who are able to help for just a short time are asked to do so. As usual, many hands will make light work. **Please stay and help out with this effort.**

NEXT SUNDAY – The **Bridegroom Matins for Holy Monday** will be served after Coffee Hour.

Many thanks to those who came this past Thursday and helped out with the baking of Nut Rolls and other flavored dessert rolls. May God bless you for your sacrifices of time, talent and treasure!

Order forms for the **Church School Plant Sale** are available in the narthex. Please submit orders as soon as possible. Please see Tom Berger with any questions.

Many Years!

Birthdays this week:

Today – Arnold Katko

Monday – Debbie Alpaugh

Monday – Gail Hascha

Wednesday – Cynthia Stavrou

Wednesday – Jackie Anderson

Thursday – Walter Romanofsky

Thursday – Sever Ciorlian

OUTREACH

- **Food Pantry donations** are *always* accepted. Place non-perishable food items in blue bin in the narthex
- **Clothing donations** are accepted on the last Sunday of each month. Place donations next to the food pantry bin.