

### Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk. **Prostration**

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Your servant. **Prostration**

Yes, Lord and King, grant that I may see my own transgressions and not to judge my neighbor, for You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen. **Prostration**

*Then the following is repeated four times to make a total of twelve with deep bows are made as we say:*

God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (+ Bow)

God, cleanse my sins and have mercy on me. (+ Bow)

Lord, forgive me, for I have sinned without number. (+ Bow)

*Then the entire Prayer of St. Ephraim is said again; One prostration is made at the end.*




### Tomb and Paschal Flowers

We are again taking memorial donations for flowers with which to embellish the tomb of our Lord on Great Friday and Saturday, and to adorn the Pro-Cathedral during the entire Paschal season. Use the envelope for this purpose in your envelope box, and make sure you include your memorial names either on this aforementioned envelope, or on a separate sheet.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_


**HAVING SUFFERED THE PASSION FOR US, JESUS CHRIST,  
SON OF GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US!**




# The Wonderworker

Monthly Bulletin for  
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*Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.*

**April, 2024**

**Glory to Jesus Christ!**

**Slava Isusu Khristu!**

**Glory Forever!**

**Slava na viki!**

### **Schedule of Services**

**(March 31—May 5, 2024)**

#### **Sunday, March 31**

**The Second Sunday of the Great Fast in which our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika is Commemorated, Resurrectional Tone 2; Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Innocent, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas**

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

#### **Sunday, April 7**

**The Third Sunday of the Great Fast in which the Honorable and Life-Creating Cross of our Lord is Venerated; Resurrectional Tone 3; Our Venerable Father George the Confessor, Bishop of Mitylene (9<sup>th</sup> c.). Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America (1925).**

9:30 a.m. - The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions

10:00 a.m. - Cross Procession & Veneration  
The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

#### **Sunday, April 14**

**The Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast in Which Our Venerable Father John Author of "The Ladder" is Commemorated, Resurrectional Tone 4; Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655); Holy Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius of Vilna (1347)**

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

### Sunday, April 21

**The Fifth and Final Sunday of the Great Fast in which Our Venerable Mother Mary the Egyptian is Commemorated, Resurrectional Tone 5; The Holy Bishop-Martyr Januarius of Benevento, and his companions**

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

### Saturday, April 27

**Lazarus Saturday; Hieromartyr Simeon, the Kinsman of the Lord (107)**

10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

5:00 p.m.—Great Vespers with Lity for Willow Sunday

Holy Anointing Мирование

### Sunday, April 28

**Flowery (Willow) Sunday, the Entrance of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem**

10:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Willow Branches

The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Holy Anointing Мирование

### Thursday, May 2

**Holy and Great Thursday of Passion Week**

7:00 p.m. - Passion Matins with the Reading of the 12 Passion

Gospel Accounts Страсти

### Friday, May 3

**Holy and Great Friday of Passion Week**

7:45 p.m. - Burial Vespers Procession with the Holy Shroud

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### Saturday, May 4

**Holy and Great Saturday of Passion Week**

10:00 a.m. - Great Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St.

Basil the Great

Changing of the Altar Covers from burgundy to white

9:00 p.m. - Nocturns - Removal of the Shroud

Cross Procession

Resurrection Matins Воскресна Утренняя

Blessing of Paschal Foods

### Great Day, May 5

**Holy Pascha, Great Day, the Feast of Feasts, Holy Day of Holy Days, the Third-Day Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ from the Tomb**

10:00 a.m. - Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Blessing of the Artos

Blessing of Paschal Foods

**April Milestones - Birthdays:** 4, Alyona Kristof; 10, Ilarion Jula;

13, Nickolas Rolin & 16, Reader Gerald Largent. May our Good God grant them and their families peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many blessed years, на многая і благая літа!

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING:** The Healing of a Paralytic and Forgiveness of Sin—This passage has a threefold symbolism relating; to

our preparation for Pascha:

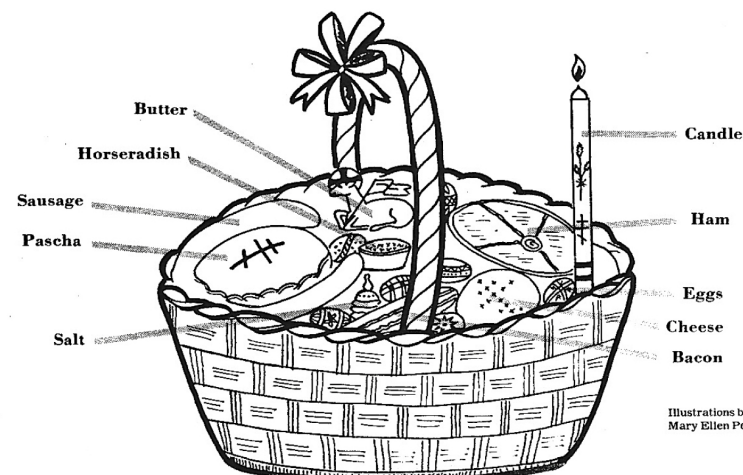
1 We must come to Christ in faith and let Him heal us of our spiritual paralysis. Sin is a paralysis of the soul.

2 We should let nothing deter us from getting to Christ, who alone can heal us, both in body and in soul.

3 We must help each other come to Christ.

The scribes are correct in saying that only God can forgive sins. They unwittingly confirm the divinity of Christ.

### How to Put Together a Traditional Easter Basket



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## OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

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SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 31st</b>	 <b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 7th</b>	 <b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl!
4th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 14th</b>	 <b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 21st</b>	 <b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 28th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <b>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</b> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>MAY 3rd</b>	 <b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>MAY 5th</b> NO FASTING!	 <b>BRIGHT WEEK</b> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!