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**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 – SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT**

*Saints: Monk-Martyrs Claudius, Diodore, and those with them*

**ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.**

**TRISAGION MEMORIAL ~ 9:45 A.M.**

*Spiridon Evangelos Pitsoulakis, 6 months*

**DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.**

**THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME**

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**UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES:** ([saint-anthonys.org/calendar](http://saint-anthonys.org/calendar)):

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>:**

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm)

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Paraklesis to the Theotokos (6:00pm)

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Saturday of Lazarus (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

(See our Holy Week Schedule online at [saint-anthonys.org/holyweek2020](http://saint-anthonys.org/holyweek2020))

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***APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT. MODE PLAGAL 4***

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

Ἐν σοὶ Μῆτερ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πρᾶπτουσα ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς παρέρχεται γάρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται Ὁσία Μαρία τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

***MEMORIAL HYMN. MODE PLAGAL 4***

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin he has committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τοῦ δούλου σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτεν συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τῷ μεταστάντι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

***APOLYTIKION FOR ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4***

Emulating the ways of Elijah the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and did support the world by your prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριζας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

***SEASONAL KONTAKION. MODE PLAGAL 4***

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

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*ORTHROS GOSPEL READING*

Ninth Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

*EPISTLE READING*

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Prokeimenon: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

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

## *SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY:*

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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.

### *GOSPEL READING*

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

The Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and 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 Zebedee, 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 of 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."

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*PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:*

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**ALL DIVINE SERVICES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC until further notice.**

**Myrrh Bearers and Parents** in compliance with current crisis and directives from our Archdiocese, Metropolis and our community we will need to put a hold on our participation during the lamentation service. We will continue to collect peanut butter and jelly to help children at Friends in Deed. Food banks will be in need of any food item we can donate.

**HOPE & JOY Great and Holy Friday retreat is cancelled.** Lessons and activities will continue to be developed. When we are given permission to proceed with our retreat we will be renewed and will put our attention on events surrounding Great Lent.

**Studies in the Faith with Fr. Peter** on Wednesday nights will be rescheduled to a later date.

**Weekly Bible Studies will be postponed until further notice.**

**Young Adult Paraklesis and Social is postponed until further notice.**

**Greek School Celebration and Fundraiser is cancelled.**

**GOYA Basketball Season Suspended.** Considering current developments regarding the Covid-19 Virus, the Greek Orthodox Basketball League 2020 has been suspended. The health and safety of our players, coaches, fans, and communities is our top priority and we must take these precautions seriously.

**St. Sophia Easter Picnic Cancelled.** In the interest of mitigating a risk to our health and the health of the 1,800 guests who attend the Easter Picnic each year, the Easter Picnic committee, in conjunction with the Saint Sophia Foundation, has decided to make the difficult decision to CANCEL the 2020 Easter Picnic that was to be held at Brookside Park in Pasadena on April 19th.

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**St. Sophia Philoptochos Debutante Presentation Ball 2021:** Plans are underway for the St. Sophia Philoptochos Debutante Presentation Ball to be held on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at the Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Interested young ladies who will be high school juniors (aged 16) and older should contact the Presentation Ball Chair, Trish Mentas (562) 472-7485 or email: [saintsophiadebball@gmail.com](mailto:saintsophiadebball@gmail.com). An informational meeting will be held at Saint Sophia Cathedral Huffington Center Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 12:30pm

**Union Station Homeless Services** - There is a sign-up poster in the entrance of Trinity Ballroom. Make a New Year's resolution to book a month to serve in 2020. Our sign-up calendar for 2020 is open. Please contact Sophia Angelos at [sangelos2000@gmail.com](mailto:sangelos2000@gmail.com), Stephanie Sowers at [szanglis@aol.com](mailto:szanglis@aol.com) or Irene Albeck at [mcmg2a@aol.com](mailto:mcmg2a@aol.com).

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*Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America (April 7th)*

*Born in 1865 in the region of Pskov, our Father among the Saints Tikhon was tonsured a monk in 1891 and ordained to the priesthood in the same year. In 1897 he was consecrated Bishop of Lublin, and a year later appointed Bishop of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, with his see extending to all of North America from 1900 onwards. He did much to unite the Orthodox Christians of a great many ethnic backgrounds in North America, so that there was indeed one flock under one shepherd. In 1907 he was made Archbishop of Yaroslavl and Rostov, and in 1913, Archbishop of Lithuania. In 1917, when he was Metropolitan of Moscow, he was elected to be the first Patriarch of Russia in over 200 years, in times that could not have been more difficult. After the Revolution of 1917, the persecution of the Russian Church by the atheist government grew more bold and more fierce with every year. By nature a meek and peace-loving man, Tikhon sought to determine, while giving only to God that which is God's, what could be given to Caesar to preserve peace and avoid the shedding of blood. At his departure on the feast of the Annunciation in 1925, Saint Tikhon made the sign of the Cross thrice, pronouncing the words, "Glory to Thee, O God!" Because of the many unspeakable sufferings he endures as Patriarch, he is honoured as a Confessor.*

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**WELCOME!**



**We hope you enjoy your time with us today and that your worship experience is inspirational and uplifting.**

If you are a visitor to our parish, please join us for our social hour in the community center and introduce yourself to the pastors and people. Please note that ***only baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians may partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*** At the end of the Divine Liturgy, you are welcome to come and receive the *Antidoron* (blessed bread) from the priest.

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