

+ УКРАЇНСЬКА ГРЕКО- КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЕРКВА СВ. ЙОСАФАТА ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Бюлетень — Bulletin

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Please identify yourself as a St. Josaphat parishioner.

YouTube & Facebook: "St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Munster IN"

3.29.2020

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast - Mary of Egypt; Our Venerable Father Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, the Deacon Cyril and Others Martyred During the Reign of Julian the Apostate (360-63)

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Schedule of Sunday & Weekday Services

All services & classes are suspended until further notice. In case of emergency, illness or need for funeral please contact one of the numbers listed above.

Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish

Finbarr Jones, Olga Wasylowsky, Olena Wasyliw, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Natalie Shuya, Irene Karpinec, Nadia Kusznir, Oksana Nosyk, Larry Baker, Rose Adamko, Pat Lewis (mother of Jean Juskiw) & young Samuel Rocha. And remember those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic: patients and medical personnel and all first responders and essential workers who help us all. If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting.

INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19

As we all are learning new information every day about Covid-19, please know we will let you know when we are able to resume Sunday Liturgy. Meanwhile due to the stay in place orders, parishioners should follow the government directives and if venturing out for essential trips such as food, medicine, doctor visits, or essential work, use their good judgement based on their own personal health and the current level of infection in the area and their own possibility of exposure to the virus. As a reminder:

- 1. Wash your hands often and well use soap and warm water and scrub 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer is not necessary, but if water is not available, is a substitute for good hand washing.
- 2. Avoid touching your face, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- 3. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When out try to keep a 6 foot distance from others.
- 4. Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched. If you are out and have sanitizing wipes available, wipe any surfaces before touching (such as grocery carts, door handles, etc.)
- 5. Stay at home and away from others (particularly the elderly as they are most vulnerable) if you are feeling ill or especially if you have conditions that make you more vulnerable to infection.
- 6. When sick (not just Covid-19), cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue and discard the tissue; if a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your sleeve/elbow area (not bare skin), and then in all cases wash your hands as explained above. Wash any clothing that has been coughed into also.
- 7. Any time you come into contact with things from outside your home (mail, packages, groceries, deliveries) wash your hands with soap and water or with antibacterial hand sanitizers.
- 8. Divine Liturgy has been suspended at St. Josaphat. We will reach out to you when we are able to resume normal schedule. Please take this time to pray, meditate, read the Bible and other religious texts. If you have available access to the internet, there are several churches that will be live streaming Liturgy the bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States have given dispensation to all due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however you should still spend some time each day in prayer.

Prepare for Pascha (Easter) during the Great Fast (Lent) through prayer, fasting, abstinence, penance and sacrifice.

CHURCHES THAT HAVE LIVE STEAMING OF SERVICES & OTHER AIDES:

St. Nicholas Cathedral, Chicago Go to https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasCathedralChicago/ for links to YouTube when Live Steaming is on the schedule, not just for Sunday Liturgy but also Morning and Evening Prayers, and other Liturgical Services.

Sts. Volodymyr Church, Chicago Go to http://www.facebook.com/StsVO/ has links to services and other information. Live streaming of Sunday Liturgy.

Sts. Vladimir & Olga Church, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

A lot of resources <u>www.stsvladimirandolgachurch.com</u> and also live streaming at https://www.facebook.com/stsvowindsor

St. Joseph the Betrothed Church, Chicago

https://www.facebook.com/stjosephugcc/ Or http://stjosephukr.com/live-broadcast/

Edmonthon Eparchy, Edmonton, Alberta Canada

A lot of resources and also live streaming https://eeparchy.com/

Church Donations:

ONLINE DONATIONS AS OF 3/28/2020

TOTAL: \$1010.00

During this difficulat time, please help your church. With no pyrohy sales, Easter Bazaar or regular church donations, income will be \$0 without your help, and basic expenses such as utilities and insurance continue. If you are able to go online and sign in and look for the Faith Fundraiser for St. Josaphat Church at https://www.facebook.com/mary.vaughn.589. For those wondering, once Facebook receives a donation, they collect a small fee for processing, then the remainder is sent automatically to the bank account of the St. Josaphat Altar Rosary Society who will then transfer funds to the church account. We thank all who have donated and who may donate in the future. If you are not tech savvy, please mail your donation to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. THANK YOU!

Saint Mary of Egypt

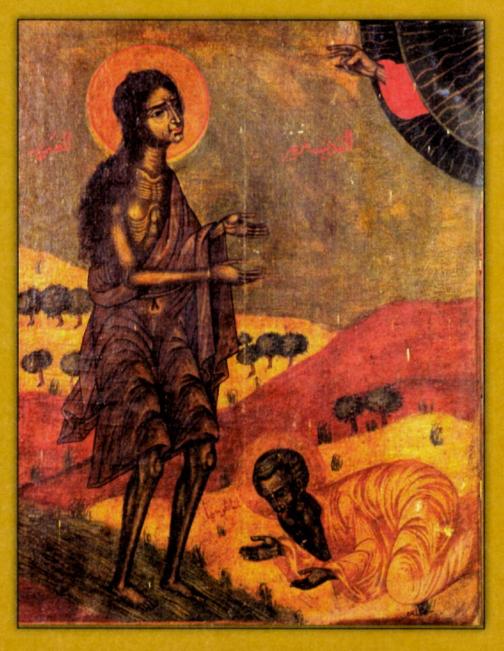
On a pilgrimage through the desert, a priestmonk named Father Zozimos encountered a most fascinating and inspiring woman whom we know today as Saint Mary of Egypt. Saint Mary, Zozimos recalled, seemed to be "walking upon air." Upon approaching this woman, she asked for his blessing and told him of her life.

Saint Mary was born in Egypt in the sixth century and by the age of twelve had already dedicated her life to the pursuit of debauchery and excess. By her own admission, she spent the next seventeen years of her life attempting to satisfy every carnal appetite in any way possible. This intention led her to seek passage on a boat bound for Jerusalem where, out of curiosity, she followed the crowds to the threshold of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. As she attempted to follow the crowd into the Church, she was stopped at the doorway by an invisible force. At this moment, her sinfulness was revealed to her and she made a promise to the Mother of God that if she was permitted to enter the Church she would dedicate the rest of her life to God.

After her dramatic conversion she withdrew to the desert where she spent the remaining years of her life in self-denial and repentance. Towards the end of her life she met the priest-monk Zozimos, whom she petitioned to visit her on regular occasions in order that she might be nourished with Holy Communion before she died.

May the example of Saint Mary draw attention to our own need for repentance so that we, too, nourished by Holy Communion, may rededicate our lives to the service of God.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SAINT MARY OF EGYPT



Icon of Saint Zozimos and Saint Mary of Egypt