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PARENT / YOUTH RETREAT

“Running from God”

An Exploration of the Book of Jonah

Leader – Fr. J. Sergius Halvorsen

FRI, APRIL 19TH, 2019

6:30PM – 9:30PM

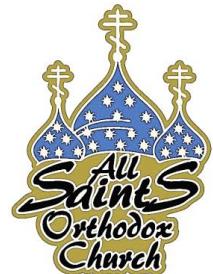
6:30pm – Vespers

7:15pm – Dinner

7:45pm – “Running from God” – The Book of Jonah

9:15pm – Compline & Dismissal

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Services Schedule

Please see our [online calendar](#) for dates and times of Feast Day services.

Bulletin for Sunday, April 14, 2019

Welcome



Jesus Christ taught us to love and serve all people, regardless of their ethnicity or nationality. To understand that, we need to look no further than to the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Every time we celebrate the Divine

Liturgy, it is offered "on behalf of all, and for all." As Orthodox Christians we stand against racism and bigotry. All human beings share one common identity as children of God.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatian 3:28)

Weekly Services

Tuesdays at 8:30a - Daily Matins

Wednesdays at 6:00p - Daily Vespers (The Church is open at 4:30p for "Open Doors" - confession, meditation and reflection).

Thursday at 8:30a - Daily Matins

Saturday at 5:30p - Great Vespers

Sunday at 9:30a - Divine Liturgy

Members of our Parish Council are:

Greg Jankura - Council President

Natalie Kucharski - Council Treasurer

Kyle Hollis - Member at Large

Glenn PenkoffLidbeck - Council Secretary

Michael Kuziak - Council Vice President

Roderick Seurattan - Member at Large

Pastoral Care - General Information

- *Emergency Sick Calls* can be made at any time. Please call Fr Steven at (860) 866-5802, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.
- *Anointing in Sickness*: The Sacrament of Unction is available in Church, the hospital, or your home, for anyone who is sick and suffering, however severe.
- *Marriages and Baptisms* require early planning, scheduling and selections of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before booking dates and reception halls!
- *Funerals* are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details. The Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate funerals for cremations.

Announcements

Schedule for Holy Week Services

- Vespers of Lazarus Saturday - Friday, April 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- Divine Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday - Saturday, April 20, 2017 at 9:00 AM - Followed by parish clean up
- Great Vespers for the Entrance into Jerusalem with the Blessing of Palms - Saturday, April 20, 2017 at 5:30 PM
- Divine Liturgy for the Entrance - Sunday, April 21, 2017 at 9:30 AM
- Bridegroom Matins - Sunday, April 21, 2017 at 4:00 PM All Saints

Saints and Feasts



- Church, Hartford, Ct
- Bridegroom Matins | The Ten Virgins - Monday, April 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- Akathist to the Divine Passion of Christ - Tuesday, April 23, 2017 at 8:30 AM
- Bridegroom Matins | The Sinful Woman - Tuesday, April 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- Akathist of the Holy Supper - Wednesday, April 24th, 2017 at 8:30 AM
- Service of Holy Unction - Wednesday, April 24, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- Divine Liturgy of the Last Supper - Thursday, April 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM
- Matins of Great and Holy Friday - Reading of the Passion Gospels - Thursday, April 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- Vespers of the Lord's Entombment - Friday, April 26, 2017 at 3:00 PM
- Matins of Great and Holy Saturday - Friday, April 26, 2017 at 6:30 PM
- Vesperal Divine Liturgy - Saturday, April 27, 2017 at 10:00 AM
- Nocturne, (Midnight Procession, Matins and Divine Liturgy, Agape Meal - Saturday, April 27, 2017 at 10:30 PM
- Paschal Vespers - Sunday, April 28, 2017 at 12:00 PM
- Bright Monday Divine Liturgy - Monday, April 29, 2017 at 9:00 AM

it, O Triradiate Master of worlds.

The ranks of angels offer You a more eloquent sacrifice, but their words stream to them from You, and return to You, untainted by the repulsiveness of darkness and not throttled in the throat by sin.

I am poor, and I have nothing else to offer on Your sacrificial altar except these words. Even if I were to offer up creatures to You, I would be offering up words. For what are creatures except words. You have filled the entire universe with tongues, which are flames when they lift up praise to You and water -- when they whisper Your praises to themselves.

Even if I were to offer up a lamb to You, I would be offering You a word.

Even if I were to offer up a bird to You, I would be offering You a word.

Why should I offer up someone else's word to my Lord, why someone else's and not my own? Who has made me master over someone else's life and someone else's song, over someone else's flame and someone else's sacrifice; who?

My words are my life and my song, my flame and my sacrifice. I have taken from what is Yours and am offering it up to You -- accept it and do not reject it, O Mother plenteous in lovingkindness.

I have picked a handful of wheat out of a field of tares, accept even a single kernel of wheat out of my handful and You will make me happy.¹

From a single kernel You can bake bread, enough for nations.

Accept my mite, O Son Who Resurrects, accept and do not reject the mite of a pauper.²

Accept my sacrifice not for my sake but for

the sake of someone who is even more impoverished than I; is there such a person? Someone who does not even have what I do, for his sake accept my sacrifice; does such a person exist?

The world squeezed me like an accordion, scarcely did I take a breath and I moaned. Let Your angels give melody to my moaning and let them offer it up before You, my love.

I remind myself of all the blessings You have bestowed on me during my lifetime, my unfailing Companion, and I am offering up to You a gift in return from myself.

I am not offering up to You my entire self, for I am not entirely worthy to burn on Your most pure sacrificial altar. I cannot offer as a sacrifice to the Immortal One what is intended for death and corruption.

I offer up to You only that which has grown within me under Your light, that which was saved in me by Your Word.

Accept the sacrifice of my words, O Triune Bouquet of Flowers; accept the babbling of a new-born child.

When the choirs of angels begin to sing around Your throne, when the archangels' trumpets begin to blare, when Your martyrs begin to weep for joy, and Your saints begin to sob their prayers for the salvation of the Church on earth, do not despise the sacrifice of my words, O Lord my God.

Do not mishear, but hear.

I pray to You and bow down to You, now and throughout all time, and throughout all eternity. Amen.

1. Cf. Matt. 13:24-30.

2. Cf. Mark 12:41-44.

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."

Wisdom of the Fathers

But let no man be troubled at the apostles being in such an imperfect state. For not yet was the cross accomplished, not yet the grace of the Spirit given. But if thou wouldest learn their virtue, notice them

after these things, and thou wilt see them superior to every passion.

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 65 on Matthew 20, 2,3,4,6. B#54, pp.399-401,403., 4th Century

For with this object He reveals their deficiencies, that after these things thou mightest know what manner of men they became by grace. ... No one shall sit on His right hand nor on His left.

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Reflection



Prayers by the Lake by Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich

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Accept the sacrifice of my words, my Father -- accept the babbling of a penitent child, my Father! Correct my words with Your truth, and accept them on the footstool of Your feet. Cense my sacrifice with the fragrant incense of a saint's prayer and do not reject

April 14

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1, where her life is recorded. Since the end of the holy Forty Days is drawing nigh, it has been appointed for this day also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of her who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated in very deed.

Parish Calendar

Service and Events

April 14 to April 22, 2019

Sunday, April 14

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
Fellowship and Stewardship Ministry
9:30AM Divine Liturgy
4:00PM Service of Unction

Monday, April 15

Crescens the Martyr

Tuesday, April 16

Agape, Chionia, and Irene, the Holy Martyrs
Rick Page
Lisa Egan
8:30AM Daily Matins
9:00AM Bible Study
6:00PM Finance Committee Mtg

Wednesday, April 17

Nona Richards
Symeon the Holy Martyr and Bishop of Persia
4:30PM Open Doors
6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 18

Repose of Alla Hamisevich
Christine Jankura
Holy Father John the Righteous, disciple of St. Gregory of Decapolis
8:30AM Daily Matins
7:00PM Bible Study

Friday, April 19

The Holy Hieromartyr Paphnutius
6:00PM Vespers of Lazarus Saturday

Saturday, April 20

Lazarus Saturday
9:00AM Divine Liturgy
5:30PM Great Vespers with Blessing of Palms

Sunday, April 21

Palm Sunday
Evangelism and Outreach Ministry meeting
9:30AM Divine Liturgy
4:00PM Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 22

Holy Monday

Prayers, Intersessions and Commemorations



William, Sophia, Robert, Ann, Evelyn, Nina, John, Alex, Vincent, Luke, Kathryn, Anastasia, Malcolm, Veronica, Darlyne, Irene, Nancy, Elena, Jevon, Stella Anna, Ivan and Joscean.

And for... Sofie, Katrina, Olena, Valeriy, Olga, Tatiana, Dimitri, Alexander and Maxim.

All of our College Students: Alex, Kaitlyn, Jack, Sam, Connor, Nadia, Isaac and Matthew.

This week we commemorate:

Many Years to Lisa Egan, Rick Page and Christina Jankura on the occasion of their birthdays.

Memory Eternal to Alla Hamisevich and William Montzoures (Sophia's father)

Pray for: All those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all those who serve in the armed forces; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence, and refugees;

All those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship, loneliness, addictions, abuse, abandonment and despair; those who are homeless, those who are institutionalized, those who have no one to pray for them;

All Orthodox seminarians & families; all Orthodox monks and nuns, and all those considering monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families.

All those who have perished due to hatred and intolerance and all those departed this life in the hope of the Resurrection.

Today we commemorate:

St Mary of Egypt. St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655). Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius of Vilnius (Lithuania—1347). Martyr Ardalion the Actor (4th c.). Martyr Azades the Eunuch and 1,000 Martyrs of Persia (ca. 341).

Hymns of the Day

Tone 5 Troparion (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 (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 (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 (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.

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. 5th Tone. Psalm 11.7,1.

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has
failed.

**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 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 Reading is from 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,