

## MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Fr. David's Top 6 List of Services to Put Your Daily Life on Hold For This Spring:

Choose at least **one** of the evening or morning

**Liturgies of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts on Wednesdays or Fridays** –  
see the Lent & Pascha Calendar.

**Palm Sunday Evening, April 24:**

The “Bridegroom Matins” that Begins Holy Week – Archbishop Michael, Presiding

**Holy Thursday Evening, April 28:** The Story of Jesus' Betrayal, Trial, and Death

**Holy Friday Evening, April 29:**

The Lamentations of the Mother of God (beautifully sung by your Choir!)  
and Procession with the Burial Shroud of the Lord (the *Plashchanitsa*)

**Holy Saturday Night, April 30, through Holy Pascha Sunday, May 1:**

The Services of Holy PASCHA (Easter)

**Monday Morning, May 2:** Bright Monday Paschal Liturgy–The Celebration Continues!

## **EVENING TALKS DURING GREAT LENT** **“THE PASSIONS”**

**On the Dates Listed Below:**

**5:00-6:00 PM Private Confession Available (except April 1)**

**6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

**About 7:30 PM, After the Liturgy: Pot Luck Dinner and Talk**

Wednesday, March 16: **Introduction ... and Gluttony**

Wednesday, March 23: **Anger**

Friday, April 1: **Stinginess**

Friday, April 8: **Lust**

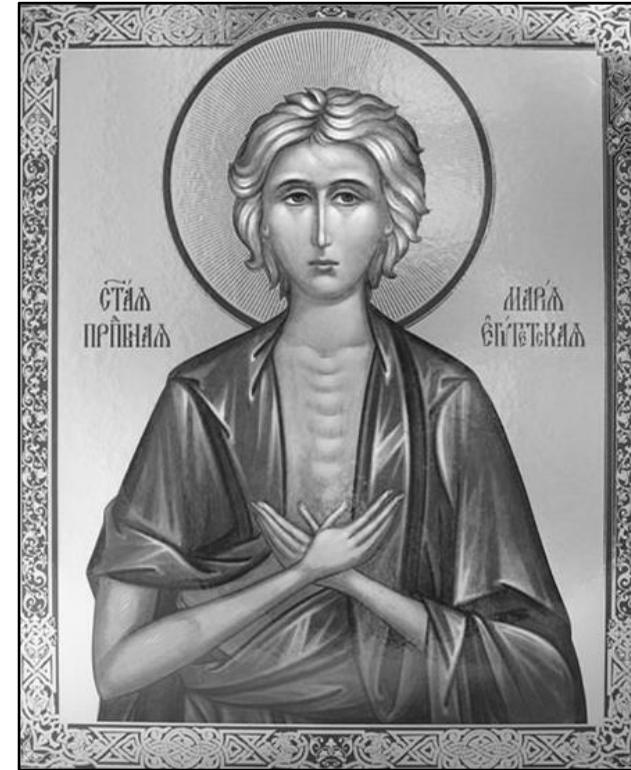
Wednesday, April 13: **Laziness and Despair**

Wednesday, April 20: **Pride and Vainglory**

**The Full 2016 Calendar for Lent,  
Holy Week, and PASCHA is available in the church.**

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

**Yonkers, New York**



**Sunday, April 17, 2016**

**Fifth Sunday of Great Lent ~ St. Mary of Egypt**

## **Why Believe?**

**An evening for HTO YOUTH with Archbishop Michael**

Palm Sunday evening ~ April 24

8-9pm in the Teen Room

(following the 7pm Bridegroom Matins Service)

**Chinese food included!**



## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, April 17, 2016 ~ Fifth Sunday of Great Lent**

**St. Mary of Egypt**

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29; Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

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### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today – Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: St. Mary of Egypt

- 9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*  
12:30 PM Parish Council Meets – in the Education Building  
5:00 PM *Sacrament of Holy Unction*, at Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral,  
59 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Manhattan

#### Monday, April 18

- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

#### Wednesday, April 20

- 5:00 PM Private Confession Available  
6:00 PM *Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts*, with Pot Luck and Talk: “The Passions:  
Pride and Vainglory”

#### Friday, April 22

- 9:30 AM *Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts*

#### Saturday, April 23

- 9:00 AM Children’s & Families’ Confessions  
10:00 AM *Divine Liturgy* for Lazarus Saturday  
After Liturgy: Breakfast; Church School Retreat – Decorating Church for Palm Sunday –  
and Church Cleanup Day  
5:00 PM Private Confession Available  
6:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya with the Blessing of Palms* – Great Feast of Palm Sunday

#### Sunday, April 24 – Great Feast of the Lord’s Entry into Jerusalem ~ Palm Sunday

- 9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* followed by Church School Palm Sunday Play, at Coffee Hour  
7:00 PM *Bridegroom Matins* of Holy Monday, Archbishop MICHAEL Presiding  
After Matins: “Why Believe?” Questions and Answers for HTO YOUth with Abp. Michael

## THE COBBLER’S REPAIRS ... AND (WHAT’S LEFT OF) LENT

By Matushka Vassi Haros ... Online at <http://myocn.net/the-cobblers-repairs-and-lent/>

I received a pair of gray and black patent leather cowboy boots for my fortieth birthday. They were a gift from my mother in law. She thought cowboy boots would serve as a reminder of what American grit can accomplish and that I once lived in Colorado. I loved wearing them—that is until the heel broke. For the past few months they waited, slouched over with a detached heel, near the door to my garage waiting to catch a ride to the cobbler to be repaired. They even made it to the trunk just in case I was out that way ... only to be removed for more trunk space. Eventually, I became tired of seeing these once beautiful boots in such a sad state, so I took them purposefully to be repaired.



I handed the man my broken boots. Seeing them engulfed by his dry, mangled fingers gave me comfort. I could see his hands were experienced. I told him what they meant to me, that this past weekend we honored my mother in law’s 5-year memorial and how the cost for repair was worth the joy of wearing them again. As he filled out the paperwork, he shared a story with me.

Earlier that week a gentleman brought in an old, well-worn pair of army boots. He said they were his father’s, and he wanted them restored. In their conversation, the young man said his father was given a few weeks to live and wanted the boots repaired. The cobbler told me that he offered to polish the dying man’s dress shoes for the funeral, but the son declined the offer. He said it was the father’s wish to be dressed in his fatigues, like a soldier in the field. He wanted Christ to see him in uniform when he reached heaven, as a servant of Our Lord. He was going to be in God’s army now. I imagine he wanted his family to remember him that way as well.

As I walked towards my car, repeating the story I just heard, it dawned on me. We need more cobblers and fewer retailers. We need more seamstresses and fewer catalogs. We need more repairing and less replacing. I imagine fewer people are experiencing Lent with prayer, fasting and almsgiving because they don’t know what it means to repair anything. Everything broken is replaced with new. We’ve lost the art of restoration, and this spills into our spiritual life.

Lent is a time of restoration – when we offer *ourselves* to be repaired. We empty ourselves and make room for Christ. Fasting, prayer and almsgiving are all tools of the trade when it comes to spiritual maintenance. But if we aren’t used to repairing what is broken, if we just replace things when they are no longer useful, then what will we do when *we* are *spiritually* broken? Most of us, when we are spiritually broken, just live with it. We forgive ourselves, saying, “No regrets!” or “God must have had a plan.” But we are not repaired. We are not restored.

During these last few weeks of Lent, I encourage you to seek out a spiritual craftsman, a priest. Ask for his guidance and rule of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Allow him to hear your confession and to pray the forgiveness prayers over you that you too may be restored. This is the season. This is the time. It’s not too late to participate in the blessing of the Lent. You have until we start singing “Christ is risen!”

# COME HELP PREPARE FOR PALM SUNDAY AND PASCHA!

- **Lazarus Saturday, April 23, Here:**
  - **9:00 Children's First Confessions; Families and Other Confessions**
  - **10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday**
  - **Church School Retreat – Enjoy Breakfast, and Decorate the Church with Palms and Branches for Palm Sunday**
  - **Parish Pre-Pascha Clean-Up Day**
- **Holy Friday, April 29 at 10:30 AM, Come Help Decorate Our Lord's Tomb! See Mat. Tamara to sign up or ask questions.**

**PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS – our parish sons & daughters, OCF chapter members, AND those at nearby colleges who make HTO their spiritual home away from home!**

Bassim Abbasi	Andrew Nolan	Matt Skalski
Michael Bouteneff	Kamille Perry	Alexandra Solak
Joe Ciamarra	Schuyler Perry	Justyna Skalski
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Roman Piwinski	Monika Wislocki
Dan Kozak	Amanda Rzyzyk	
Madeline Miroshnikov	Peter Rzyzyk	

*“Sending our kids to college without a connection to the Church is like sending children to play in traffic.” -- Archbishop Michael*  
Please tell Fr. David if there are any errors or omissions on this list.

## **PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Emergency Sick Calls** can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David at (914) 965-6815, 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, however severe. It doesn't mean “Last Rites!”

**Marriages and Baptisms** require early planning, scheduling, and selection 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.***

**TODAY'S EPISTLE Galatians 3:23-29** Brethren: Before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.<sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.<sup>25</sup>But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.<sup>26</sup>For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.<sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.<sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.<sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 7:36-50** At that time, one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.<sup>37</sup>And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,<sup>38</sup>and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.<sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”<sup>40</sup>And Jesus answered and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” So he said, “Teacher, say it.”<sup>41</sup>There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.<sup>42</sup>And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?<sup>43</sup>Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have rightly judged.”<sup>44</sup>Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.<sup>45</sup>You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.<sup>46</sup>You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.<sup>47</sup>Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.<sup>48</sup>Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”<sup>49</sup>And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”<sup>50</sup>Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR A.S.P. TEEN MISSION TEAM!

You may have received a mailing from our teens who are participating in the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) this summer, inviting you to buy "ASP Stock" at \$10 per share.

ASP uses volunteer labor (our kids and chaperones!) to make repairs to homes of needy families in the central region of the Appalachian Mountains. The repairs cost families nothing, and are aimed at making their homes warmer, safer, and drier.

**Our Yonkers ASP Mission Team** – Olivia Wislocki; Adriana, Emily & Victoria Szynda; Beth Rzyzyk, and Chris Nolan – will make their 2016 Mission Trip in July. The Orthodox ASP Group's overall fundraising goal is \$18,000 for 5 teams, so the Yonkers team's share of that is \$3,600.

**Will you support ASP, by investing in this effort -- helping families build warmer, safer, and drier homes – and in the changing hearts of our parish sons and daughters who will encounter Christ in this holy work?**



## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED...

Next Sunday, April 24 (Palm Sunday). Speak with Tina Reduto to volunteer or to ask questions about hosting Coffee Hour.

## Please visit the LADIES' GUILD GIFT SHOP

Featuring Icons ... Decorated Eggs ...  
Orthodox Greeting Cards and Gifts for All Occasions!  
Open Today During Coffee Hour,  
Located in the Education Building,  
Second Room on the Right from the Courtyard Entrance

## PRAYER LIST

**Above all, we are a praying community. Keep this list in your prayer corner, and in your daily prayers, remember our Brothers & Sisters in Christ:**

Anna Bolinsky; Ghadfa Houry; Boris Lyzak; Bill Bodack; Michael Speck; Jenifer Calomiris, recovering from surgery; Mat. Joanna Bohush; Elsa, Felicia, Brielis, Karelina & Beatriz; Stephanie Davis; Alexander Kravchenko; Virginia Shanahan; John O'Donnel; Nina Dimas; Richard Dosing; Elena Herman; John Paluch; Danielle Geeza; infant Maria; Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Lorna Nelson; Eleanor Wasilko; Adriana Szynda; baby Alena King; Ludmila Branzow; Suzanne Gee; Christina and her child Giovanni; Daniel; Gail; Nicholas; Nicholas Washenko; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; expecting parents Victoria & Joel Statkevics, Mat. Anastasia & Fr. Timothy Hojnicky, Mat. Viktoria & Fr. Adrian Budica and their unborn children; Stan & Victoria, Kenneth & Christina and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Schuyler Perry; Doris Morin; Kelly Ray; Carmen Fesh; Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk, Joseph Chupeck, Michael Hatrak, Jonathan Ivanoff, Leonid Kishkovsky, Joseph Kreshik; John Nightengale, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Stephen Mack, PDn. Peter Skoog; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Irene Homa; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Mary Macagnone; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyzyk; Mat. Juliana Schmemann; Martha Slivka; Zena Weshta; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially Jorge, Bryan, Mykola & Marin; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence, and refugees, especially in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and the Ukraine; all those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship, loneliness, addiction, abuse, abandonment and despair; all Orthodox seminarians & families, especially John & Brenda Mikitish; all Orthodox monks and nuns, and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthdays: Margaret Prusak (4/20). Anniversary: Eugene & Tatiana (Bolinsky) Balasenowich (today, 17 years).

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Susan Cohen (+4/8); Daniel Paprocki (+3/31); Anne Speck (+3/30); Michael Stanford (+3/26); Claudia Brown (+3/19); Archimandrite Ephrem (Lash) (+3/15); Joseph John Nolan (Chris's uncle); Ivan, Evgeny, Nina; Antonina; and all those departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

**Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, to Protodeacon John, or to an Altar Server. Typically, names remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Those confined to hospitals or homes, or suffering chronic illnesses, remain on the list.**