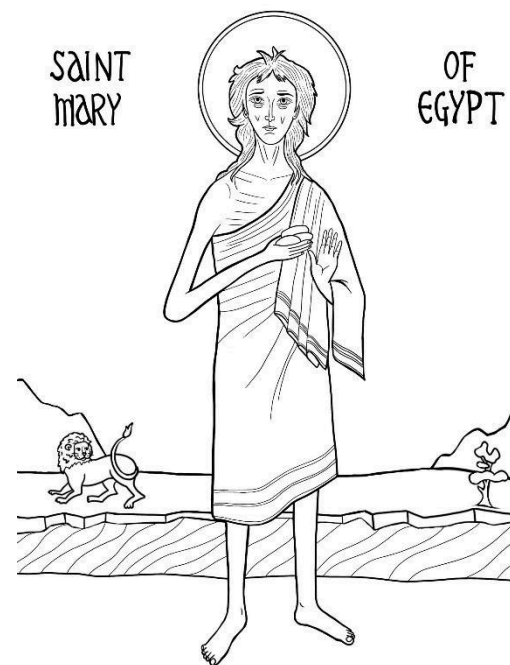


## St. Mary of Egypt Words about her Fighting Temptations

And how can I tell thee about the thoughts which urged me on to sin, how can I express them to thee, Abba? A fire was kindled in my miserable heart which seemed to burn me up completely and to awake in me a thirst for embraces. As soon as this craving came to me, I flung myself on the earth and watered it with my tears, as if I saw before me my witness, who had appeared to me in my disobedience, and who seemed to threaten punishment for the crime. And I did not rise from the ground (sometimes I lay thus prostrate for a day and a night) until a calm and sweet light descended and enlightened me and chased away the thoughts that possessed me. But always I turned the eyes of my mind to my Protectress, asking her to extend help to one who was sinking fast in the waves of the desert. And I always had her as my Helper and the Acceptor of my repentance. And thus, I lived for seventeen years amid constant dangers. And since then even till now the Mother of God helps me in everything and leads me as it were by the hand."

*"Let us Attend!"*



*"Blessed is God, who cares for the salvation of all souls..."*

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## Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

### St. Mary of Egypt

#### Bulletin, Sunday, 6 April 2025

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST — Tone 8. St Mary of Egypt.** St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople (582). St. Methodius, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Moravia and Enlightener of the Slavs (885). St. Platonis of Nisibis, Syria (Syria—308). 120 Martyrs of Persia (344-347). Martyrs Jeremiah and Presbyter Archilias (3rd c.). Ven. Gregory the Byzantine (1308). Monastic Martyr Gennadios of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos—1818).

**Epistle:** Hebrews 9:11-14 (Sunday); Galatians 3:23-29 (St. Mary); **Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45 (Sunday); Luke 7:36-50 (St. Mary)

*Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish's wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA's daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.*

#### **Schedule:**

- **Today, 4PM. Mission Vespers at All Saints followed by a Lenten Potluck. Please bring a covered dish.**

- **Monday, 7 April 2025: 9am, Lenten Hours.**

- **Wednesday, 9 April 2025: 6pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck Meal. Please bring a covered dish.**

- **Friday, 11 April 2025: 4:30-5:545PM Fr. Paul available for Confession, 6:00PM Vespers for Lazarus Saturday.**

- **Saturday, 12 April 2025: 9:30AM Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday, followed by preparation of Palms and Willows; 5:00-5:45PM Fr. Paul available for Confessions; 6:00PM Great Vespers with Lytia for Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem.**

- **Sunday, 13 April 2025, Palm Sunday. 9:30AM Blessing of Palms and Willows, Procession, and Divine Liturgy, followed Agape Coffee Hour.**

~ A warm welcome to all visiting with us today. Please come downstairs and share in fellowship with us.

~ Please take advantage of the remaining time in Great Lent to come to the Sacrament of Confession. When we confess our sins we take the wounds out of the hands of our Lord and Savior, and unburden ourselves of the spiritual weight that we carry.

~ The parish is continuing to receive flower donations for Holy Pascha. If you wish to make a donation, please

indicate Paschal Flowers on a donation envelope.  
Thank you to those who have already donated.

~ We begin our Holy Week journey next weekend with the two Great celebrations of the Raising of Lazarus and the Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem. Let us join together to celebrate these Feasts which give us a foretaste of Holy Pascha.