

ST. GREGORY PALAMAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
Abstain from meat and
dairy products, and fish.
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 10:32-45

APRIL 2

Many people, all who have senselessly and presumptuously rejected the Holy Fathers, who have come without any intermediary, with a blind audacity, with an impure mind and heart to the Gospel, have fallen into fatal delusion. The Gospel has rejected them; it grants access to itself only to the humble.

St. Ignatius Brianchaninov

NICETIUS, BISHOP OF LYONS. Nicetius loved the virtues. He was ordained to the priesthood, and upon the death of the bishop of Lyons, all the people sought Nicetius as successor. It is said that he held the cunning of vipers and the simplicity of a dove. When men came to live in his city, he ordered their apartments prepared with care, and Nicetius would secretly go to wash their feet. He multiplied his study of the Psalms so that the meditation of Divine law was always in his heart. He celebrated liturgies in the summer when there was a drought, to bring rain for the crops. In winter, he traveled and visited the manors of the holy church. Once, a demon-possessed boy was laid at his feet by grieving parents. With holy oil and the sign of the cross, the boy was freed. After Nicetius had died, dust from his tomb was used for remedies. Another time a man who owed money went to the tomb of Nicetius feigning innocence. At once his limbs were deprived of power and blindness struck his eyes. The man repented with profuse tears, and his sight was restored. On another occasion, seven blind men were being held in prison in iron bonds. One of these had a vision of the blessed Nicetius, who touched their fetters with his staff and the bonds were broken, and the prison doors opened. They sought refuge at the church and were freed by holy intercessions. In his lifetime, Nicetius worked many miracles with his prayers for the lame, the blind, and the possessed.



SAINTS OF THE DAY: Gregory of Nicomedia; Titus the Wonderworker; Theodora (Theodosia) of Tyre; Polycarp of Alexandria; George of Georgia; Amphianus and Aedesius of Patara; Nicetius of Lyons; Sabbas of Surozh.

EXTREME HUMILITY

THANK YOU - To Helen Morris & Mila Schfranek for hosting the Coffee Hour today.
- To Valli Murphy & Pam Heitz for hosting last week

NEXT WEEKS HOSTS - Nellie & Jan Eyerman.

MANY YEARS - to those celebrating anniversaries & birthdays during April.

Anniversaries

Adriana & Doru Stihl
Leslie & Tom Ternay

Birthdays

Pam Coyne
Joseph Fischer
Scott Kloss
Mark Marchuk
Antonia Altomare Mecchell
Arina Scanna
Nicholas Scanna

AN INVITATION - Paschal Open House at St. Andrews Camp on Bright Saturday, April 22nd with Archbishop Michael. Divine Liturgy begins at 9:30 AM. See posted flyer.

GENERAL CONFESSION NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 AM

THE READINGS FOR TODAY

*Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews
(9:11-14)*

YE brethren: When Christ came an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation:

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh;

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The Gospel: from St. Mark (10:32-45)

AT that time: Jesus took the twelve disciples and began to tell them what things should happen unto him, Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:

And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him; and the third day he shall rise again.

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.

And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John.

But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.



SCHEDULE

TODAY.....5:00 PM Deanery
Vespers
Holy Spirit Church - Wantage
Ss. Peter & Paul Church--
Manville

Saturday April 8th
Lazarus Saturday 9:30 AM
Divine
Liturgy

Sunday, April 9th
Entrance of Our Lord into
Jerusalem
9:45 AM 10:00 AM
General Divine
Confession Liturgy



HOLY WEEK

April 12 - Holy Wednesday
6:30 PM Holy Unction
April 13 - Holy Thursday
6:00 PM Vespertal Liturgy
April 14 - Holy Friday
6:00 PM Vespers & Lamentation
April 15 - Holy Saturday
9:30 AM Vespertal Liturgy

PASCHAL VIGIL

10:00 PM - Nocturns, Matins &
Divine Liturgy