

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**St. Mary of Egypt**  
**April 6, 2025**

Eutychios, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Platonida of Nisibis in Syria

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)**

Byzantine Tone 8

Basil Kazan  
(1915 - 2001)

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From the heights thou didst de - scend, O Com - pas - sion - ate  
One: and thou didst sub - mit to the three - day bur - i -  
al, that thou might de - liv - er us from pas - sion.  
Thou art our Life and our Res - ur - rec - tion,  
O Lord, glo - ry to thee.

**Troparion for St. Mary of Epypt (Tone 8)**

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

**Troparion for St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Tone 3)**

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the holy Church! Thou art Champion of the True Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd, Joy of all the Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast of America. Intercede with Christ God for us and for all who honor thee.

**Kontakion for the Five Sundays of Great Lent (Tone 8)**

To thee the champion leader do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

**Prokeimenon**

Make your vows to the Lord our God, and perform them.  
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

**Epistle**

**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?

**Holy Gospel**

**Mark 10:32-45**

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and 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 scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy 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 at 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 servant 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."

**Assisting Priest:** Fr. Michael Kontogiorgis

**Holy Bread:** Kh Meleah Palke/Carol Ofiesh/Pr. Vicki Kontogiorgis

**Commemorations(Living):** Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, George, Joan, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Cassi, Nina, Dominick, Yina, Rashid, Hala, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Syreeta, Amanda, Michelle, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, suffering believers throughout the world.

**Today we rejoice in the baptism of Cassiopeia, the daughter of Levi and Courtney Hamm.** Her Godfather is Cody Hamm and her Godmother is Nina Hamm. May the Lord God grant Cassi and her family many years!

**Know your faith.** “He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.” Who wrote these words? The Prophet Isaiah. Of whom was he writing? Jesus, the Man of Sorrows. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus sent two disciples to prepare the Passover. Who were they? Peter and John. Who said “Truly, this was the Son of God? The Roman soldier. When Jesus was being arrested, Peter drew his sword and cut off the ear of Malchus, high priest’s servant. What day of Holy Week did Jesus institute the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion)? Thursday. The seven Ecumenical Councils are affirmed by the OC as an essential part of Holy Tradition. The 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council was assembled by the Emperor Constantine in the city of Nicaea in the year 325AD. It affirmed the two natures in the one person of Jesus Christ and condemned the error of Arius, a presbyter from Alexandria. The 7<sup>th</sup> E.C. affirmed the use of icons.

**Holy Week /Pascha (April 16-19):** Wednesday-Saturday evenings at 7:30 PM.

**Our Food for the Hungry Lenten collection** continues through Palm Sunday.

**From today’s Synaxarion.**

Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: “If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!” Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary’s lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom.



**St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church**  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

**Metropolitan Saba, Primate**  
**Bishop Thomas, Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic**

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**Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM**

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