

APRIL 18, 2021

BULLETIN – 5TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – ST. MARY OF EGYPT

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Bulletin Submissions Deadline – **10 am Wed.** ♦ church website: <https://ssppaoc.org>

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – April 19-25, 2021

- 4/19 Mon 6:00 pm – Compline
- 4/20 Tues 6:00 am – Readers Orthros
7:00 pm – Parish Council
- 4/21 Wed 6:00 pm – Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified
Gifts
- 4/22 Thurs 6:00 am – Men's Reading Group
- 4/23 Fri 6:00 pm – Little Compline w/Canon of
Raising of Lazarus
- 4/24 Sat 9:00 am – Lazarus Saturday Divine
Liturgy
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
w/Litania
- 4/25 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Palm Sunday
6:00 pm – Bridegroom Orthros

Looking ahead—

HOLY WEEK

***see purple Lazarus Saturday,
Palm Sunday, and Holy Week
flyer in Narthex for details***

TIMES FOR CONFESSION

Confessions are heard after Vespers on Wednesday evenings (by appointment), on Saturday evenings following Great Vespers and by appointment during the week. If you desire to go to confession during Orthros, come prior to 9:15 am and send a message to one of the priests through one of the deacons. **Please plan to have confession before Holy Week for your sake and the sake of our priests.**

Many Years – Birthday

Elijah Beck

April 21

Darcy Machnee

April 22

PLANNING FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is a wonderful, special week filled with long services that can be challenging to anyone. On our Archdiocese website there are helpful suggestions to make Holy Week more meaningful for children of different ages and for adults. Go [here](#) and check out the various resources, some of which may be downloaded.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meets Tuesday, April 20 in the parish hall at 7:00 pm.

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM

Please let Keidi Lewis know if you would like to be involved in the Kitchen Ministry by texting or calling 588-9575. The ministry team will be gathering input about kitchen needs and considerations and how to best serve our parish and community with the kitchen facility.

MARCH/APRIL EDITION OF THE WORD ONLINE

There is a beautiful and informative article about the term “Hail!” as opposed to “Rejoice!” in regard to the Archangel Gabriel's greeting to Mary when he announced that she would bear Christ the Savior. Check it out [here](#) (Diocese of Los Angeles and the West webpage).

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 25

*Divine Liturgy with
the Blessing of the Palms and
Triumphal Procession*

*Salmon BBQ
Fellowship on the Patio*

ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS WEIGH-IN ON PROPOSED EQUALITY ACT

If you are curious about our hierarchs' opinion on Congress' proposed Equality Act, go [here](#) on our Archdiocese website to read their statement.

NEW DEGREES FROM THE ANTIOCHIAN HOUSE OF STUDIES

The Antiochian House of Studies (AHOS) has hosted programs of theological study in a distance-learning format for over 35 years. They are offering several new options for aspiring theology graduate students in North America. Go [here](#) on the Antiochian Orthodox website to access information about the AHOS offerings and deadlines to apply.

*Virtual
Parish Life Conference
July 8-10, 2021*

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***Fr. Christopher
will be featured in the
"Ask Abouna" section this year*

SPIRITUAL FATHERS

*from Fr. Christopher's homily on
the 4th Sunday of Lent*

A spiritual father is—

- himself under the guidance of a spiritual father in order to help himself identify where he is in his spiritual journey and to lead him to further growth in Christ.
- committed to addressing sin in himself so that he can draw near to God in his own life and lead others there as well.
- someone to guide you to Christ and help you identify what you don't see or what you refuse to see about your own spiritual struggles in order for you to gain spiritual health.
- a guide to show you the most direct path leading to Christ—a path that he himself is on—and help avoid the snares along the way.
- typically a local parish priest, someone who knows you, has a relationship with you, and who sees you more than once in a while.

COFFEE HOUR

We are returning to a more expanded fellowship time after Divine Liturgies beginning this month. It is a great opportunity to greet visitors, provide hospitality, and get to know each other better. As in the past, there will be groups of parishioners assigned to teams each week of the month to manage coffee hour, including set-up, providing snacks, clean-up and/or contributing funds. Feel free to contact Sarah Steiger with questions or concerns at (831) 588-7526.