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## ***Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.***

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| <b>April 10, 2011</b> |                      | <b>Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt</b>            | Divine Liturgy | 9:30 am         |
| April 13              | Wednesday            | Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts                  |                | 6:00 pm         |
| April 15              | Friday               | Akathistos Hymn to the Passion of Christ        |                | 6:00 pm         |
| April 16              | Saturday             | <b>Resurrection of Lazarus</b>                  | Divine Liturgy | 9:30 am         |
|                       | Saturday             | Great Vespers, Blessing of Palms and Willows    |                | 4:00 pm         |
| <b>April 17</b>       |                      | <b>Entrance of Our Lord Into Jerusalem</b>      | Divine Liturgy | 9:30 am         |
| April 20              | HOLY WEDNESDAY       | Holy Unction                                    |                | 6:00 pm         |
| April 21              | HOLY THURSDAY        | Vespers and Divine Liturgy                      |                | 9:30 am         |
|                       | HOLY THURSDAY        | Matins of the Twelve Gospels                    |                | 6:00 pm         |
| April 22              | HOLY FRIDAY          | Vespers - Burial Service, Procession            |                | 6:00 pm         |
| April 23              | HOLY SATURDAY        | Vespers and Divine Liturgy                      |                | 9:30 am         |
| <b>April 23</b>       | <b>HOLY PASCHA</b>   | <b>Midnight Service</b>                         |                | <b>11:30 pm</b> |
| <b>April 24</b>       | <b>HOLY PASCHA</b>   | <b>Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing Baskets</b> |                | <b>12:00 am</b> |
| <b>April 24</b>       | <b>HOLY PASCHA</b>   | <b>Vespers</b>                                  |                | <b>4:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>April 25</b>       | <b>BRIGHT MONDAY</b> | <b>Divine Liturgy, Procession</b>               |                | <b>9:30 am</b>  |

**Saints of the Day:** Martyrs Terence, Pompeius, Africanus, Maximus, Zeno, Alexander, Theodore, and 33 others, beheaded at Carthage (250). New Hieromartyr Priest Flegont (1938). Martyr Demetrius (1942). Martyrs Presbyter James and Deacons Azadanis and Abdicius of Persia (ca. 380). New Hieromartyr Gregory V, Patriarch of Constantinople (1821). Prophetess Huldah (Olda) (II Kings 22:14). Saint Milteades, Pope of Rome. The Holy Martyrs of the Kvabtakhevi Convent, who suffered during the invasion of Tamerlane (1386). New Martyr Demos of Smyrna (1763). Nun-martyr Anastasia, Abbess of Uglich and 34 nuns with her (1609). Monk-martyr Chrysanthus of Xenophontos, Mount Athos. Martyrs Beocca, Hethor and companions, at Chertsey.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of Michael Zaugg and David Blaire for their birthdays were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the soul of Nicholas Keblish were offered today at Liturgy and Parastas at the request of Vera Keblish.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of Wasil and Anna Prawlocki, Walter Jovorsky Sr and Walter Jovorsky Jr, Harry and Anna Homyk, and Peter Mezick were offered today at Liturgy and Parastas at the request of family.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the soul of Archbishop JOHN (Garklavs) were offered today at Liturgy and Parastas at the request of Father John Udics.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Priest Sergius, Archpriest Jason, Daniel, Don, Rea, Aaron, Ada, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Helen, Anna, Thomas, Archpriest Vincent, Mother Raphaela, John, Catherine, Ron, Albert, Michael, Gregory, Emma, Cathy, John, Mykola, Dan, Wayne, Nina, Dan, Isaiah, Robert, Robert, Kevin, Andrew, David, Warren, Michael, Archimandrites Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios and Pachomy.

**THE HOLY MARTYRS TERENTIUS (TERENCE), AFRICANUS, MAXIMUS, [POMPILIUS] POMPEIUS AND THIRTY-SIX OTHERS WITH THEM** all suffered for Christ and were crowned with the wreaths of glory during the reign of Emperor Decius. By order of the emperor, the governor of Africa announced to the people that everyone must offer sacrifices to the idols. To those who resisted, the governor threatened with cruel tortures. Upon hearing about these threats many fell away from the Faith and worshipped the idols. However these forty remained unwavering in their faith and were exposed to torture. Saint Terentius (Terence) encouraged his companions saying: "Brothers, let us be on guard that we do not deny Christ our God, lest He deny us before His Heavenly Father and Holy Angels." The governor divided them into two groups. Thirty-six of them, after flogging, scrapping of the skin and pouring salt into their open wounds, were all beheaded. The first four they cast into prison with heavy iron chains around their necks, their hands and their feet. An angel of God appeared in the prison, touched the chains of the shackled and the chains fell off. After that, the angel prepared a bountiful table for them and fed them. Once again, they were brought out and tortured and, again, they were imprisoned. Then the governor ordered the soothsayers to gather as many poisonous, loathsome creatures as possible, such as snakes and scorpions and to lock them up in the same cell with the martyrs. The loathsome creatures did not want to touch those chosen by God but rather lay compressed in the corner where they remained for three days. On the third day, when the door of the cell was opened, the repulsive creatures rushed out and bit the soothsayers. Finally, the governor pronounced the death penalty upon the four martyrs. When they were brought out to be beheaded, they rejoicefully chanted Psalms and praised God, Who made them worthy of a martyr's death. They suffered honorably in the year 250 A.D., and were found worthy of the Kingdom.

**THE SIX-THOUSAND MARTYRS IN GEORGIA.** In the wilderness of David-Garejeli in Georgia, there were twelve monasteries in which many monks practiced and lived the ascetical life for centuries. In 1615 A.D., the great king of Persia, Shah Abbas I, attacked Georgia, devastated it and beheaded many Christians. Once while hunting early in the morning on the Feast of the Resurrection, Shah Abbas noticed many lights in the mountains. They were the monks from the twelve monasteries in procession around the Church of the Resurrection with lighted tapers in hand. When the Shah discovered that they were monks, he asked in amazement: "Has not all of Georgia been given over to the sword?" He then ordered his soldiers to immediately go and behead all the monks. At that moment an angel of God appeared to Abbot Arsenius and informed him of impending death. Arsenius informed his brethren. They all received Communion of the All-Pure Mysteries and prepared themselves for death. Suddenly, the assailants arrived and hacked to pieces, first of all, the abbot, who came before the others and, after that, all the rest. They all suffered honorably and were crowned with incorruptible wreaths in the year 1615 A.D. Thus, ended the history of these famous monasteries which, for more than a thousand years, served as the spiritual hearth of enlightenment for the Georgians. Only two of the monasteries exist today: Saint David and Saint John the Forerunner. The Georgian Emperor Arcil gathered the relics of the monks and honorably interred them. Even today, these relics emit a sweet-smelling Chrism (oil) and heal the sick.

**SAINT BEOCCA, ETHOR (HETHOR) AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS** died c. 870. The Danes, in their continual raids on England, singled out the Anglo-Saxon abbeys as their special objects of ferocity. Thus, at Chertsey Abbey in Surrey, they put to death Saints Beocca, abbot; Ethor, monk-priest; and some 90 monks. At Peterborough, the Danes killed Saint Hedda's (f.d. April 9) community; and at Thorney Abbey, Saint Torthred (f.d. April 9). All of these are venerated as martyrs. Their memories were kept alive by chronicles and the writings of William of Malmesbury.

**A word from Saint John of "The Ladder:"** Be zealous within your soul, but do not give the slightest sign, word, or hint of it outwardly; and you will manage this as soon as you stop looking down on your neighbor, something you may be inclined to do. And if this is so, then become like your brethren [only in good things! Ed.] in order not to differ from them solely by the measure of your conceit.

I once saw an inexperienced disciple who used to boast in certain quarters about the achievement of his teacher. He imagined that in this way he would win glory for himself from another's harvest. But he only got a bad name for himself, for everyone put this question concerning him, "How then could a good tree grow such a dead branch?"

**A word from an Athonite elder:** A mind that dwells on everyday matters of life and vain things disperses the soul. One should turn inwardly, looking at the soul's uncultivated vineyard, weeding it of all evil thorns and planting virtues there instead. But be wary, for this type of work is not easy at all. It requires perseverance and much patience. One will be confronted with a multitude of difficulties. Various writings of the Fathers are very helpful, and in our days are available by the dozens. In them one can find anything his heart desires, and anything it needs. The Fathers will lead you on the right spiritual path, if only you read them with humility and prayer.

from An Athonite Gerontikon

**A word from Father Alexander Elchaninov:** "The majority of the problems of life - sorrows, inner difficulties - of which one hears during confession, are due to the fact that men live outside the Church, yet appeal to the Church for the solution of their difficulties. They have no determination to change their life. They do not even give a thought to this - that is why the Church is helpless in such cases. Enter the Church, accept the entire order of Church life, then the difficulties solve themselves."

From The Diary of a Russian Priest

#### **REMINDERS FOR YOUR CALENDARS:**

- Saint Anna's Sisterhood would appreciate **your donation of cookies** for the Bake-Sale/ Bazaar. Please bring your baked goods to Church this week Thursday, April 14, by 7 pm or Friday morning April 15 before 9 am.
- April 13-15: Wednesday thru Friday: Bread baking, Group 'B' – times to be announced
- April 14: Thursday: Deliver Cookies to Church
- April 15: Friday: Deliver Cookies to Church by 9 am. Assemble Cookie trays, 9:30 am
- April 16: Saturday: Sisterhood Spring Bake-sale/Bazaar, starting at noon.
- **April 17: Palm Sunday:** Pascha Preparation Workers meet with Father John after Liturgy
- All Parish Council Officers** and interested parishioners are, according to Bishop MICHAEL and our Dean Father Alexei Karlgut, duty-bound to attend one of the three Parish Council Conferences. Father John plans to attend the Watervliet Conference April 30 (depart 8am), and has room for three/four riders. There is no charge.
- April 30: Diocese of NYNJ: Parish Council Conference – Saint Basil's Church, Watervliet. 10 am – 3 pm
- May 7: Diocese of NYNJ: Parish Council Conference – Saint John the Baptists Church, Rochester. 10 am
- May 14: Saturday: HOLY MYRRHBEARERS MONASTERY 34<sup>th</sup> Patronal Pilgrimage: 10:00 am
- May 14: Diocese of NYNJ: Parish Council Conference – Saints Peter and Paul Church, Endicott. 10 am
- May 14: Saturday: Set up for Paschal dinner, 9 am
- **May 15: Sunday:** Archpastoral Visitation of Bishop MICHAEL. Paschal Dinner
- June 12: Pentecost: Potluck Lunch after Liturgy, and before going to the Cemetery
- June 19: Graduate Sunday
- July 4: Monday: Saints Peter and Paul will host the Deanery Clergy. Burgers, dogs potato salad, chips, dips...
- July 19: Diocese of NYNJ: Diocesan Assembly in Endicott