



## St. Mary Magdalene Byzantine Catholic Church

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### MARCH 28, 2021

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT-PALM SUNDAY

Sat. March 27 5:00 pm For the Christian Family of St. Mary Magdalene

Sun. March 28 9:00 am For +Joe & Helen Kornick from Family

### APRIL 04, 2021

### PASCHA SUNDAY - RESSURECTION

Wed. 7:00 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Thurs. 7:00 pm **Liturgy of St. Basil the Great/Vespers**

Fri. **HOLY AND GREAT FRIDAY** *Day of Strict Fast*

9:00 am **Reading of the 12 Gospel**

7:00 pm **GREAT VESPERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY** *Day of Obligation*

Sat. 9:00 am **JERUSALEM MATINS**

5:00 pm **VIGIL LITURGY FOR EASTER**

Sun. 9:00 am **FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

**Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy** *Blessing of Easter Food*

**For the Christian Family of St. Mary Magdalene**

Mon. 9:00am **Liturgy**

### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING FROM THE LAST WEEKEND:

Saturday 21 adults, 0 child; Sunday 34 adults, 8 children. Offering \$1,793

**Sick Visitation:** The most important time of the year is approaching-the Resurrection of our Lord.

Please, remember that we need to prepare ourselves for this special time and the best way to prepare for Pascha is to clean our hearts in the mystery of Confession. We offer confession every Sunday before the liturgy and also by appointment. If you know about someone who is homebound, please contact Fr. Jan, and he will schedule a time for the home visit.

**An Update on the Byzan-Teen Youth Rally 2021:** Due to Covid-19 concerns and restrictions on out-of-state travel the Byzan-Teen Youth Rally has been forced to reschedule to June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022. The location of the Rally will remain the same – Mt. St. Mary University in Emmitsburg, MD.

The exciting news is that a virtual Rally will be held on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, of this year. A brand new website for the Rally is presently under construction and should soon be finished. The next update will include the link to the new Rally site with more information on the virtual Rally. The Intereparchial Youth Commission appreciates your patience and understanding during these difficult times, but we are very excited about the programs and events being planned that will allow all our teens throughout our Metropolia to participate without the worry and concerns of travel this year. *Intereparchial Youth Commission*

**SIGN UP SHEET FOR THE GRAVE VIGIL:** is in the vestibule. Please sign up to come and pray individually or as a family before the grave. The vigil will begin at 9 pm on Holy Friday and go through 9 am on Great and Holy Saturday.

### HOLY WEEK AND FASTING

The week before Easter, Holy Week, is a special time of fasting separate from Great Lent. Like the first week, a strict fast is kept. Some Christians try to keep a total fast on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday. Most eat a simple Lenten meal at the end of each day before going to the evening Church services.

On Holy Thursday, wine is allowed in remembrance of the Last Supper. Holy Friday is kept as a strict fast day, as is Holy Saturday. Holy Saturday is the only Saturday in the entire year when oil is not permitted.

In short, these are the Lenten rules for fasting. Traditionally, the Church Fathers recommend that someone new to fasting begin by resolving to faithfully do as much as he or she is able during the Lenten period. Each year as one matures as a Christian, a fuller participation can be undertaken. However, it is not recommended that a person try to create their own rules for fasting, since this would not be obedient or wise. The Faithful are encouraged to consult with their priest or bishop regarding the Fast when possible.

Personal factors such as one's health and living situation need to be considered as well. For example, an isolated Christian required to eat meals at their place of employment, school or in prison may not be able to avoid certain foods. The Church understands this and extends leniency. It is important to keep in mind that fasting is not a law for us—rather, a voluntary way of remembering to not sin and do evil, and to help keep our focus on prayer, repentance and doing acts of kindness, for we “are not under the law but under grace” (*Romans 6:14*).

