

The Mystery of Mankind's Reconciliation with God

He who is true God was born in the complete and perfect nature of a true man, whole in His own nature, whole in ours. By our nature we mean what the Creator had fashioned in us from the beginning, and took to Himself in order to restore it.

He took the nature of a servant without stain of sin, enlarging our humanity without diminishing His divinity. He emptied himself; though invisible He made himself visible, though Creator and Lord of all things He chose to be one of us mortal men. Yet this was the condescension of compassion, not the loss of omnipotence.

Beyond our grasp, He chose to come within our grasp. Existing before time began, He began to exist at a moment in time. Lord of the universe, He hid His infinite glory and took the nature of a servant. Incapable of suffering as God, He did not refuse to be a man, capable of suffering. Immortal, He chose to be subject to the laws of death.

He who is true God is also true man. There is no falsehood in this unity as long as the lowliness of

man and the pre-eminence of God coexist in mutual relationship.

As God does not change by His condescension, so man is not swallowed up by being exalted. Each nature exercises its own activity, in communion with the other. The Word does what is proper to the Word, the flesh fulfills what is proper to the flesh.

One nature is resplendent with miracles, the other falls victim to injuries. As the Word does not lose equality with the Father's glory, so the flesh does not leave behind the nature of our race.

One and the same person – this must be said over and over again – is truly the Son of God and truly the son of man. He is God in virtue of the fact that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He is man in virtue of the fact that the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

St. Leo the Great

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST MEMORY OF OUR HOLY MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT



Icon of Saint Mary and Saint Zosimos

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Sunday – April 6, 2025

Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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Saturday April 5 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Divine Liturgy (Sorokousty) Great Vespers
Sunday April 6 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of the Fast – St. Mary of Egypt (For the Parish) (+Deacon Theophil from Family)
Wednesday April 9 **7:00 p.m.**	**Lenten Retreat** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Confessions
Friday April 11 **5:00 p.m.**	**Lenten Retreat** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Confessions (Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Saturday April 12 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy and First Confession (Souls Enrolled in Sorokousty) Great Vespers Spiritual Concert by Quartet Fratelli
Sunday April 13 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Our Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday Confessions-Сповідь (For the Parish) (+Stefan Chalupa from Family)

VESPERS AND CONCERT OF SPIRITUAL SONGS “MISSION OF HOPE” SATURDAY APRIL 12

On April 12, at 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM, a unique event will take place at Holy Family blending the grandeur of spiritual tradition and the charm of music. The Fratelli Quartet (Father Andrii Khomen, Deacon Ihor Demydas, Deacon Ivan Vysochansky, and Brother Mykhailo Kuz) from Rome will sing Great Vespers at 5:30 PM and then perform a concert of sacred music at 6:30 PM. This event offers a wonderful opportunity for each of us to restore our connection with God, find peace amid our daily worries, and immerse ourselves in an atmosphere of grace and spiritual depth. Free will offerings accepted.

LENTEN RETREAT 2025 – WITH FATHER IOURI KOSLOVSKII – APRIL 9, 11, 12 AND 13

Join us on Wednesday April 9 at 7pm, Confessions and Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (UKR and ENG); Friday April 11 at 5pm, Confessions and Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (UKR and ENG), Saturday April 12 at 5:30pm Great Vespers and at 6:30pm Spiritual Concert; Palm Sunday April 13 9am and 11:30am Divine Liturgy – confessions during the Sunday Liturgies.

THE GREAT FAST – A TIME FOR PENANCE AND METANOIA

Our parish will make a commitment to observe this sacred time in accord with the authentic traditions of our Ukrainian Catholic Church. We will celebrate the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** and on **Fridays at 5:00 p.m.** in our Church. On Saturdays, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Souls enrolled in the Sorokousty 10:00 a.m. in our Church. Christians have been challenged to practice: **FASTING – ALMSGIVING – PRAYER – AS A WAY OF LIFE AND A WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE.** All parishioners are urged to resolve to make their best effort to attend at least 5 of these sacred services during the Great Fast, especially those in which we remember our deceased loved ones. All must attend the Divine Liturgy on Sundays.

SPIRITUAL REGULATIONS FOR THE GREAT FAST 2025

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today: Abstinance from meat and all dairy products on Good Friday. Abstinance from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast. Everyone should receive the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday. The Fasting and Abstinance regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinance regulations.

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Catechism classes will be held from 10:15-11:15 am on Sunday. Please mark these dates for the first semester: April 6, 27, May 4, 18.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Bohdan Kantor, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Fr. George Worschak, and Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.