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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

APRIL 6, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Tone 8

St. Mary of Egypt
St. Eutychius, Patriarch of
Constantinople
St. Methodius,
Equal-to-the-Apostles

ST EUTYCHIUS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Euty chius was born in Phrygia of pious and devout parents. His father was an officer. Once, as a child, when Euty chius was playing with his playmates, their game was that each of them would write his name on a wall and, beside his name, would guess what rank he would attain in life. When it was Euty chius's turn he wrote: Euty chius--Patriarch! In his thirtieth year he became abbot of a monastery in Amasea. At age forty, he was sent by the Metropolitan of Amasea to represent him at the Fifth Ecumenical Council [Constantinople, 553 A.D.]. At the Council, he glowed like a shining star among the Fathers of the Church, both by his learning and by his zeal. When the debate began as to whether heretics could be anathematized after their deaths, he supported the opinion that they could be, by calling upon the Third Book of Kings 13:1-8 (in some translations called The First Book of Kings) and the Fourth Book of Kings 23:16 (in some translations called The Second Book of Kings). Euty chius endeared himself greatly to Emperor Justinian and Patriarch Menas. The emperor sought his advice on many occasions, and Patriarch Menas (who at that time was very rich) designated Euty chius as his successor, imploring the emperor to carry this out in deed. And so it happened! St. Euty chius governed the Church in peace for twelve years. Then the devil raised up a tempest against him. This tempest reached Justinian himself. The emperor became deluded and succumbed to the Monophysite heresy (Aphthartodocetism), which falsely taught that the Lord Jesus, before His Resurrection, had a divine and incorruptible body, not feeling hunger, thirst or pain. Euty chius adamantly opposed this heresy, for which the emperor exiled him to his original monastery. Euty chius remained there for twelve years and eight months. He proved himself to be a great miracle-worker, healing people of various illnesses through prayer, and by anointing them with holy oil. Justinian repented and died, and was succeeded by Justin, who restored Euty chius to the patriarchal throne, where this saint remained, governing the Church of God in peace until his death. In 582 A.D., in his seventieth year, he took up his habitation in the Kingdom of

Christ the Lord, Whom he had faithfully and courageously served throughout his entire life.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Larissa, Bob, David, Zondra, Art, Jerry, Davide

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Levi, Daniel, Robert

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

DEPARTED: Archpriest Daniel, Archpriest Paul, Tom, Anton

BIRTHDAYS: Luca Margheritino, Ezekiel Shoffner

ANNIVERSARIES: Wesley & Debra Smith

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAZARUS SATURDAY & BLESSING OF PALMS: On Saturday, April 12, we will serve the Divine Liturgy at 9:00a for Lazarus Saturday. Following the service, we will be assembling palm branches to be blessed later that day after Vespers. The following day, the feast of the Entry into Jerusalem, everybody is asked to hold a palm branch throughout the Divine Liturgy. Weather permitting, we will go outside in procession toward the end of the service.

PASCHAL FLOWERS: If you would like to make a special donation to offset the cost for flowers for the Feast of Feasts, please write "flowers" in the memo line of a check or donate through our website.

RED EGGS: In preparation for Great and Holy Pascha, we are looking for parishioners who are willing to dye red eggs. If you plan on it, please let Fr. Alessandro know.

CONFESSION: It is important that every Orthodox Christian receives the Mystery of Confession during the Lenten season. In the coming weeks, Fr. Alessandro will be available after Great Vespers (Sat), or by appointment. If you wish to come before services, please let him know ahead of time. Please, note that Friday, April 11 is the last day when Fr. Alessandro will hear Confessions before Pascha.

CHURCH SCHOOL & ADULT ED.: Please note that Church School & Adult Ed. will be on break on Palm Sunday, Pascha, and Thomas Sunday. It will resume on Sunday, May 19.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Choir members, please note that our next rehearsal is scheduled for April 9 after the potluck..

21st ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL: The 21st All-American Council will take place in Phoenix, AZ on July 14-18. As in the past, there will be a youth program that week. For more information and to register, please visit oca.org/aac.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Apr 6, Sun	
8:45 AM	Church School & Adult Ed.
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Apr 9, Wed	
6:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
7:15 PM	Potluck Meal
7:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Apr 12, Sat	
8:30 AM	Chrismation (Levi Voss)
9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM	Great Vespers & Blessing of Palms
Apr 13, Sun	
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	Apr 6	Apr 13
Coffee Hour:	Hughes	Woodill
Reader:	Mykyta	Hughes
Cleaning:	Voss	Barr
Communion Cloth:	Easton/Barr	Dabik/Terezi

Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment