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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome**

**Reader & Cantor: Vasili Dubee:254-9720**

**Gospel: Mark 10:32-45**

**April 18, 2021, St. Mary of Egypt  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent**

**Epistle: Heb.9:11-14**

#### **Schedule of Lenten Services**

**Sunday, April 18,** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 9:30 a.m., Parastas (40<sup>th</sup> day) for Evelyn Fish offered by Steve & Rose Franchak. - **Archpastoral Lenten Visit of Archbishop Mark**

**Wednesday, April 21, Confession 6:00 p.m.** Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 23, Confession 8:30 a.m.** Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

**Lazarus Saturday, April 24,** Confession 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

**Palm Sunday, April 25,** Blessing of Willows 9:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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**A Warm Welcome this morning to Archbishop Mark,** who is making his Lenten Archpastoral visitation. **May our Lord continue to bless him for many years!**

**Choir Rehearsal** in preparation for Holy Week & Pascha will be held this Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. **Please make an effort to attend!**

**Incense offering** will be needed for Holy Week & Easter (Paschal) Services. **Please contact Fr. John.**

**The Prospora (Church Bread) Group** headed by Eva Demchak will be baking on Tuesday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Center. **We thank them in advance for the stewardship of time & talent.**

**The Presanctified Liturgy** will be held this Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. The responses will be led and chanted by Bill and Maryann Dubee. Please make every effort to attend. **For those participating in Holy Communion, please keep the fast from 12:00 p.m. (Noon)**

**During the Special Church Committee Meeting** held this past Monday, April 5; a unanimous motion was made and approved; resulting in entering into an agreement with the Windsor Inn & St. Michael's Center. The first cooperative & kickoff event will be held in the beginning of June; **"Chicken & Rib Dinner"** more information will be forthcoming. **A contractual agreement will follow as the business at St. Michael's Center increases. It was also noted during this agreement period, all events initiated by the Windsor Inn will be discussed and approved by our Church Committee."**

**Confession and Covid 19:** Once you receive your second vaccine, some of you feel more comfortable approaching private confession with Fr. John. (Our Priest has been fully vaccinated with both shots) and wearing masks still should be normative.

**Easter Flowers (Lilies \$15.00 & \$20.00) Easter Candles \$10.00 donations** are being accepted. You can make your offering for the health of your family or in loving memory of your departed family members.

**Easter Donation: \$100.00** offered by Ronald Sernak & family, **\$100.00 Wine offering** given by Sam Mosley, **\$75.00 Easter Flowers**, offered in loving memory of Joan & John Lasichak, by Ruthann & John Lasichak, **\$50.00 Wine offering**, given by Nicholas Hanchak, **\$25.00 Easter Flowers** in loving memory of Mary Joan, Anna & Samuel Rusiniak from Ruth & John Lasichak, \$20.00 Easter Lily & Candles in loving memory of Andy Petrilak, offered lovingly by Margaret & Paul Petrilak & Roxanne Neutts.

**In order to meet our growing financial obligations**, we are asking all our parishioners, when not in Church to send in their weekly offering envelopes. **We thank you in advance!**

**ST. MICHAEL'S CENTER BREAD SALE:** (Loaves only) Plain \$5.00 Raisin \$6.00, Call Ruth for orders at (570) 876-1456. **PICK-UP:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – 12 - 5 p.m.

**If your Church Dues are in arrears**, please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

**Please remember in your prayers: Peter Senio** who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. and **Jacky Drutarosky** who is in the Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center, 260 Terrace Drive, Peckville, Pa. 18452

**On the Fifth Sunday of Holy Lent** the Orthodox Church commemorates St. Mary of Egypt. "If you want to gain the kingdom of heaven, take care to cast off all sin. Root out all sin through repentance. Because nothing escapes our repentance. Christ gave such power to holy repentance. Look. Since repentance was able to save such a promiscuous woman as Saint Mary of Egypt once was, how can it not save other sinners, every sinner, even the greatest sinner and criminal? Yes, Great Lent is the battle-ground where, through prayer and fasting, we Christians defeat the devil, overcome all sins, conquer the passions and guarantee immortality and eternal life for ourselves."

