



THE PROTOMARTYR



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**Glory to Jesus Christ
St. MARY OF EGYPT**

**Glory Forever!
Tone 8**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. St. Mary of Egypt. St. James (Jacob, Iago) the Confessor, Bishop of Catania (8th-9th c.). St. Cyril, Bishop of Catania (1st-2nd c.). St. Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople (1610).

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29 (Saint)

GOSEL: Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50 (Saint)

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Tuesday, March 23	Daily Vespers 7:00 PM / Inquirer's Class 7:30 PM
Wednesday, March 24 <i>Eve of Annunciation</i>	Confessions 6:00 PM Compline & Matins 7:00 PM
Thursday, March 25	<i>Feast Day: Annunciation of Theotokos</i> Vesperal Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Akathist 7:00 PM / Bible Study 7:30 PM
Friday, March 26	Great Vespers & Service of Holy Unction 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 27 <i>Lazarus Saturday</i>	Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confessions
Sunday, March 28	<i>Feast Day: Palm Sunday</i> Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Palm Sunday Bake Sale: will be held on Sunday, March 28. We need your help to bake Easter related items as well regular bake sale goods. If you don't bake, consider a donation. Profits benefit our Church. Please see the flyer being distributed and volunteer your help. It will be greatly appreciated! See Michele Decker or Connie Skvir for details.

March Charity Collection: is dedicated towards our \$2000 donation to St. Tikhon's Seminary. Although usually our collection for the Seminary on the day of the visit by St. Tikhon's Choir would be close to this amount, because of the bad weather this year many people were not able to come to the Church on the day of Choir's visit to make this donation. We ask you to be generous with your charity contribution this month to help us reach this amount. Thank you!

Pascha Lilies Donation: with the feast of Pascha approaching, we ask all our parishioners to consider sponsoring lilies for the decoration of our Cathedral. There is a sign-up sheet in the candle donation book. The cost of each plant is \$10. Thank you!

Clean-up Day: We will be holding our regular clean-up day to prepare our Cathedral for the services of Holy Week and Pascha. Please mark Lazarus Saturday, March 28 and come to help us with various clean-up projects around our parish. Thank you.

Sunday of Orthodoxy and Mission Services of Great Lent: Following is the schedule of Mission Vespers services that will be served every Sunday of Lent at 4 PM at various churches in the Philadelphia area. Our parishioners should make a special effort during this Lenten season to attend these services to spend time in prayer and fellowship with other Orthodox Christians in our area.

March 21, Sunday of St Mary of Egypt St. Herman's Orthodox Church 1855 Middletown Rd, Gradyville, PA	March 28, Palm Sunday St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Service at 5 PM at new church location: 506 Starh Rd., Elkins Park, PA
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The Visit by Wonderworking Icon "She Who is Quick to Hear": St. Herman's Orthodox Church in Gradyville is inviting all our parishioners to attend a special Mission Vespers service where there will be present the icon of the Theotokos "She Who is Quick to Hear" from St. Tikhon's Monastery. For more details and to read about the history of the icon, please see the bulletin board downstairs.

Web-Sites: Please remember to visit St. Stephen's website at www.ststephencathedral.org for information and updates throughout the week. You can see pictures from Parish events as well as many other interesting links and information, including the Weekly Bulletin, the Monthly Calendar, and other notices. Also, you can receive up-to-date news about the events in our Diocesan life at www.doepa.org.