

### Mark 10:32-45 (Gospel)

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

### Luke 1:24-38 (Gospel, Theotokos)

Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people. Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not

know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

### SIXTH MONDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Listen to me, all of you in far-off lands. The Lord called me before by birth. From within the womb He called me by my name. God will make my words of judgment sharp as swords. He has hidden me in the shadow of his hand. I am like a sharp arrow in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my Servant, a Prince of Power with God, and you shall bring me glory." I replied, "But my work for them seems all in vain. I have spent my strength for them without response. Yet I leave it all with God for my reward" Isaiah 49:1-4

### REFLECTION ON THE SIXTH MONDAY

The same reference from the Book of Isaiah is used in the prayers for the feast of John the Baptist. God has his particular designs for each person. He plans his designs before each one is born. Because of free will, given by God, it is up to each person to carry out God's plan. Humans do not always do in their lives what God calls them to do. Just as John the Baptist was chosen to prepare the people of Israel for Jesus coming on earth, so God calls each person to fulfill a task for which He planned. This week the church reminds us of the great task God asked of Jesus--the redeeming of mankind through his death on the cross. All are reminded of the events of the last weeks and days before the death of Jesus.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS FROM WEEK FIVE

- \*Have I ever mediated on the mercy of God?
- \*Have I realized my uncleanness before God or am I afraid to soil Him?
- \*How great is my love and/or forgiveness in today's society?

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS ON THE SIXTH MONDAY

- \*What has God planned for me in my life?
- \*Have I fulfilled His call? Or have I given some excuse, or just said, "no"?
- \*What can I learn from Jesus?

**105TH ANNIVERSARY SS. PETER & PAUL**

Ss. Peter and Paul of Lorain will be celebrating their 105th Anniversary the weekend of April 21. During the anniversary there will be hosting their annual fundraiser for St. Tikhon's Seminary. This year His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and His Grace Bishop Paul will both be at the celebration all weekend.

The Schedule will be as follows:

**Saturday, April 21**

- 4:00pm- Vespers at Ss. Peter & Paul
- 5:00-6:00pm- Cocktails and meet and greet at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church (2000 Tower Blvd, Lorain, OH 44053)
- 6:00pm- Grand Banquet and Reception. Cost: \$30 per person / Choir concert by St. Tikhon's mission choir.

**Sunday, April 22**

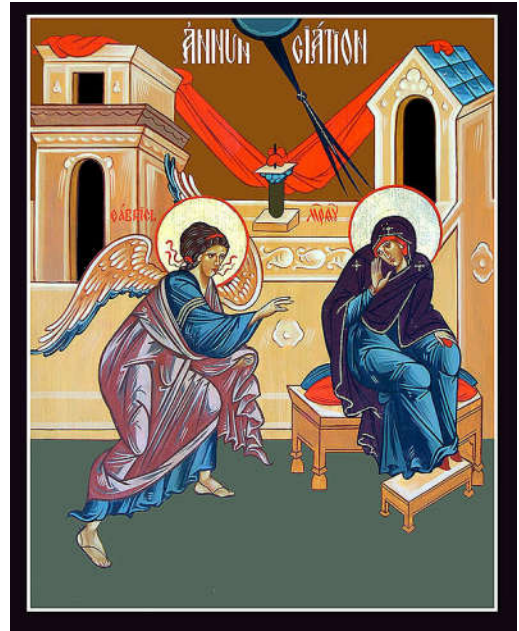
- 9:00am- Greeting of the Hierarchs
- 9:30am- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour
- 12:30pm- Private luncheon fundraiser / concert for St. Tikhon's Seminary for gold, silver and platinum donors with his Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, His Grace Bishop Paul and th mission choir.

Please send Banquet reservations and a check to SS. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church by April 16. Make checks out to St. Tikhon's Seminary.

Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 2238 E 32<sup>nd</sup> St.,  
Lorain, OH 44055  
[www.OrthodoxLorain.org](http://www.OrthodoxLorain.org)

- Silver level: \$250-\$499
- Gold level: \$500-\$750
- Platinum level: \$750 and above

All sponsors will be invited to a private lunch and private concert with His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, His Grace Bishop Paul and the seminary choir. Sponsors will be listed in the program at the banquet and will be recognized.



*M A R C H CELEBRATIONS*

BIRTHDAY		NAME DAY
3- Tony Monastra	27- Hermenigil	3-1: Bishop David of Alaska
7- Tamera Blackford	30- Bobbie Royhab	3-4: Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa
8- Rachel Adamcio	30- Fred Cassell	3-17: Archbishop Alejo of Mexico
11- Jason Monschein	31- Greg Mazur	3-23: Archbishop Nikon of New England
23- Mason Monschein	31- Ruthe Flewelling	

*If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.*