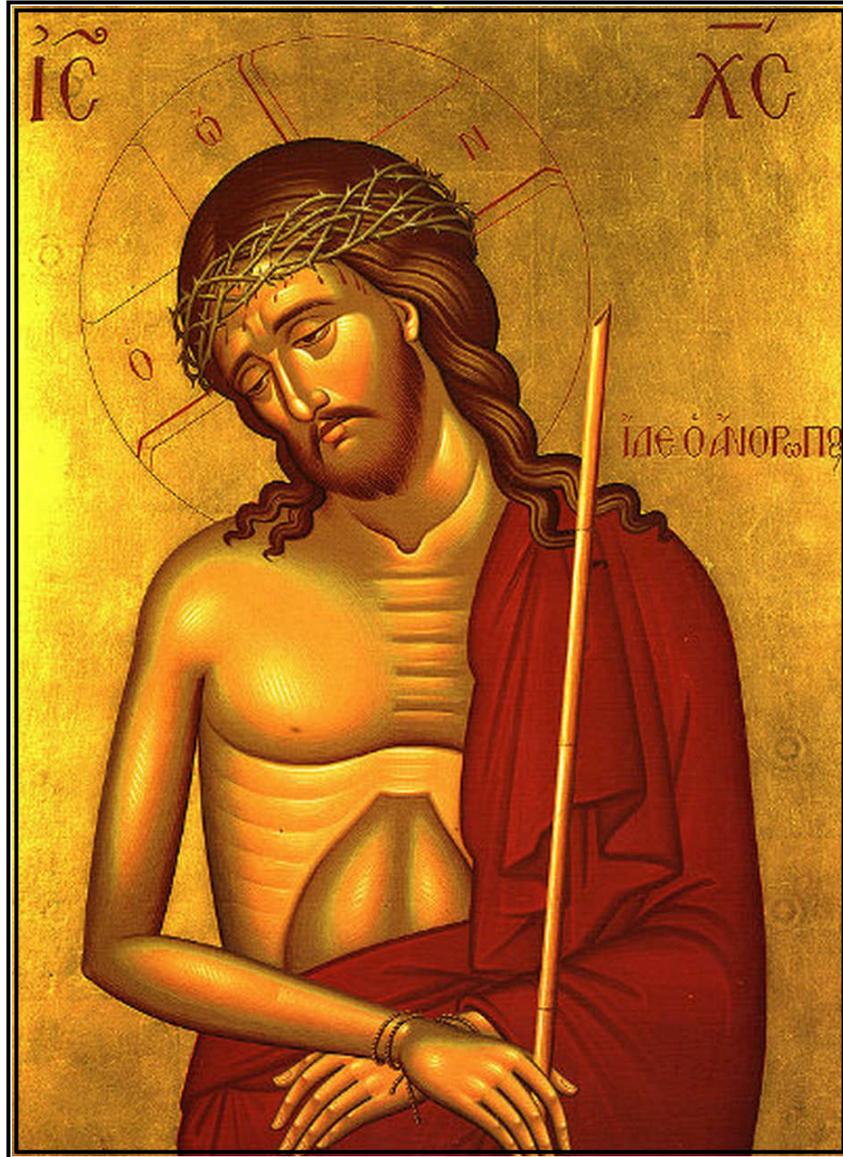


THE GREAT FAST



O LORD AND MASTER OF MY LIFE! TAKE FROM ME THE SPIRIT OF SLOTH, DESPAIR, LUST OF POWER AND IDLE TALK. (*FULL PROSTRATION*)

BUT GIVE RATHER THE SPIRIT OF CHASTITY, HUMILITY, PATIENCE AND LOVE TO THY SERVANT. (*FULL PROSTRATION*)

YEA, O LORD AND KING! GRANT ME TO SEE MY OWN TRANSGRESSIONS AND NOT TO JUDGE MY BROTHER, FOR BLESSED ART THOU, UNTO AGES OF AGES. (*FULL PROSTRATION*)

O GOD, CLEANSE ME, A SINNER. (*12 TIMES WITH 12 DEEP BOWS*)



Sunday, April 5, 2020

Gospel: St. Mark 10:32-45

Tone 1

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Fifth Sunday of Lent / St. Mary of Egypt

APRIL Bulletin Sponsor: *Father Andrew in memory of his mother, Dorothy*

Liturgical & Events Schedule

FOR WEEK OF APRIL 5TH

Due to the Corona Virus all services are suspended until further notice.



June 12 - 13

Deanery celebration of 50th Anniversary of OCA.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Parma, OH

Friday, June 12

6:30pm: Akathist to All American Saints followed by a talk about the journey of the OCA.

Saturday, June 13

9:00am: Greeting of the Bishop followed by Divine Liturgy and a All American Breakfast Buffet. RSVP required. Watch for sign up sheet.

Bishop Paul's TENTATIVE Travel Schedule

Holy Trinity, Chicago, IL, April 10th to 12th

- *Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday Services*

SPECIAL COLLECTION APRIL

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Chandelier: (\$50) Basil: In loving memory of Jean

Altar Candles: (\$50) Laura: In loving memory of her mother Margaret

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) From Basil

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For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (96 ½ yrs old)
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Diane Tryon

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Please remember our shut-ins especially now during this National Crisis.

Living at Home in this unusual time

Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90: 10-12

*Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk carefully, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:14-17 **Con't Pg 10***



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MONTHLY TITHING ONLY MARCH

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

Sunday March 1: \$1,045
Sunday, March 8: \$1,071
Sunday, March 15: \$ 584
Sunday, March 22: \$1,340

OTHER WEEKLY INCOME

Sunday, March 1: \$10 Candles; \$50 Vigils; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Special Collection (Food Pantry)

Sunday, March 8: \$11 Candles; \$50 Altar candles; \$105 Vigils; \$25 Eternal Light; \$30 bookstore; \$50 Special Collection (Food Pantry)

Sunday, March 15: \$12 Candles; \$40 Vigils; \$1 Special Collection (Food Pantry)

Sunday, March 22: \$25 candles; \$25 tomb candles; \$35 Vigils; \$175 for Special Collection (Food Pantry); \$125 Special collection (OCMC) \$200 Restoration.

Archpriest Thomas Soroka Appointed to Oversee Department Work

In a communique to staff last week, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, announced the appointment of Archpriest Thomas Soroka as Project Manager for the Departments of the Orthodox Church in America. With the blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, Father Thomas will plan, coordinate, and oversee the work of the different [ministry departments of the Church](#).

“The coordination of the work of the ministry departments is crucial as we work to implement the vision set by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon in his work *“Of What Life Do We Speak,”* said Archpriest Alexander Rentel. “Father Thomas is well known throughout the Orthodox Church in America and brings to the job a wealth of real-world experience gained from senior management positions at Accenture, Bank of New York Mellon and PNC Bank.”

In his appointment, Father Thomas will remain the rector of Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church, McKees Rocks, PA where he has served since July 2000. Father Thomas is married to Matuska Joni Soroka and they have three daughters.

Father Thomas studied at [St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary](#) and holds two degrees from Duquesne University. Father Thomas is a member of the Archdiocesan Council of the [Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania](#) and frequently speaks on church growth and parish revitalization. Father Thomas is well known also for his work for Ancient Faith Radio where he hosts a live call-in show *Ancient Faith Today* and two podcasts, *The Path* and *Sermons at Saint Nicholas*.

“I’m greatly honored and humbled to be entrusted with this blessed work and very excited to help develop impactful and necessary resources to support our parishes and faithful in their church life,” said Father Thomas. “At every decision, our work will be guided by the question, ‘How can we support parishes so that they can focus on their ministry to thrive and grow?’ I want to hear from parishes and leaders about their needs and how the Departments can best serve them. Our clergy and faithful have so many outstanding ideas to ensure that our parishes and people are equipped to do the work of ministry and I can’t wait to start tapping into that.”

Hebrews 9:11-14 (Epistle)

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

PRAYER LIST Updated 4-1

Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)
Moses Barry
Steven Frase
Joseph Gibson
Gregory Grivna
Emilian Hutnyan
Josef Von Klarr
Dan Kovolick
Vladimir Lecko
David Lis
Myron Manzuk
Philip Lasbrook
Christopher Phillips
Dan Ring (St Joes)
Benjamin Tucci
Peter Tutko
Deacon Nicholas Denysenko
Deacon Paul Gansle
Deacon Gregory Krutchak
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Myra Kovolick
Virginia Lecko
Maura McCartney
Jillian Rettig
Snezana Ruzic
Sonya Tutko

Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (*Elcishko*)
Newborn Samuel Calzone (*fr.s cousin*)
MaryAnn Cook (*Cousin to Twarek's*)
John Richard Elchisco
Ruthe Flewelling
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)
Heidi Golob
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)
Barb Heffernan

Tom Hileman
Alice Jackson (*Mazurik*)
William Jappsen (*Diane T.*)
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)
Kris Kollar (*Fr. 'S cousin*)
Betty Kovach
Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)
Terri Lariccia (*fr's cousin*)
David LaValle (*Fr. 's cousin*)
Helen Lis
Greg Mazur
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)
Toddler Stella Miller
Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)
Earl Rindfleisch
Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)
Joe Rose
Maryann Royhab
Steven Schirtzinger (*Soski*)
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Christine Twarek
Tom Twarek
Carter Twarek
Katie and her baby Bodhi (*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)
Pani Stacey Mihaley & her newborn Azariah (*Fr. 's Cousin*)
Nikki & her unborn baby
Katherine & her unborn baby (*Fr. 's cousin*)

Other Requests:

Sandra Alex (*Muzyka*)
Alexia
Infant Baylor
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Delores Danchisen
Layne Demkosky
Paul Demkosky (*Fr's friend*)
Marge Dziama
Mary Dziak (*Twarek*)
Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)

Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Broadview Heights' choir director*)
Brad George (*Christi's friend*)
Donald Gresh (*Basil*)
Elliot Joy (*Police chief's son*)
Scott Kluding (*Twarek*)
Tommy Leonchik (*Fr's friend*)
Jake Lipstraw (*Twarek*)
Mark Ludvik (*Guzy*)
Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne-*)
Claudia McDonald (*Twarek*)
Pauline Meath (*Fr's*)
Tim Nash (*Royhab*)
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)
Chris Reinheimer (*Bruno's*)
Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)
Arby Shenesky (*Pastor Bob's sister*)
Betty (Elizabeth) Slanta (*sister-in-law of Kathy Jacob*)
John Slanta (*brother of Kathy Jacob*)
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)
John Sutko (*Fr. 'S Friend*)
Devin Thomson (*Jamestown*)
Janice Timko
Philip (Andy) Timko
Steve Turinsky (*Twarek*)
Bob Van Osdol (*Twarek*)
Chuck Wiedenhoft (*Twarek*)
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)
Kristina and her newborn Michal (*Fr. 's friend*)
Molly & her unborn baby
Mollie & her unborn baby (*Fr. 's friend*)

Military:

Craig Cassell
Nathan Brown
Alena Grabavoy
Alex
Jake Ellithorpe

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50th Anniversary of the Agreement on Autocephaly

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Agreement on the Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church in America between the Moscow Patriarchate and the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America, the “Metropolia”.

The agreement was the result of a number of meetings between senior bishops and clergy of the two churches which began in the early 1960’s.

On March 31, 1970 at the residence of Metropolitan Ireney in Syosset, New York, now the Chancery, a meeting took place between His Eminence Metropolitan Nikodim of St. Petersburg (Leningrad), and His Eminence Archbishop Kiprian of Philadelphia and their delegations. The Russian delegation included Archpriest Vitaly Borovoy, representative of the Moscow Patriarchate to the WCC, Archpriest Livery Voronoff, professor at the Theological Academy of Leningrad and Hieromonk Kirill, now Patriarch Kirill of Moscow. The American delegation included Protopresbyter Joseph Pishtey, Chancellor, Archpriest Alexander Schmemmann, Archpriest John Meyendorff and Archpriest John Skvir.

Writing on the events of that day, Dr. Constanine Kallaur, a member of the Orthodox Church in America’s delegation to Moscow to receive the Tomos of Autocephaly in May 1970, described the meeting of March 31, 1970 in the following way:

“The last and final meeting was held at the Metropolitan’s residence in Syosset on March 31, 1970. They labored on the final version of the agreement which was signed just before midnight as they did not want the document to have the date of April 1st. Fr. Schmemmann, in giving his impressions of all the negotiations, characterized them as “difficult, sometimes painful, more than once reaching what seemed a breaking point.” He further added that the

sincere desire on the part of all and particularly on the part of Metropolitan Nikodim to reach an agreement rescued these negotiations more than once and finally brought them to a successful conclusion.” (NOTE: You can read more about the agreement on the National OCA website)

May the memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Nikodim of St. Petersburg (Leningrad), and His Eminence Archbishop Kiprian of Philadelphia, and all those with them who held fast to the vision of Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, who we commemorate today, be eternal.

(NOTE: You can read more about the autocephaly on the National OCA website)

Zoom Meeting

Audio only

With video



PRAYER LIST CONTINUED

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*)

Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*)

The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world

APRIL Celebrations

| ANNIVERSARY | BIRTHDAY | |
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| 20- Ron & Bobbie Royhab 4-30-2011: Retired Bishop Matthias of Chicago NAMESDAY 4-22: Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit 4-25: Archbishop Mark of Philadel- phia | 1-Shawn Lariccia 2- Fr. Andrew 4- His Grace Bishop Matthias 5-Fr. Herman Kincaid 5- Nicholas Schutt 10- Jean Hileman 13- Jennifer Heffernan 13-Margarita Leso 17- Natalie Twarek | 18- Nancy Bunge 18- Diane Tryon 22- Greg Tryon 23- Paul Demkosky Jr 24- Jim Mazur 24-Matt Lariccia III 27- William Jerome 27- Katie Cassell 29- Katie Twarek |

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.

APRIL Reposed

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| 1-Andy Basala (1982) 1-Larry Twarek (2019) 4- Sophia Jump (2012) 4- Rose Bartek (1986) 4- Harry Flewelling (2018) 6- John Sabol (2017) 7- Louis M. Benya (1976) 7- Mitered Archpriest Basil Dziana (1969) Former Pastor 7- Bob Mazur (2018) 11- Archbishop John (1982) 11- LaVerne Schutt (2014) | 12- Helen Tomko (1989) 14- Paul Glovinsky (1978) 15- Stephen Brooks (2005) 16- Mary Wright (2005) 17- Lois Mazurik (1999) 22- Olga Belenky (1971) 22- John Beadle (1988) 22- Fred Millie (1996) 24- Demasthony Ballan (1968) 24- Fr. Stephen Dutko (2009) 26- Margaret Mazur (1987) | 26- Russell Kovach (1981) 28-Ann Kovalick (2018) 29- Olga Kollmeier (1972) 30- Anthony Hubicki (1977) Dolores Martin (1974) Herb Hobson (2004) Charles Rose (2015) Michael Elchisco (1913) Andrew Kopchock (1914) Anna Onyock (1916) |
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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."

The Pascha No One Wants

By Father John Parsells

True leadership brings people where they need to be but don't want to go.

No Christian worth their salt believes Christ went to His crucifixion subservient to the Jewish leaders and Roman state. Even though the Jewish high priest, Caiaphas, gave voice to the common plot to put Jesus to death when he said “it would be better that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perishes” (John 11:50), it was Christ, the true High Priest, who said, “No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.” In fact, it was Jesus’s filial obedience even unto death which most profoundly made manifest His divinity and union with His Father. Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you shall know that I AM, and that I do nothing of Myself, but as My Father has taught Me.” (Joh 8:28)

Today our Church hierarchs call us to take up this same Cross, not in capitulation to the State as conspiracy theorists “theologize” but as imitation and participation in the self-sacrificing life of Christ. We are called to experience in some small way what Christ went through “suffering outside the camp”, outside the Temple, outside the holy city of Jerusalem – in isolation. He entered an inconceivable quarantine. His “social distancing” was so complete that He even experienced divine “abandonment”, crying out from the Cross, “My God, my God, why has Thou forsaken Me?”. The sinless One became sin on our behalf (2 Corinthians 5:20) and the One who said, “I and My Father are One” (John 10:30) experienced “separation” from His Father.

St. Paul tells us, “Therefore let us go to Him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace He bore” (Hebrews 13:13). Here the Apostle links suffering with disgrace, yoking union with Christ together with being an outsider. The early Christians knew this disgrace well, being persecuted as godless by their Jewish brothers, yet paradoxically at the same time experiencing deeper communion with God in Christ outside the Jewish Temple where they had

formerly become accustomed to worship.

As centuries passed, things have certainly changed, the Church has become the new Camp, the new City, the new Temple, built upon Jesus Christ. “The stone which the builders rejected, has become the chief cornerstone; this is the Lord’s doing and it is marvelous in our eyes” (Psalm 118:22). A whole Christian world has developed “outside the camp”, so much so that in our contemporary times, things are reversed, we experience disgrace and shame from “not going” to church, because it is “inside” that we commune with Christ.

Yet, in this time of pandemic, God who is always providing opportunities for us to more fully experience the life of Christ, who is always guiding His Church, allows us in this Great Lent, Passion Week, and Pascha to participate in a very deep way in the foolish wisdom and salvific power of the Cross. By instructing us through our hierarchs to temporarily and selflessly stay outside the church for the benefit of others, so that not one may perish, He gives us a unique opportunity, an otherwise impossible chance, to sacrifice our normal church life, and the best of it in Great Lent and Pascha. We are challenged to once again go “outside the camp”, to experience even for a short time “isolation” from God Himself, and to do so in obedience, even unto death, the death of our own will.

St. John of the Ladder tells us that “Obedience is the tomb of the will and the resurrection of humility.” Now we know well that obedience by definition is only possible when we have to do something that we don’t want to do or when we have to give up something we don’t want to give up; otherwise it is just meeting of the minds. This is why the measure of one’s obedience can be properly gauged only by the extent of one’s desire to resist what is commanded.

For Orthodox Christians our greatest desire is to worship God in His Church and we would rather be martyred than give that up. Yet, we know that there is a world of difference not only between martyrdom and suicide, but also between martyrdom and murder. Our bishops instruct us to stay home, not because we should be afraid of martyrdom, for they tell us to fearlessly minister to the sick and dying, even at our own personal risk. Rather they wisely counsel us in this way to protect us **Con't Pg 8**

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from false bravado and recklessness lest we needlessly, and perhaps pridefully, harm ourselves or others.

Some, perhaps unaware or unwilling to acknowledge what our bishops are actually teaching, will accuse us of faithlessness for temporarily and strategically practicing social distancing in order to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on the least of the brethren (elderly, immunocompromised, etc). We will be slandered as capitulating to the State when we are voluntarily obedient to the Church. Yet we mustn't be discouraged by this because in this too we have a share in the life of Christ, bearing the reproach even of brothers so as to be faithful to the Father's command to love and sacrifice, doing what is best for them and all, even if it means "bearing the disgrace" (Hebrews 13:13) and "despising the shame" (Hebrews 12:2).

What we go through now can feel very isolating for faithful Christians, yet we are resolutely encouraged remembering that the Cross of Christ reveals isolation as the door to communion. In obedience even unto death, we find the life that can never be put to death. Admist our distress and anguish, we find the "man of sorrows, acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3), Christ Himself who says to us what He promised His disciples in their own time of tribulation: "I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy!" (John 16:22).

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

- March 15:** Police officer from AL & FL
- March 22:** Soldiers killed in Afghanistan / His Grace Bishop Varlaam
- March 29:** Mountain Apache officer David
- April 5:** Victims from the Milwaukee Shooting
- April 12:** FF Tommy from AZ
- April 26:** 2 marines Moises & Diego killed in Iraq and 2 Americans killed in Iraq / Police officer from Philadelphia
- May 3:** Police officer killed in Ohio
- May 10:** Police officer from Phoenix

Martyrs Amphianus and Edesius of Lycia

Commemorated on April 2

The Holy Martyrs Amphianus (Apphianus) and Edesius (Aidesius) were brothers. They lived in the city of Patara (province of Lycia) in the family of the pagan governor. They went to the city of Beirut to study the pagan sciences. There they became ardent followers of Christ.

The holy brothers left their pagan parents and went to Alexandrian Caesarea, where they found an instructor, Saint Pamphilius (February 16), and under his guidance they became accomplished in the spiritual life, spending their time in prayer and the study of sacred books.

By decree of the emperor Maximian (305-313), a zealous pagan and cruel persecutor of Christians, all the inhabitants of Caesarea were required to offer public sacrifice. Many Christians, including Saints Amphianus and Edesius, had to hide in order to avoid sacrificing to idols.

When the city prefect of Caesarea was about to offer sacrifice to idols, Saint Amphianus boldly went into the temple, took the prefect's hand, and urged him to abandon his error and believe in Christ.

By order of the governor, soldiers seized Saint Amphianus, fiercely beat him and then threw him in prison. Two days later they led him to trial, where they beat him with iron rods and burned his body with bundles of flax soaked in oil.

The brave youth, steadfastly confessing his faith in Christ, was then thrown into the sea with a stone about his neck. Suddenly a storm arose, and the waves carried the martyr's body to shore, where it was buried by Christians.

After a while they freed Saint Edesius and sent him to Alexandria. There he boldly denounced the governor Hierokles for his extreme cruelty towards Christians. Saint Edesius was tortured and then drowned.

NOTE: Today we commemorate St. Mary of Egypt. I will be mailing her life in another envelope for those of you who get the bulletin mailed to you. . Please take the time to read it. Her life is very meaningful to us especially in this current worldwide crisis.