



# SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 5TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST MEMORY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

### Schedule of Services March 21—March 28

**Sunday, March 21—Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast. St. Mary of Egypt**  
9:45 a.m. Third Hour  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

**Monday, March 22**  
12:00 p.m. The Midday Office of the Great Fast

**Tuesday, March 23**  
9:00 a.m. Moleben for the Victims of Abortion  
12:00 p.m. The Midday Office of the Great Fast

**Wednesday, March 24**  
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts *For Donna Cordia by Paul Washicko*

**Thursday, March 25 —THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS**  
7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy *For Teresa Nuxoll by Wendy Nuxoll*

**Friday, March 26**  
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts *For Teresa Nuxoll by Wendy Nuxoll*

**Saturday, March 27—Lazarus Saturday**  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For Teresa Nuxoll by Wendy Nuxoll*

**Sunday, March 28—Palm (Flowery) Sunday**  
9:45 a.m. Third Hour  
Blessing of Palms and Pussy willows before the Divine Liturgy  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*



### WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasy, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

“Every soul is a pearl. Everything depends on how it is polished. And the polishing — that is what spiritual life is, spiritual effort.”  
*Fr Alexander Men*

### Please remember in your prayers:



**For health and salvation:** Fr. Chris Zuger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Brenda Washicko, Ed, Denis, Max, Mary, Mary,

**For repose of the departed:** +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel,  
*Please let me know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.*

### 7-DAY CANDLE OFFERING:

**Eternal Light:** *For + Volodymyr and Tetiana Tciuh by Pani Oresta Mutka*

**Holy Anointing:** On Holy Wednesday, March 31, at 5:30 p.m. will be served Right of Holy Unction. It is the Byzantine tradition to bless the oil on Holy Wednesday and to Anoint the Sick. Please share information with your friends, neighbors or potentially interested people.

### Zoom adult ECF classes:

On Sunday, March 28, we will have Adult Eastern Christianity class at 4:00 PM. We will talk about Eastern Catholic Catechism. Adults and young adults are encouraged to attend as part of their spiritual development.  
Topic: Catechism – Christ Our Pascha  
Please ask Father for link.

**Pot luck Sunday:** Our annual Easter Dinner will take place on April 11 (Thomas Sunday) following the Divine Liturgy. Everyone is invited to participate. Mask mandated. Please bring your favorite Eastern food to share with everyone.

THANK YOU  
Many thanks to all those who took part today in helping to prepare our church and grounds for the upcoming Easter (Pascha). May God bless you and may He remunerate you for your labors, time, and love for His house.

### Prayer of Repentance of St. Mary of Egypt while standing in front of the icon of the Theotokos at the Church

“O Lady, Mother of God, who gave birth in the flesh to God the Word, I know, O how well I know, that it is no honour or praise to thee when one so impure and depraved as I look up to thy icon, O ever-virgin, who didst keep thy body and soul in purity. Rightly do I inspire hatred and disgust before thy virginal purity. But I have heard that God Who was born of thee became man on purpose to call sinners to repentance. Then help me, for I have no other help. Order the entrance of the church to be opened to me. Allow me to see the venerable Tree on which He Who was born of thee suffered in the flesh and on which He shed His holy Blood for the redemption of sinners an for me, unworthy as I am. Be my faithful witness before thy son that I will never again defile my body by the impurity of fornication, but as soon as I have seen the Tree of the Cross I will renounce the world and its temptations and will go wherever thou wilt lead me.”

**ANSWERING GOD’S CALL:** “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.” Jesus met the sinful woman, and her deep faith and love led to profound forgiveness. Have you received His love? Would you like to share it by dedicating your life to Him in a special manner as a member of the clergy or a monastic? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

**We need your help:** On Saturday, April 3, we need your help in decorating the church and the hall, hanging the rushnyki, changing the altar linens, moving the Shroud to the side and putting the lilies where they belong, etc. See Becky for more information.

**Get to Confession before Pascha:** Today, Father will be available to hear your Confession right after the Divine Liturgy. Please share this information with Catholics and Orthodox Christians who would like to have the Great Lenten Confession.

### Schedule for Great and Holy Week

**HOLY MONDAY, March 29**  
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
**HOLY TUESDAY, March 30**  
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
**HOLY WEDNESDAY, March 31**  
5:30 p.m. Right of Holy Unction  
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
Anointing of the Sick after the Divine Liturgy  
**HOLY THURSDAY, April 1**  
9:00 a.m. Matins (The Commemoration of the Mystical Supper)  
7:00 p.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
**GOOD FRIDAY, April 2**  
9:00 a.m. Matins with 12 Passion Gospels  
7:00 p.m. Vespers taking out of The Shroud  
\*Candlelight procession with the Holy Shroud of our Lord after Vespers  
**HOLY SATURDAY, April 3**  
12:00 a.m. Jerusalem Matins  
7:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy  
Mirovanije & Blessing of Easter baskets following the Divine Liturgy