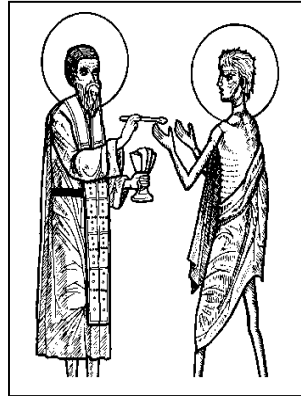


**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

**Sunday, April 7**      **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
**9:00 a.m.**            **ST. MARY OF EGYPT**  
**(Church)**            **For the Parish Family**

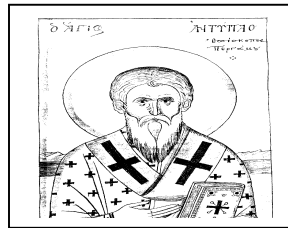


**Monday, April 8**      **Herodian and Others (Apostles)**  
**8:00 a.m.**            **Matins**  
**5:00 p.m.**            **Vespers**  
**(Church)**

**Tuesday, April 9**    **Euphychius (Martyr)**  
**8:00 a.m.**            **Matins**  
**(Church)**

**Wednesday, April 10** **Terence and Others (Martyrs)**  
**6:00 p.m.**            **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
**(Church)**

**(Simple Abstinence)**

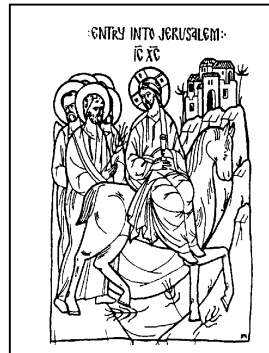


**Thursday, April 11**    **Antipas (Bishop – Martyr)**  
**8:00 a.m.**            **Matins**  
**5:00 p.m.**            **Vespers**  
**(Church)**

**Friday, April 12**     **Basil (Bishop)**  
**6:00 p.m.**            **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
**(Church)**

**(Simple Abstinence)**

**Saturday, April 13**    **Lazarus Saturday**  
**8:30 a.m.**            **Divine Liturgy – Lazarus Saturday**  
**5:30 p.m.**            **Divine Liturgy – For the Parish Family**  
**(Church)**



**Sunday, April 14**    **PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY**  
**9:00 a.m.**            **+Mary & Andrew Cihota**  
                             **Req. by Helen Ponzurick**  
**2:00 p.m.**            **Penance Service**  
**(Church)**

**PRAYER LIST** – Mark, Trish, Blake, Peggy, Brandon, Sharen, Michael, Amelia, Butch, Lisa, Clara, Josephine, Cathy, Audrey, Dave, Janet, Kay, Arlene, Bill, Billy, Margie, Jack, Monica, Mickie, Sharlane, Janet, Marie, Carl, Sr. Joretta, Doris, Jeff, Janet, Carl, Jason, Tiffany, Kenzie, Chase, Joe, Emily, Gabriel, Gina, George, Rita, Dorothy, Hannah, Michelle, David, Rita, Jamie, Bernard, Margaret, Barb, Nadine, PJ, Robert, Cil, Dorothy, Beathrice, Alice, Grace, Francis, Louis, Norma Jean, Joan, Seth, Janet, Ted, Patty, Janet, George Jr., Diana, Emil, Margie, Curtis, Stephanie, James, Doleres, Fr. Eugene, Deb, Ray, Dawn, Fred, Jillian, Danny, Brian, Kristen, Nadia, Sofia, Diane, Vicki, Nathan, Ryan, Troy, Traci, Trevor, Tanner, Marie, Frances, Olivia, Rita, Dan, Joan, Jamie, Chris, Cindy, Mike, Dianne, Donna, Helen, Tammy, James, Ashley, Patrick, Michelle, Olivia, Charlene, Barbara, Dolores, Tim, Marie, Maria, Kathy, Elaine, Carl, Kris, Micheal, Kim, Dave, Dewayne, Harvey, Wally, Charlene, Paul, Shane, David, Damon, Jamie, Mason, Melvin, Jean, John, Joann, Melanie, Fred, Tom, Bill, Cathy, Elaine, Brian, Sam, Vicki, Adam, Max, Sam, riley, John, Arthur, Sam, Midge, Barb, Dave, Edward, Anna, Steve, Barb, Aubrey, Maria.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 3/31/19**

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Candles</u>	<u>Holy Day</u>	<u>Pirohi</u>	<u>Palm Sunday</u>	<u>Easter Flowers</u>
\$2009.00	\$153.00	\$386.00	\$3100.30	\$20.00	\$610.00
<u>Easter</u>	<u>Loose Cash</u>	<u>Pamphlet</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>		
\$25.00	\$96.00	\$5.00	\$6404.30		

‡ **PRO-LIFE PRAYER** – For a greater openness and willingness to provide support for those facing an unplanned pregnancy, we pray to the Lord.

**OUR PARISH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** –to Beatrice, Alice, Dorothy Resetar, and Father Eugene on the loss of their brother +Demetrius Yackanich. May the Lord grant him repose among the Saints and may He console those whom he left behind.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** – Father Ron’s brother +John Larko, who went to be with the Lord this past week and who was buried Saturday. May the Lord grant him repose among the Saints and may He console those whom he left behind.

## FROM THE BOOK OF MAXIMS BY ST. ISIDORE, BISHOP

Prayer purifies us, reading instructs us. Both are good when both are possible. Otherwise, prayer is better than reading.

If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us.

All spiritual growth comes from reading and reflection. By reading we learn what we did not know; by reflection we retain what we have learned.

Reading the holy Scriptures confer two benefits. It trains the mind to understand them; it turns man's attention from the follies of the world and leads him to the love of God.

Two kinds of study are called for here. We must first learn how the Scriptures are to be understood, and then see how to expound them with profit and in a manner worthy of them. A man must first be eager to understand what he is reading before he is fit to proclaim what he has learned.

The conscientious reader will be more concerned to carry out what he has read than merely to acquire knowledge of it. For it is a less serious fault to be ignorant of an objective than it is to fail to carry out what we do know. In reading we aim at knowing, but we must put into practice what we have learned in our course of study.

No one can understand holy Scripture without constant reading, according to the words: *Love her and she will exalt you. Embrace her and she will glorify you.*

The more you devote yourself to a study of the sacred utterances, the richer will be your understanding of them, just as the more the soil is tilled, the richer the harvest.

Some people have great mental powers but cannot be bothered with reading; what reading could have taught them is devalued by their neglect. Others have a desire to know but are hampered by their slow mental processes; yet application to reading will teach them things which the clever fail to learn through laziness.

The man who is slow to grasp things but who really tries hard is rewarded; equally he who does not cultivate his God-given intellectual ability is condemned for despising his gifts and sinning by sloth.

Learning unsupported by grace may get into our ears; it never reaches the heart. It makes a great noise outside but serves no inner purpose. But when God's grace

touches our innermost minds to bring understanding, his words which has been received by the ear sinks deep into the heart.

### ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EASTER RAFFLE BASKET- St. John Social Ministry has put together an Easter/Spring Themed Raffle Basket to be awarded on Sunday, April 14 which is Palm Sunday. This basket includes many food and decorative items for Easter and Spring. Tickets may be purchased at Thursday Pirohi making, Friday Pirohi lunch and sales, at the upcoming coffee social (Sunday April 14), at the 14th Egg EGGStravaganza (Sun., April 7), or by contacting a St. John Social Ministry member. Thank you for your continued support.

EASTER PASKA BREAD SALE – Our St. John Church will be baking Paska Bread on Saturday, April 13, in the church kitchen starting @ 9 a.m. There will be plain or with raisins available at \$7.00 each. Sign up sheets will be in the Church vestibule and in the handicapped entrance area. The deadline for placing orders is Monday, April 8. Pick up date is Saturday, April 13 after the Divine Liturgy and Sunday, April 14 after the Divine Liturgy. Thank you for your support.

PLEASE NOTE – Anyone available and willing to help with the Paska baking project, please sign the bottom of the order sheet in the space provided. Help is needed to keep this tradition going in our parish. Men and women are welcome to assist. You may also call the church office (724-438-6027) and leave a message if you are able to help.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION – Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall. Fee = \$25.00 (non-refundable), and pre-registration is required. The theme is “God Speaks: Do We Listen?” Topics and speakers include: Joni Sturgill on “Healthy Body: Peaceful Soul”; Jennifer Miele on “God Speaks to All Generations”; Lillian Leonardi on “My Spiritual Homecoming”. Informational Brochures are in the Narthex and Handicapped Entrance. To register, please call 412-322-8773.