

### ***Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's***

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there. You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Always remember the golden rule: those who have the gold, make the rules.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Take my advice, kid – Don't make waves. You've got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always, always, always buy low and sell high.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

The drug users and the city scum – they deserve what happens to them. We work hard for what we've got – nobody is doing us any favors. Let them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You got to take care of your own.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really understand Me and what I am about, if you really want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of My name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice.

*But it cannot be like that with you.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



*Icon of Raising Lazarus from the Dead*

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**Sunday – March 21, 2021**

**Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever**

**The District of Columbia is at Phase 2, and our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.**

**Sunday Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

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**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES**

<b>Sunday March 21</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast - St. Mary of Egypt</b> (+Helen and +John Fedkiw from the Popadiuk Family) (For the Parish)
<b>Thursday March 26</b> <b>**6:00 p.m.**</b>	<b>At Parish – Annunciation of the Mother of God</b> (For the Parish)
<b>Friday March 26</b> <b>**6:00 p.m.**</b>	<b>At Parish – Presanctified Liturgy</b> <b>ALSO Live Streamed <a href="https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/">https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/</a></b> (+David and +Myron Nagurney from Irene)
<b>Saturday March 27</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>At Parish – Lazarus Saturday</b> <b>ALSO Live Streamed <a href="https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/">https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/</a></b> (Our Beloved Deceased) <b>EASTER CONFESSIONS</b>
<b>Sunday March 28</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday</b> (+Katherine Drabyk from Family) (For the Parish)

**Lenten Services Great Fast 2021 – In Church and Live Streamed**

We will celebrate the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in our Church. *Wednesdays will be at 6:00 p.m. in SS. Joachim and Anna in Front Royal, VA.* On Saturdays, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Souls enrolled in the Sorokousty 10:00 a.m. in our Church.

**Friday 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Holy Family**

**Via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>**

**Wednesday 6:00 p.m. – Saints Joachim and Anna**

**Via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ssjoachimandanna/>**

**THE GREAT FAST – A TIME FOR PENANCE AND METANOIA**

Our parish will make a commitment to observe this sacred time in accord with the authentic traditions of our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. We will celebrate the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in our Church. *Wednesdays will be at SS. Joachim and Anna in Front Royal, VA.* On Saturdays, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Souls enrolled in the Sorokousty 10:00 a.m. in our Church. Since ancient times, Christians have been challenged to practice: **FASTING – ALMSGIVING – PRAYER – AS A WAY OF LIFE AND A WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE.** Please try your best to make the effort to observe these Lenten Disciplines and Practices during the **FAST 2021.**

***Everyone, regardless of age, is encouraged to observe the GREAT FAST as piously as possible!***

**SPIRITUAL REGULATIONS FOR THE GREAT FAST 2021**

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today: Abstinance from meat and all dairy products on Good Friday. Abstinance from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast. Everyone should receive the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday. The Fasting and Abstinance regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinance regulations.

**FIRST CONFESSION 2021 PREPARATION CLASSES – SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.**

First Confession will be celebrated in our parish for children ages 7 and older on **Saturday June 5.** In order to prepare to receive this sacrament, the children must attend the preparation classes on **Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on: Mar.: 21, 28, Apr.: 18, 25, May: 16 and 23** Children must also attend the Divine Liturgy on these days. Please do not be late. Although we previously celebrated First Confession on Lazarus Saturday, that is not possible this year. We are a month behind on preparation because of the pandemic and, more importantly, Easter falls very early this year. Considering COVID restrictions and the possibility of inclement winter weather in the coming weeks, and student illnesses, it is necessary to schedule the celebration of the sacrament for June 5. That date is unlikely to change, unless there are new restrictions issued by the DC government. Also, to clarify, we do not plan to hold class every Sunday. According to the planned schedule, which starts on January 31, there will be no class on major holidays or the second Sunday of the month: *i.e.*, February 14, March 14, April 4 (Easter), April 11, May 2 (Old Calendar Easter), May 9 (Mother's Day), or May 30 (Memorial Day weekend).

**CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS**

**The Mayor of the District of Columbia extended the Pandemic State of Emergency to March 31, 2021. As such, we will not be able to have our Easter Dinner. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.**



**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, 1LT Catherine Hetmansky Hayes (Active Duty Iraq), Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Matthew Parowski, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**EASTER CONFESSIONS  
NEXT SATURDAY  
MARCH 27  
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Schedule of Holy Week and Easter 2021 For COVID-19 Pandemic**  
**Services will be Live Streamed and the Churches Open - Everyone is Welcome to Pray with Us!**  
Via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>  
Via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ssjoachimandanna/>

**Holy Family**  
4250 Harewood Road NE  
Washington, DC 20017

**Saints Joachim and Anna**  
1396 Linden Street  
Front Royal, VA 22630

**Lazarus Saturday, March 27**  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy **Bilingual**  
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Confessions

**Flowery-Palm Sunday – Blessing of Pussy Willows**  
**Saturday March 27**  
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Confessions  
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy English

**Flowery-Palm Sunday – Blessing of Pussy Willows**  
**Sunday March 28**  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy English  
11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Ukrainian

**Holy Tuesday, March 30**  
6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy **English**  
**Holy Thursday, April 1**  
6:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Commemorating the Lord’s Supper **English**

**Holy Monday, March 29**  
7:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy **Bilingual**

**Holy Wednesday, March 31**  
7:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy **Bilingual**

**Good Friday, April 2**  
7:00 p.m. Vespers, Placing of the Shroud  
(*Plaschanytsya*) **Bilingual**

**Good Friday, April 2**  
3:00 p.m. Vespers, Placing of the Shroud  
(*Plaschanytsya*) **English**  
**Church will be open for Guarding of the Tomb until Easter Vigil on Saturday**

**Holy Saturday, April 3**  
**Church Opens at 10:00 a.m. for Guarding the Tomb until Resurrection Matins**  
11:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets  
12:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets  
8:30 p.m. Matins of the Resurrection **Bilingual**  
9:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy of Pascha **Bilingual**  
Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

**Holy Saturday, April 3**  
4:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great First Liturgy of Pascha-Easter Vigil **English**  
[Satisfies Easter Obligation]  
Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

**Pascha Sunday, April 4**  
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Pascha **Bilingual**  
Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets  
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Pascha **Bilingual**  
Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

**\*\*Blessing of Easter Baskets at Holy Family\*\***  
**Stay with your car and keep Easter Baskets in your trunk. Father will come to each car to bless the Easter Baskets.**

I have tried to provide as many opportunities as possible for all of our people to safely join in prayer this Holy Week and Pascha of 2021 with this special schedule of services.  
God Bless all of you and your families - Fr. Robert

**Χριστός Βοσκες**  
**Christ is Risen**