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**Church Services:** Saturday-6:00 PM Vespers (Confessions available) Sunday-9:15 AM Orthros (Confessions available)  
10:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Coffee Hour following)

**April 2, 2017**

H & S Angela Callahan – Adjodha Family  
H & S Carole Miller - Henry & Marianne Murad  
H & S Mary Solis - Presbyter Ephreim & Judy Handal  
H & S Olga Handal - Family  
H & S Vance Solis - Presbyter Ephreim & Judy Handal  
H & S Sylvia Dorham – Family  
H & S John Dorham - Family  
+ Ibrahim Bechara Atieh **MEMORIAL** - Atieh Family  
+ Marie Gerdak - Family  
+ George Feghali - Family  
+ Adel Saba - Phil & Mary Battey  
+ Anne Gallagher - Family  
+ Antoinette Fakhouri - Assaad & Yolla Khairallah  
+ Caynaan Saah - Family  
+ Darwin Hurtado Cuellar- Family  
+ George Tabash - Family  
+ Laurice Jagganathan - Family  
+ Michael Petrus - Henry & Marianne Murad  
+ Reema Samaha - Family  
+ Salim Kanakry - Family

**Schedule at a Glance**

Sunday, April 2	<b>St. Mary of Egypt</b> Sunday School/Orthros, 9:15 PM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM
Monday, April 3	Presanctified Liturgy, 7:30 PM
Tuesday, April 4	Vespers, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, April 5	Presanctified Liturgy, 7:30 PM
Thursday, April 6	Life of St. Mary of Egypt, 7:30 PM
Friday, April 7	Presanctified Liturgy, 7:30 PM
Saturday, April 8	<b>Saturday of Lazarus</b> Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM Pancake Breakfast Vespers, 6:00 PM
Sunday, April 9	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Sunday School/Orthros, 9:15 PM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are now available, please send in your request to Sam Hondros at [shondros@usptax.com](mailto:shondros@usptax.com)

**THERE WILL BE** a meal of mercy offered today after Divine Liturgy by the Atieh family in memory of Ibrahim Bechara Atieh. All are invited.

**A THANK YOU** is extended to those who gave up their Saturday afternoon to help with parish clean-up day. Our church looks beautiful!

**USHERS WANTED** – We are looking for warm and friendly parishioners to help as ushers for our liturgical services. Duties of an usher include: greeting people as they enter the church for Liturgy; passing out Sunday bulletins; help direct the movement of people for communion, processions and blessing lines; take up offering; help keep order and propriety during services; assist people in need. If you would like to volunteer as an usher, please contact Anson Groves by email [ansonmgroves@gmail.com](mailto:ansonmgroves@gmail.com)

**THE IDEAL IS SET BEFORE US** – The Holy Canons specify the following from sundown of Cheese-Fare Sunday to Holy Pascha:

**ABSTINENCE** of meat (including poultry), meat products, dairy products, fish, olive oil, and wine.

**NO ABSTINENCE** of shellfish, fruit, vegetables, vegetable products.

During this time, Orthodox Christians regulate both the amount of food they eat and the number of times they eat each day. In other words, no food should be eaten between meals and at mealtime only a small portion of food should be eaten.

On Saturdays and Sundays during the Great Lent the quantity and number of times food is eaten is not restricted and olive oil and wine may be taken.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** wants to congratulate the Second Grade Class and their parents. The children made their First Confession today. This is a big milestone in their young lives as they continue to grow in their faith.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

**Lenten Charity** - Please put your packages in the box in the church hall. The last day for donations is Palm Sunday, April 9.

**St. Mary of Egypt (April 2)** – First Confession for Grade 2 during Sunday School. 3rd rehearsal for Myrrh bearers.

**Lazarus Saturday (April 8)** - The day for children - Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am, followed by a pancake breakfast and to decorate candles for Palm Sunday. FINAL rehearsal for Myrrh bearers.

**Great Wednesday (April 12)** - Youth will read Epistles during the Anointing Service which follows the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 7:30 pm.

**Great Friday (April 14)** - Starting at 11:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm the children will gather to decorate the tomb of Christ. Lunch follows and then the children will learn about why we have red eggs for Pascha and help get the eggs ready. They will also help set up the church for the services. Myrrh bearers participate in the Evening service.

**GREAT LENT ADULT EDUCATION Lunch 'n Learn Series** – The Education Committee is offering a series of Lenten Lunch 'n Learn talks during the first five Sundays of Great Lent. The talks will be offered from 12:30-1:30 in the Parish Hall based on the following schedule:

- April 2 - St. Mary of Egypt and Repentance

On April 2, there will be a meal of mercy offered, so lunch will be provided.

**THE DEACON HELPER SCHEDULE** through April is below:

4/2 Joseph Severino  
4/9 John Khoury  
4/16 Jack Nicola  
4/23 Anthony Sauer  
4/30 Joshua Sauer

Many extra liturgies take place in April, May, and June. Deacon Helpers for those liturgies will be appointed from among those present. If your son is not able to perform the duties of deacon helper on a particular Sunday, we will choose someone from the Children's Choir to take his place. Questions? [sdorham@gmail.com](mailto:sdorham@gmail.com)

**PLEASE JOIN US** after Vespers in the conference room on April 8 at 7:30 PM for a poetry reading of the book "**Holy Week Sonnets**," written by one of our very own parishioners, Philip Rosenbaum. He will read selections of his poems and we will discuss them together. This is a great spiritual treat for yourself before Palm Sunday and worth making the time for. Hope to see you there!

**IN YOUR CHARITY**, please remember the following in your prayers: Donna Carlson, Anastasia Kalil, Nicholas Kotula, and Kelly Wolff.

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