

**ALL CHURCH SERVICES AND PLANNED EVENTS HAVE  
BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Please join our services by visiting our website and clicking on the Livestream icon: <https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/> Or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/reginaukrainiancatholicnorth/>

**Join us at 9:00 a.m. for the praying of the rosary.**

### **FIRST PSALM OF TYPICA:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all that is within me bless His holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.  
He forgives all your inequities, He heals all your diseases.  
He redeems your life from corruption, He crowns you with mercy and compassion.  
Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering and abounding in mercy.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all that is within me bless His holy name.  
Blessed are You, O Lord.

### **THE BEATITUDES**

Remember us, O Lord, in Your kingdom.  
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil word against you falsely because of Me.  
Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven.

## **EPISTLE READING:** Hebrews 9:11-14

Brothers and Sisters! When Christ came as high priest of the good things which have come to be, he entered once for all into the sanctuary passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation. He entered, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, and achieved eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifers ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself up unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God!

## **GOSPEL:** Mark 10:32-45

**“[At that time]** Jesus and His disciples were on the way, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus went ahead of them. They were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. Taking the twelve aside again, he began to tell them what was going to happen to him. “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise.” James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” He replied, “What do you wish (me) to do for you?” They answered him, “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared.” When the twelve heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.”

## **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Monday, March 30 – Venerable John Climacus [Colossians 3:12-16; Luke 11:34-41]

Tuesday, March 31 – Venerable Hypatius [1 Thessalonians 5:14-23; Mark 8:30-34]

Wednesday, April 1 – Venerable Mary of Egypt [Ephesians 4:7-13; Luke 12:16-21]

Thursday, April 2 – Venerable Titus [Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 18:18-27]

Friday, April 3 – Venerable Nicetas [Ephesians 2:4-10; Matthew 4:1-11]

Saturday, April 4 – Lazarus Saturday [Hebrews 12:28-13:8; John 11:1-14]

Sunday, April 5 – Palm/Willow Sunday [Philippians 4:4-0; John 12:1-18]

### BYZANTINE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ,  
The Son of the living God, who came into the world  
To save sinners of whom I am the first.  
Although I cannot now be a partaker of your mystical supper,  
O Son of God,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart by your Divine Grace  
For the healing of my soul and body.  
For I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies.  
Nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas,  
But like the thief I profess to you.

Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom  
Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom  
Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

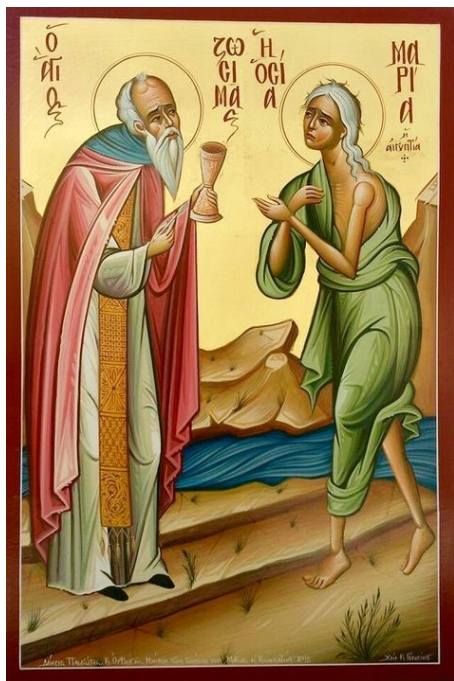
O Lord, I also believe and profess that this  
Which I would receive, and which is now  
Here present with us in Mystery  
Is truly Your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood.  
May I one day partake of your mystical supper again for the remission of  
All my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

O God, be merciful to be a sinner.  
O God, cleanse of my sins and have mercy on me.  
O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

*With Ecclesiastical Approbation, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix*

## ANOTHER TRIP TO JERUSALEM

*“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 on the third day He will rise again” (Mark 10:33-34).*



As Lent draws to a close, we turn our eyes to Jerusalem where the Lord will undergo His life-giving passion and death for us.

On this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent the Church also remembers another trip to Jerusalem: one that occurred some 300 years after Christ. According to the life written by St. Sophronios, Patriarch of Jerusalem in the seventh century, Mary the Egyptian was a runaway teenager who drifted into a fast lifestyle in Alexandria living in part on the proceeds of the sexual favors she dispensed.

When she was 29 Mary attached herself to a group going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She went, not out of piety, but to meet others devoted to the same lifestyle. According to Sophronios, she never lacked for companions both on the journey and when she arrived in the Holy City.

One day, curiosity prompted her to follow some pilgrims to the Anastasis, the church built over Christ's tomb. She found herself unable to enter, resisted by an unseen force. Believing that this was because of her wild way of life, she was struck with remorse. She prayed before an icon of the Mother of God in the courtyard, asking for forgiveness and vowing to abandon the world and its pleasures. Returning to the church door she found herself now

able to enter.

Returning to give thanks before the icon, Mary heard a voice promising, “If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest/ true peace.” After confessing and receiving Communion, she went into the desert where she remained a hermit for the rest of her life.

The image of this extraordinary repentance and commitment to asceticism is held up to the Church as an encouragement to enter wholeheartedly into the remainder of the Fast and the Great Week which follows (*adopted from royalddoors.net*).



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**DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Service in English; TEMPORARILY by live streaming**

**MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH** is recognized by participating in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in contributing to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

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