

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Mar. 26, 2023 9:00am Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, **Leavetaking of Annunciation, Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel**

TODAY'S READINGS: Heb. 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31
Heb. 2:11-18 (Theotokos) Luke 1:24-38

WEEKLY CALENDAR: Fifth Week of Great Lent

Today: Coffee Hour
4:00pm Mission Vespers, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Terryville
Tue. Mar. 28 5:30pm Daily Vespers
Wed. Mar. 29 5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy
Thu. Mar. 30 5:00pm OCF Vespers, Lovett Room Battell Chapel
Fri. Mar. 31 1:00pm Church cleaning
5:30pm **Akathist** to the Most Holy Theotokos
Sat. Apr. 1 10:00am Church Cleaning
5:00pm Great Vespers, Confessions
Sun. Apr. 2 9:00am Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, **St. Mary of Egypt**
Heb. 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45
Gal. 3:23-29 (St. Mary) Luke 7:36-50
4:00pm **Unction Service**, Three Saints Church, Ansonia

Welcome to all our visitors who join us for services!

Celebrations:, Tanner Church (Judy's family) 27th, Lloyd Mueller 30th, birthdays. Many Years!

Pray for: Tatiana Oji at Orange Care Center, Maria Scheirer is at Civita Care Center, Milford.

Memory Eternal: Mary DeSanto went to her repose on Sunday, March 19. Memory eternal.

Orthodox Charity of the Month: In March we will be supporting **ONE Stewards**, supporting diocesan programs above and beyond the operational budget, including youth and seminarians. Please be generous! To donate by check, simply put "Charity of the Month" in the memo line.

Orthodoxy 101: On Wednesdays after Presanctified Liturgy, we will be offering a series on an introduction to Orthodoxy. All are welcome, and if you have questions you would like addressed, please forward to Fr. Steven!

Youth Rally Save the Date: August 7-12, 2023. **Church School:** April 29.

Men's Reading Group: A weekly **Men's Reading Group** is continuing on Tuesday mornings at 7:15am. We are currently studying the Gospel of St. Mark. Just click on the link [here](#) to join us.
Church School: Older youths are gathering bi-weekly on Fridays at 6:30pm.

Confessions: Please arrange for confession soon, as confessions will not be heard during Holy Week, except for those traveling to be with us. Please also be sure to sign the confession book.

Annual church cleaning: With *everyone* pitching in to clean for a couple of hours, our church will shine for Pascha! The church will be open for cleaning on *Friday, March 31 from 1 pm to 8:30 pm* (there will be no cleaning during the Akathist Hymn, from 5:30 to 6:30) and on *Saturday, April 1 from 10 am until Vespers begins at 5:00 pm*. Cleaning supplies, coffee/tea and snacks will be provided. No experience necessary: if you know how to wash dishes, you are qualified to help. Thank you in advance for coming to assist!

St. Mary of Egypt: On the fifth Sunday of Great Lent we commemorate St. Mary, "a pattern of repentance. On this last Sunday of Lent, she expressed the last and most urgent call that the Church addresses to us before the sacred days of the Passion and the Resurrection." From a footnote we read: "In the sixth century, near the monastery of Sacua in Egypt, pilgrims venerated the tomb of a holy woman called Mary, who had lived in the desert as a solitary and penitent. This is all that we can say with historical certainty. During the seventh century, the Patriarch Sophronios of Jerusalem wrote a life of Mary the Egyptian which ... served as a basis for all subsequent literature about her. According to tradition she spent 47 years in the desert after her conversion. (*A Year of Grace of the Lord*, Monk of the Eastern Church, SVS Press, 1980, pp. 126 & 133.)

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Храмовые службы теперь благословляются дважды в неделю. Щелкните [здесь](#), чтобы запросить посещение церковной службы.

(Видеозаписи домашних вечерних служб доступны [здесь](#) на нашем сайте.)

Сегодня- 9:00 Литургия - Третье воскресенье Великого поста: Почитание Креста

[Послание к Евреям 6:13-20 и от Марка 9:17-31]

[Послание к Евреям 2:11-18 и от Луки 1:24-38]

16:00 Миссионерская вечерня, Святые Кирилл и Мефодий, Терривилль

Ср 17:00 Исповедь; 18:00чд Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров

Пя 17:30 Акафист Богородице

Су 17:00 Великая Вечерня и Исповедь

Воск 9:00 Литургия – Неделя - Пятая воскресенье Великого поста: Благовещение, Архангел

Гавриил [Послание к Евреям 9:11-14 и от Марка 10:32-45]

[Послание к Галатам 2:11-18 и от Луки 1:24-38]

16:00 Святое Елеосвящение, Ансония