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Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці

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**Служби Божі/Divine Liturgies**

В Неділю/Sunday

8:30 am partially sung

10:30 am sung

**У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation**

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

**Щодня/Daily Scheduled**

8:25 am in church

**First Friday - 8:25 am** Divine Liturgy followed  
by Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or  
Mother of God

**Сповіді - 30 хвилин перед** Службою Божою  
або наперед домовитися під час тижня

**Confessions - 30 minutes before** the Divine  
Liturgy or by appointment during the week

**Baptism** by appointment - membership in  
Parish is required

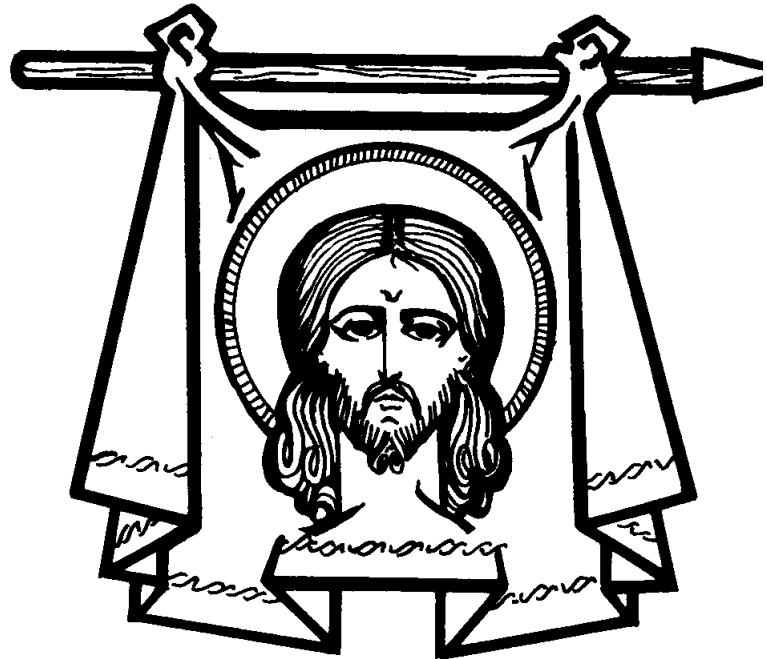
**Marriages** by appointment made at least six  
months in advance. Membership in Parish is  
required

**Funerals** by arrangement in the Parish Office

**oo. Василіяни/Basilian Fathers serving this  
Parish**

Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Pastor  
Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM  
Bishop Emeritus

**П'ята Неділя Великого Посту  
Марка 10:32-45**



**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Mark 10:32-45**

**SPECIAL NOTICE – Do not park in the  
RESERVED stalls in front of St. Mary's  
Gardens when you come for the Sunday  
Divine Liturgy. Your car will be towed.**

# Колегія Кардиналів вибрали покірного монаха: Папа Франціск

**Парафія Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці** вітає всіх гостей, приятелів та рідних які зєдналися сьогодні разом брати участь в цій Службі Божі. Нехай наш Господь через заступництво Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці благословить Вас і Вашу родину.

## **Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Березень**

Загальний намір: Пошана до природи. Щоб зростала природи, яка є ділом Божим, довіреним нашій відповідальності.

Місійний намір: Щоб Єпископи, священники і диякони були невтомними вістунами Євангелії до всіх кінців світу.

**Спеціальне прохання:** після закінчення Служби Божої просимо замкнути молитвенники і співаники і поставити їх на відповідне місце. Рівнож просимо не залишайте бюлетенів і других матеріалів в лавках. Будьмо господарними в нашій церкві і допоможемо, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

- Тропарі і читання в зеленій книжці на стор. 5, 6 і 7

- Кава і солодке сьогодні після Служби Божої о год. 8:30 і 10:30 рано у вітальні під церквою.

**В цьому часі** тільки один священник буде служити в парафії. Щоби вз'яти участь у Св. Сповіді перед Великоднем, **заохочуємо Вас приходити до церкви в неділю на Св. Літургію, 30 хвилин скоріше.** Ви можете також наперед домовитися і прийти до Каплиці в нашій резиденції **під час тижня.**

**Сьогодні – Неділя, 17 Березень:** – 10:30 рано – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма зараз по Євангелії під час Служби Божої.

**Понеділок, 18 Березень:**

– 7:00 вечора – Сходини Парафіяльної Ради у Борд Румі.

**Четвер, 21 Березень:**

– 7:00 вечора – Поширення зрозуміння нашої віри у вітальні під церквою.

**П'ятниця, 22 Березень:**

– 8:25 рано – Служби Божої не буде.

– 7 вечора – Заупокійна Служба Божа і Сорокоусти.

**Субота, 23 Березень:**

– 9:00 рано – Поминальна Служба Божа за + Броніслава Клучковського

– 11:30 рано до 2 попол . – Продаж Великодного Печива. Також будети мати нагоду купити обід: зупу, пироги, і так далі.

**Неділя, 24 Березень: – Квітна Неділя – 10:30 рано – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма зараз по Євангелії під час Служби Божої.**

**Понеділок, 25 Березень: СВЯТО БЛАГОВІЩЕННЯ – Обов'язкове Свято**  
– Кожний католик є зобов'язаний бути присутнім на Службі Божій так як це робимо в неділю. Тропарі і читання знаходяться в фіолетовій книжці на стр. 4, 5 і 6.  
– Служби Божі – 10-ій рано і 7-ій вечора.

**Середа, 27 Березень:**

– 8:25 рано – Служби Божої не буде.  
– 7 вечора – Заупокійна Служба Божа і Сорокоусти.

### **МОЛИТВА СВ. ЄФРЕМА**

(яку належиться додавати до щоденних молитов)

Господи і Владико життя мого! Духа лінивства, недбайливости, властолюб'я і пустомовства віджени від мене (доземний поклін).

Духа чистоти, покори, терпеливости й любови даруй мені, слuzі Твоєму (доземний поклін).

Так, Господи, Царю! Дай мені бачити гріхи мої і не осуджувати брата мого, бо Ти благословенний на віки вічні. Амінь. (доземний поклін).

Боже, милостивий будь мені грішному! (грішній)! (малий поклін) Боже, очисти гріхи мої і помилуй мене! (малий поклін).

Без числа нагрішив (нагрішила) я, Господи, прости мені! (малий поклін).

### **ATTENTION SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL WOMEN AND MEN OF THE PARISH!**

**PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER BAKE SALE** – The members of the UCWLC and Women of the Parish (and men) are asked to come out to help on the following days:  
– **Cabbage Rolls:** Wednesday, March 20 (Starts at 8:00 am)

**PRAYER FOR EVANGELIZATION 'YEAR OF FAITH'** - O God, who wills that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of truth, pour out Your Spirit upon us and grant that we may respond zealously to Your urgent call to lead back to the Church those who have strayed. Prepare their hearts and minds to be receptive to the saving Gospel of Your Son. Send us workers to gather in Your abundant harvest, so that all Your people, obedient to the Word and sustained by the power of the Sacraments, may advance in the way of Salvation and love. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A quiet and studious parishioner in 4th year science/math is looking for room and board close to or along a bus route to UBC for September. Please let the parish office know if you can accommodate this young man.

**You may purchase a DVD of Major Archbishop Sviatoslav's September 1 visit.** The cost of this commemorative DVD is \$10. This DVD contains the complete Divine Liturgy celebrating Bishop Budka's hundredth anniversary of arrival to Canada. Please indicate how many copies you would like.

# **The College of Cardinals have chosen a humble monk: Pope Francis**

**The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish** welcomes all guests, friends, visiting relatives and Parishioners in celebrating this Divine Liturgy together. May our Lord, through the intercession of the Protectress, the Blessed Mother of God, bless you and your family!

## **Monthly Papal Intentions for March**

General Intention: Respect for Nature - That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.

Mission Intention: Clergy - That bishops, priests, and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

**- Tropar, Kondak & readings in the green booklet pages 5, 6 & 7**

**- Coffee and sweets are available today following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Room. All guests and parishioners are invited.**

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** - there will be only one priest serving the parish. To participate in the Mystery of Reconciliation, (Confession) before Easter, we are encouraging you to come earlier to church on Sundays, as confessions will be heard for approximately 20 - 30 minutes before the Liturgies. You may also make an appointment to come **during the week** to the chapel in the rectory.

**TODAY: Sunday, March 17:** - during 10:30 am Divine Liturgy - **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers** following the reading of the Gospel.

**Monday, March 18:**

- 7 pm - **Parish Council Meeting** in the Board Room.

**Thursday, March 21:** "THE CREED" A STUDY OF OUR FAITH" at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room. Workbook - \$29.00 each. Other material will be provided.

**Friday, March 22:**

- 8:25 am Divine Liturgy - **cancelled**

- 7 pm - **Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty.**

**Saturday, March 23:**

- 9:00 am 40 day Memorial for + **Brian Kluchkowsky**. He passed away Feb. 6 in his sleep. Funeral was at St. Casimir's Church. Interment will be in Thunder Bay.

- **EASTER BAKE SALE** from 11:30 am - 2 pm in the Cultural Center. A **lunch** for your sustenance **will be available:** Borscht, pyrohy, dessert and coffee.

**Sunday, March 24 PALM SUNDAY:** **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers** during 10:30 am Divine Liturgy following the reading of the Gospel.

**Monday, March 25: – Feast of the Annunciation – Holy day of obligation!**  
– as a Catholic, you have the responsibility to attend the Divine Liturgy on Holy Days – just like on Sundays. Tropar readings on page 4, 5 & 6 of purple booklet.  
– Divine Liturgy at 10 am and at 7 pm.

**Wednesday, March 27: – 8:25 am Divine Liturgy – cancelled**  
– 7 pm – Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty.

**HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV HAS INVITED YOU TO KYIV for a special Divine Liturgy to celebrate the 1,025th anniversary of the baptism of Kyivian-Rus (Ukraine) on Sunday August 18 2013!** Join the Bishops of Canada on an official pilgrimage to Ukraine 7-21 August. Beginning in Western Ukraine visiting Lviv, Zarvanytsia, and Ternopil before proceeding to Kyiv for the major celebrations. Solaway Travel has been commissioned to assist in arranging travel plans and accommodations. Please contact:

Myrna Arychuk of Solaway Travel: 3819 Sunset Street, Burnaby, BC V5G 1T4  
Tel: 604.430.6789 Fax: 604.430.2244. [myrna@solawaytravel.com](mailto:myrna@solawaytravel.com),

*Просимо всіх Парафіян приносити продукти для потребуючих, які не псуються (non-perishable) в першу і третю неділю кожного місяця. Просимо допомагати!*

### **THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM**

*This prayer is added to one's daily prayers*

O Lord and Master of my life, give me not the spirit of sloth, indifference, lust of power and idle chatter. (Profound bow to the ground)

Indeed, grant to me, your servant, the spirit of temperance, humility, patience and love. (Profound bow to the ground)

Yea, Lord and King, grant me the grace to see my faults and not to condemn my brother; for You are blessed for ever and ever. Amen. (Profound bow to the ground)

God, be merciful to me a sinner. (Bow)

God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me. (Bow)

I have sinned without number, forgive me, O Lord. (Bow)

**PRAYER FOR A VIBRANT PARISH** - O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth! Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth, and The Life - and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You. Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Live-Giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

**Special Petition for Vocations** – *We also pray for those in the religious and monastic or consecrated life and for those in vocation discernment, we pray to the Lord.*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**

**“THE CREED” A NEW STUDY DURING THIS YEAR OF  
THE FAITH”**

**This twelve (12) part series - “The Creed - is A Journey through the Catechism”**

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church comes alive**, showing you how your personal faith journey fits into the amazing story of salvation. **The Catechism** is far more than a list of “faith facts” it provides a map for you to easily navigate and enrich your life.

**In this Series - “THE CREED” - you will:**

- 1. Learn why the Catechism should be treated less like a fact book and more like a **roadmap for our faith journey.****
- 2. Learn what **God’s innermost secret** is and how we are called to participate in it.**
- 3. See that our journey of faith is a journey from *Blessing to Blessing*, that the God who made us **wills that we return to Him.****
- 4. Discover how the Catechism can be seen as a new Catechesis for the **New Evangelization.****
- 5. Learn how **what we believe** emerges from the **living story** of salvation history.**
- 6. Discover the role the angels play in aiding our salvation, and how they are truly present to us. .... and much more**

**Workbooks are available for the program - \$ 29.00/each - contact Susan Lazaruk or come to the Parish office.**

**DO YOU LIVE IN GREATER VANCOUVER?**

**HAVE YOU MOVED INTO GREATER VANCOUVER RECENTLY?**

**We encourage you to register your name and address and e-mail with the parish.** People come to arrange for baptisms, marriages, funerals, or special blessings. Only then do the fathers discover that they have been participating in the Liturgical Services for years but have not registered as Parishioners. We may recognize you, we may see you in church but we do not know your name or address. **Please print your name, address, telephone number, e-mail and postal code** on your donation envelope, or contact the Parish Office.

**REMEMBER:** To be considered a member of this Parish one must be registered in the Parish, attend the Divine Liturgy regularly and make regular contributions to maintain the Parish.

**Special Lenten Petition** – *That as God made a covenant with all living things, we His people may grow in our respect for life, and actively protect it, and in obedience to the command "Thou shall not kill," all nations will abolish the practice of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia, let us we pray to the Lord.*

**“Murder by Starvation” (Holodomor – Famine/Genocide of Ukrainians 1932–1933) will be presented April 6 @ 2 PM by Father Edward D. Evanko at the Justice Institute Theatre of BC at 715 McBride Blvd in New Westminster.**

Adults \$20; Youth (13–19) \$8; children free. For Information and/or tickets call either: Joyce 604–944–1971; Lesia 604–524–0358; Sonia 604–937–5089.

Sponsored by The UCWLC Holy Eucharist Branch as a Fundraiser for the Bishop Jerome Chimy Eparchial Centre.

**To Request Prayers for:** yourself, your family, or a friend - please submit the name to the Parish Office or place a note and on the collection plate.

**Пам'ятайте помолитися:** за Вашу родину, за членів Парафії, а особливо за тих які знаходяться в лікарнях, або тих що очікують Божої відповіді на їхні молитви, або радіють Божою відповіддю, або за тих які відзначають уродини, або роковини, або за тих що покликані до їхньої вічної винагороди, або за родину яку вони залишили.

**Remember to pray for:** your family; fellow parishioners; those confined to their hospital beds or their homes; those seeking God's guidance or rejoicing with God's favour; or for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; or have been called to their eternal reward or for the family they leave behind; as well as any other need.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Fr. Steven Basarab, Mary Balsevicius, Joseph Bayduza, Frances Bethune, Mary Earl, Quenten Fabiano, Catherine Hladij, Alice Humenick, Bohdan Karpinski, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie and Shirley Lawryshyn, Ben Marchinkow, Orest Obuck, John Pura, Mary Scott, Dave Shelast, Kaiya Williams, Leon Woznow, Tiny Zarski.

**Please Visit:** our Parishioners in their homes or in the hospital. They need your visit, your phone call, as well as your prayers.

**Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

**If there are people you visit requesting prayers, please inform the Parish office.**

**Це пригадка для всіх вірних.** Просимо приходити вчасно на Службу Божу. Будьмо готові разом заспівати початковий гімн. Зрозумійте, якщо Ви прийдете до Церкви після Великого Входу, Ви пропустили більшу частину Служби Божої, і дійсно не вислухали приписаної Служби Божої на неділю.

**Церковна Етика:** Будьмо свідомі, що беручи участь у Св. Літургії ми мусимо одержати кінцеве Благословення перед тим як ми залишимо Службу Божу. Ми рівнож просимо не виходити з Церкви перед закінченням Служби Божої. Ми просимо Вас не спілкуватися в Церкві перед, під час і після Служби Божої. Прошу це робити в притворі Церкви або у Вітальні під церквою. Залишім наву (Nave) церкви для вірних які моляться.

**A SPECIAL NOTE to ALL PARISHIONERS:** Please come on time for the Divine Liturgy. Realize that when you come into the Church proper after the Great Entrance, you have missed most of the Divine Liturgy and have not really attended the prescribed service for a Sunday.

**Church Etiquette:** Just a reminder that to have attended the entire Divine Liturgy one must be in Church and have heard the reading of the Gospel as well as the homily, participated in the responses for the consecration and received the final Blessing before leaving the church. We also ask that you do not visit in the main part of the Church (the Nave) before during or after the Service. Please use the Vestibule or the Fellowship room to conduct your conversations - leave the Church proper for those that want to pray.

**Special Petition for Evangelization** – *Let us ask our Heavenly Father for His gifts of wisdom & courage in our efforts of spreading the Good News and building up God's kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord.*

## **CONVERSION OF THE HEART – ‘The Way of Repentance’**

By Irma Zaleski, 2003 Novalis, St. Paul University, Ottawa, ON,

**Read slowly, reflect and meditate**

### **Trust**

St. Paul tells us that God loves us “while we are still in our sins.” (Romans 5:8) This is another way of saying that God never ceases to love us. God’s loving mercy is infinite: it knows no limits and lays down no conditions. The only thing that can prevent it from flowing over us, from healing us, is our failure to trust it. It is we who put limitations upon the mercy of God, who cannot believe that there is nothing we can or must do to “deserve” it, that it is given to us unconditionally and is totally free. We are afraid that God’s mercy, like ours, is finite and can end. It is this failure to trust that is, as we have seen, the reason for our loss of Paradise and the root of all our sin.

When we say that we trust God, we sometimes mean that we believe God will help us in our troubles, answer all our prayers, and look after all our needs. But our trust must be bigger than that. We must also trust God when suffering overwhelms us, when our prayers seem unanswered and our needs unfulfilled. Can we do that? Can we trust God blindly, “madly,” as St. Therese of Lisieux liked to say?

Trusting God unconditionally means believing that no evil in the world, no disaster or tragedy, can ever prevent God’s mercy from being poured out on us. Above all, it means standing before him in all our weakness and sin and trusting that he will never reject us, however greatly and often we may have sinned; that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38–39)

Yet, how can we believe it? Nothing in our human experience compares to such love or tells us what it is like. In our heart of hearts we know that in this world nobody, not even the most loving of parents, the best of friends, could love us like that. We know that we could not love like that. We know that all human love, however true and genuine it may be, has a limit and can end. Death, separation, our own sin – the core of selfishness present in the heart of every person in this life – can weaken or destroy it.

We cannot, therefore, even imagine with our finite minds what God’s infinite love for us means. We cannot make ourselves believe in it; we cannot trust it totally or unconditionally, in spite of the darkness we find lurking in our own hearts, in spite of all the evil and suffering we find in the world. Such faith and trust are given only to the saints.

Blessed Elizabeth of the Holy Trinity, a Carmelite nun who lived in France at the beginning of the twentieth century, liked to say that God loved everybody, but only saints really believed it. Saints are not those who are always “good,” who are “sinless,” but those who, certain of God’s love, can be totally open to the truth of their being, who do not need to justify themselves in any way, to hide or to pretend. Saints are unafraid and free.

Saints have the grace to hold onto their trust in God no matter what evil they may encounter, no matter what suffering they must undergo, because they know that God’s love is infinite and that the ultimate answer to the mystery of evil and suffering must therefore also be love. Such heroic trust may not be given to us, we may never be able to experience it in this life, but we can always pray for it and, in love and ceaseless repentance, surrender our weakness to God.



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**Mirror of Perfection**

If it is difficult for most of us to understand the acuteness of the saints’ longing for God and the sincerity of their repentance, perhaps this is because we only rarely glimpse what they clearly saw – their own inadequacy before the glorious beauty of the face of Christ. As Christians, we believe that the perfection of God is fully mirrored in the person of Christ, that Christ is the perfect reflection of the beauty and glory of God. We do not, however, always realize that in the person of Christ we also have the perfect mirror of our own nature as God intended it to be, and the perfect measure of the holiness to which he has called us.

When Christ commanded us to be like God, “as perfect as God’ (Matthew 5:48), he did not call us to the kind of infinite perfection that belongs to God alone. He called us to our finite, human perfection and gave us the Gospel as its measure. If we could live the Gospel perfectly, if our hearts and lives were fully transformed, we would truly be like Christ – we would “live the life of Christ.” (Galatians 2:20) We would love as he did; we would be holy like him.

And yet, we cannot live it, however much we may desire it, and however hard we try. Each day, each moment, each attempt to live like Christ does bring to mind this truth. Evil, which we encounter at each step; our fear, our weakness – all these lead us to a daily compromise. The Gospel is a mirror in which we see Christ, but also ourselves as we truly are. We know how little we are able to forget ourselves, to love one another, and how capable we are of sin. We cannot live by divine measures; we are too small, too weak. We fail again and again and thus we must repent. For us, the Gospel is a measure of our failure and a call to repentance.

Many of us may feel as if we must repent for the mere fact of being human, for not being angels, for being as God made us to be. It suggests that God has called us to a way of life, a state of perfection that He knew we could never attain. This may recall to us the terrible burden of guilt imposed on us in our early years, when we were blamed for things we could not help – things often done to us – or when we were expected to achieve things that were beyond our abilities or strength.

It is true, of course, that we always need to be aware of our inherent goodness and beauty that God intended us to have. We need to remember that, in a fundamental, essential way, we are acceptable to and loved by God. We all bear the image of God imprinted on our souls. When we say that the Gospel is a measure of our failure and a call to repentance, we do not mean that we should blame ourselves for being human or feel guilty because we cannot be as perfect as we think we should be. We only mean that trying to live the Gospel is a very narrow path, a path on which we can never fully succeed. From this path we constantly fall away; to it, therefore, we must constantly return.



**The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, in Memory of Our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt.** Conversion: It is not just for converts. Mark 10:32–45 (for Sunday); Luke 7:36–50 (for St. Mary).

In the sixth century, near the monastery of Sauca in Egypt, pilgrims venerated the tomb of a holy woman named Mary, who had lived in the desert as a hermit and a penitent. In the seventh century, Patriarch Sophronios of Jerusalem wrote a biography of this woman, which served as the basis for all the subsequent literature about her life generated over the next few hundred years; the stichera we sung during Saturday Vespers are based on that biography. It describes a woman who spent her youth as a prostitute, was converted

to Christ, and spent the next forty–seven years living in the desert where she was routinely brought the sacraments and ministered to by some holy monks.

Scholars are quick to point out that there is no documentation to corroborate anything contained in the Patriarch’s biography of Mary of Egypt; to which I would respond by saying, Why would he make up such a story? That her tomb was a popular pilgrimage destination a hundred years earlier is certainly a historical fact. But by now I am sure you know that, in the Eastern Churches, we are not so much concerned with scholarly exactitude as we are with spiritual realities. Regardless of what the details of her life may have been, certainly she existed, and certainly she was venerated by many people who, burdened with years of sin, sought to reproduce in themselves the kind of total conversion she accomplished in her life.

Recall that line I seem to keep repeating to you week after week, from that wonderful gospel passage that occurs just after our Lord raises Lazarus from the dead: “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and upset about many things. One thing only is necessary.” Martha was a longtime follower of Christ; “Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died,” she told him, and yet, she still was in need of conversion, not to become a follower of Christ, she was already that, but to follow him more perfectly. She had already been converted in mind; what she lacked was conversion of heart. And conversion of heart is not a one–time thing. One cannot say, “I turned my heart to Christ on such–and–such a day at such–and–such an hour;” conversion of heart begins the day we become Christians, and ends the day we leave this world. There is no such thing as a Christian who is not in need of conversion of heart; because there is no such thing as a Christian who has reached his capacity for reproducing, in his own life, the life of Christ. Were it not so, there would be no need for the grace of the Holy Mysteries: We would have no need for things like Confession, or the Anointing of the Sick, or the grace of Matrimonial Crowning, or even Christ himself in the Blessed Eucharist. We have

been given these things, and need these things, because we are in constant need of conversion; because we are constantly in the process, day by day, of refocusing our lives ever more directly on that “one thing necessary”: the salvation of our souls.

Assuming the details of the life of Mary of Egypt, whom we commemorate on this last Sunday of the Great Fast, are correct, and only the most hardened of skeptics would deny that to us, we should notice that, following her conversion to Christ, she could have gone on to live a more conventional life: no one needs to retreat into the desert and live as a hermit in order to follow Christ more perfectly; but we must presume that her decision to do so was motivated by a personal relationship with Christ in light of which her decision to live in the desert seemed logical to her. That does not mean that, if we choose to follow Christ more perfectly, we must end up in the desert. The fact that the desert was her calling does not mean it is ours; it does mean there is no limit to the capacity of a Christian to follow Christ better: to root out sin from his/her life; even the most mundane and seemingly harmless little venial sins, to deal with those around him/her with greater charity and compassion; to seek each day an ever deepening personal relationship with his/her Lord through prayer and penance and works of mercy.

As the supreme symbol of conversion, Mary of Egypt expresses the last and most urgent call that the Church addresses to us before we enter the sacred days of our Lord’s Passion and Resurrection, as we pursue that “one thing necessary;” when we shall finally see clearly the true meaning of what our Lord has been telling us throughout the whole of this grace-filled season: “If you would be my disciple you must deny yourself, take up your cross every day, and follow me.”

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Whenever I am disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother told me that he had set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. "Guess what Mom," he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me: "I have been chosen to clap and cheer."

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