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Christ is Risen!

April 25, 2010

4th Sunday of Pascha – Paralytic, Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Acts 9:32-43

Gospel: John 5:1-15

- Panikhida – in memory of:
 - Irena, Vladimir, Jan, Anna, Josef, Antonina Josef, Natalia, Archbp. Miron and all victims of a plane crash in Russia– offered by Halina Harasim .
 - Galina Remza – Anniversary of Repose – by her daughter Magdalena Remza
- Fellowship – Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour, provided by Halina Harasim in memory of all departed members of her family. Thank you!

Schedule of Services

Saturday, May 1

4:45pm – Adult Enrichment Program

6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, May 2

9:00am – General Confession

9:30am – Divine Liturgy followed by Panikhida in memory of newly departed June Bianchini.

Apostle and Evangelist Mark

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark, also known as John Mark (Acts 12:12), was one of the Seventy Apostles, and was also a nephew of St Barnabas. He was born at Jerusalem. The house of his mother Mary adjoined the Garden of Gethsemane. As Church Tradition relates, on the night that Christ was betrayed he followed after Him, wrapped only in a linen cloth. He was seized by soldiers, and fled away naked, leaving the cloth behind (Mark 14:51-52). After the Ascension of the Lord, the house of his mother Mary became a place where Christians gathered, and a place of lodging for some of the Apostles (Acts 12:12).

St Mark was a very close companion of the Apostles Peter and Paul and Barnabas. St Mark was at Seleucia with Paul and Barnabas, and from there he set off to the island of Cyprus, and he traversed the whole of it from east to west. In the city of Paphos, St Mark witnessed the blinding of the sorcerer Elymas by St Paul (Acts 13:6-12).

After working with the Apostle Paul, St Mark returned to Jerusalem, and then went to Rome with the Apostle Peter. From there, he set out for Egypt, where he established a local Church.

St Mark met St Paul in Antioch. From there he went with St Barnabas to Cyprus, and then he went to Egypt again, where he and St Peter founded many churches. Then he went to Babylon. From this city the Apostle Peter sent an Epistle to the Christians of Asia Minor, in which he calls St Mark his son (1 Pet 5:13).

When the Apostle Paul came to Rome in chains, St Mark was at Ephesus, where St Timothy was bishop. St Mark went with him to Rome. There he also wrote his holy Gospel (ca. 62-63).

From Rome St Mark traveled to Egypt. In Alexandria he started a Christian school, which later produced such famous Fathers and teachers of the Church as Clement of Alexandria, St Dionysius of Alexandria (October 5), St Gregory Thaumaturgos and others. Zealous for Church services, St Mark composed a Liturgy for the Christians of Alexandria.

St Mark preached the Gospel in the inner regions of Africa, and he was in Libya at Neapolis. During these journeys, St Mark was inspired by the Holy Spirit to go again to Alexandria and confront the pagans. There he visited the home of Ananias, and healed his

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Walter and Mary Milk, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Benedict and Eva Benda, Theodore Rocca, Alexei, Nicholas, Frank, Michael and Elizabeth Zuber, Valentina Benda, Andrew Koch, Cindy Boswell, Olga DeMay, Helen Pirniak, Marianne Guagenti, Mikolaj, Avery, Sophie and Georgette Saba, George Silberman, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Helen Pawlush, Antonina Rotko, Matilda Skripak, Evelyn Morely, Jaser and Gazie Nesheiwat, Anne Hueston, Cathryn Christensen, Walter Epps, David Smith

May God grant you Many Years!

THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Agnes Silberman, Julia Brelinsky, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini

THE DEPARTED:

Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara

Memory Eternal!



Today's Memorial Offering

- *Sanctuary Lamp* – in memory of Joseph Cimboic on the 3rd Anniversary of his repose – by his wife Terry Cimboic.
- *St. John's Cross* – in memory of Joseph Cimboic on the 3rd Anniversary of his repose – by his wife Terry Cimboic.



Announcements

❖ Next Saturday, May 1st we will continue with our **Adult Enrichment Program**. At 4:45pm in our Church Hall we will watch and discuss the second part of video book "Eastern Christianity: The Byzantine Tradition".

❖ **Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in health of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk. Upcoming Coffee Hours: April 25th – provided by Halina Harasim in memory of departed members of her family; May 2nd – provided by Bianchini & Wanko Families – in memory of newly departed June Bianchini; May 23rd – provided by Chris Bygonaise.

crippled hand. The dignitary happily took him in, listened to his words, and received Baptism. Following the example of Ananias, many of the inhabitants of that part of the city where he lived were also baptized. This roused the enmity of the pagans, and they wanted to kill St Mark. Having learned of this, St Mark made Ananias a bishop, and the three Christians were ordained presbyters to provide the church with leadership after his death.

The pagans seized St Mark when he was serving the Liturgy. They beat him, dragged him through the streets and threw him in prison. There St Mark was granted a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who strengthened him before his sufferings. On the following day, the angry crowd again dragged the saint through the streets to the courtroom, but along the way St Mark died saying, "Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."

The pagans wanted to burn the saint's body, but when they lit the fire, everything grew dark, thunder crashed, and there was an earthquake. The pagans fled in terror, and Christians took up the body of St Mark and buried it in a stone crypt. This was on April 4, 63. The Church celebrates his memory on April 25.

In the year 310, a church was built over the relics of St Mark. In 820, when the Moslem Arabs had established their rule in Egypt and oppressed the Christian Church, the relics of St Mark were transferred to Venice and placed in the church named for him.

St Mark wrote his Gospel for Gentile Christians, emphasizing the words and deeds of the Savior which reveal His divine Power. Many aspects of his account can be explained by his closeness to St Peter. The ancient writers say that the Gospel of Mark is a concise record of St Peter's preaching.

One of the central theological themes in the Gospel of St Mark is the power of God achieving what is humanly impossible. The Apostles performed remarkable miracles with Christ (Mark 16:20) and the Holy Spirit (Mark 13:11) working through them. His disciples were told to go into the world and preach the Gospel to all creatures (Mark 13:10, 16:15), and that is what they did.