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## April 1, 2012

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT St. Mary of Egypt

- 8:50am – Order of Confession, Hours
  - 9:30am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
- Epistles: Heb. 9:11-14  
Gal. 3:23-29
- Gospels: Mk. 10:32-45  
Lk. 7:36-50
- Church School
  - 4:00pm – Deanery Lenten Vespers

### Schedule of Services

**WEDNESDAY, APR. 4**

6:00pm – Presanctified Liturgy

**SATURDAY, APR. 7 – LAZARUS SATURDAY**

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

6:00pm – Great Vespers & Litya, Confessions

**SUNDAY, APR. 8 – PALM SUNDAY**

9:10am – Hours, Confessions

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

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## Saying No When it Counts

On April 4th the Church celebrates the memory of Saint Isidore, Bishop of Seville, Spain.

Isidore was born into a prominent family in Carthagera, Spain in the sixth century. Not only were he and his relatives members of the nobility; they were also pious Christians. His sister Florentina and his brothers Fulgentius and Leander (both bishops) are all saints. Isidore wrote that Leander was one of his greatest teachers. In this his experience was similar to that of Gregory of Nyssa, whose siblings also are saints of the Church. Gregory benefited from their teaching, too, and gratefully described the good influence and instruction of his sister Macrina and his brother Basil.

But Isidore, as a young boy, had a serious problem that the studious Gregory never encountered. Isidore did poorly in school, and hated studying. He resented the hard work it required and the harsh methods some teachers (including his brother Leander) used. He was so disheartened by his lack of success as a student that he ran away from school.

After several hours of walking, he sat down to rest by a roadside spring. Isidore noticed a large stone that had been hollowed out by the constant dripping of water. Even though each drip was very small, over time the drips had added up to a force that was stronger than the hard stone. Isidore thought about the stone for a long time, and decided to take what he saw as a lesson about his studies. If he applied himself, and said "no" to his own tendency to avoid rigorous effort, he could little by little overcome the "stone" of ignorance.

He returned to school, and vowed to become a serious student. Using his natural abilities, which were very strong when he applied them, he worked hard, endured Leander's discipline, and became one of the most knowledgeable young men of his time.

## Intercessory Prayer

### THE LIVING:

Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Stephen & Lillian Sokol, Faith Verona, Elizabeth Zuber, Olga Stecher.

### THE DEPARTED:

Peter Kalada, Benedict Benda, Georgette Saba, Matilda Skripak, Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Marianne Benda.

Isidore's learning would become very important in later years, during which he served the Church first as a priest and then as Bishop of Seville, following Leander in that position. He became skilled at telling people about Jesus Christ in ways they could understand. Because of this, he was able to bring many who followed the Arian heresy back to the true faith, and greatly weakened the influence of Arianism all over Spain. Wanting others to be able to do the same, he encouraged the widespread establishment of seminaries and schools.

Like most true scholars, Isidore didn't confine himself to a narrow focus, but studied a broad range of topics. His book "Etymologies" has been described as a compendium or collection of "all human knowledge" of his time. In it he wrote these words about music: "And without music there can be no perfect knowledge, for there is nothing without it. For even the universe itself is said to have been put together with a certain harmony of sounds, and the very heavens revolve under the guidance of harmony."

## Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Mia Canova, Maxim Kseniuk, and to all who celebrate their Birthdays in the month of April. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!

## Today's Memorial Offering



- Sanctuary Lamp – in honor of Mia Canova's Birthday – by Babi & Dede Wanko.
- St. Nicholas' Chross – in memory of Birthday of Anna Pirniak – by Pirniak Family.

## Announcements

❖ A newly produced video lesson "Sacrament of Confession" by His Grace Bishop Michael is now available on our diocesan website [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org). Using his popular "7 Questions and 7 Answers" format, His Grace discusses this subject in a concise and direct manner. Please make sure to watch it.

❖ Today at the end of the Liturgy we will have a collection to help Rev. Adam Sexton, his Matushka Angie and their eight children (some of them are adopted) who are displaced due to a fire at the church rectory of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Nanticoke, PA on Sunday, March 4, 2012. Luckily, no one was hurt, but they lost everything they had and now temporarily stay at the Host Inn in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

❖ On Tuesday, Apr. 3 at 7:00pm the Holy Mystery of Unction will be served at the Holy Transfiguration Church, 35 Sickletown Rd, Pearl River, NY. Invite your family and friends. For more information please see a flyer at the bulletin board.

❖ Food Pantry donations are always accepted. Place your non-perishable items in blue bins downstairs.

## Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able.

While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.