



# St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. St. Mary of Egypt.  
Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29  
Gospel: St. Mark 10:32-45; St. Luke 7:36-50  
Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and his  
companions, at Pozzuoli  
Lenten Fast

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## Sunday, April 21, 2024

### Today's Announcements

- We welcome all visitors and those who are entering an Orthodox Church for the first time. Please join us downstairs after the service for coffee, food and fellowship. We have a dedicated table for those who have questions about Orthodoxy or who just want to learn more by listening to and meeting others who are new to the church. Fr. John and the other clergy look forward to meeting you.
- Today is the last day to return WCN gift bags for moms and babies. Please put your bags on the OCLife table and sign them back in. Amy Mee from WCN will pick up the bags during coffee hour to deliver them to the centers for us.
- Please continue to pray for the health of Sophia Radinsky, Daniel Casciato, Fr. Paul and Mat. Mary Suda, Vasily, Lindsey, Phyllis, and Fr. Joseph.
- Catechumen class – following coffee hour
- Deanery Lenten Vespers – 6:00 at St. John the Baptist Church, 150 Elmtree Road, New Kensington, PA 15068.

### Wednesday – April 24

- Confessions – 5:30 pm
- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts – 7:00 pm.

### Friday – April 26

- Adult Choir rehearsal – 5:45 pm
- Confessions – 6:00 pm
- Akathist – 7:00 pm
- Book Study – following Akathist. We will continue our discussion of *Bright Faith: Father Artemy Vladimirov Talks with Western Orthodox Christians*.

### Saturday – April 27 – Lazarus Saturday

- Hours – 8:40 am / Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am
- 4:00 pm - Confessions
- Vigil – 5:00 pm

### Next Sunday – April 28 – Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday

- Church School – 9:00 am
- Hours – 9:40 am / Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am
- Catechumen class – following coffee hour
- Bridegroom Matins – 7:00 pm

### Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar

- Reception of Catechumens – Holy Saturday morning, May 4
- Pascha services – Holy Saturday evening, May 4, beginning at 10:30 pm
- Diocesan Youth Day at PNC Park – May 10

### **The Hieromartyr Januarius and Others With Him**

This saint was the Bishop of Benevento in Italy. At the time of the persecution under Maximian, Januarius was brought before the court and tortured in various ways, which he blamelessly and patiently endured. When they cast him into the fire, the fire was cooled by an invisible dew, and the martyr stood unharmed amidst the flames, singing praises to God. Then they scrapped his body with iron brushes until the bones showed white, which the martyr innocently and patiently endured. His deacon, Festus, and his reader, Desiderius, witnessed the suffering of the martyr and wept for their spiritual father. Then they too were bound and, together with Bishop Januarius, were brought to the city of Pozzuoli [Puteoli, near Naples] and cast into prison. The Pozzuoli deacons Proculus and Sussos and two Christian laymen, Eutychius and Acutius, were in this same prison for the sake of Christ. The next day all seven of them were thrown to wild beasts, but the wild beasts did not touch them. They were all beheaded, and the Christians of the city of Naples secretly carried the body of St. Januarius to their city and buried it honorably in church. To the present day numerous miracles have occurred at the grave of this saint. Among the many miracles one is particularly remembered: A poor widow, whose only son had died, removed the icon of St. Januarius from the church and placed it on the body of her dead son, sobbing and praying to the saint, and her son returned to life. St. Januarius suffered honorably in the year 305 A.D.

### Lord I Call Stikhira (Tone 4)

You were a most holy priest, Januarius, and a lawful athlete. Not through the blood of another, but with your own, you entered into heaven itself where Jesus is, the Leader of us all. You ever look and gaze upon Him, father, beholding Him whom the angels see.

You were beheaded by the sword, cast into the fire and thrown to wild beasts. You were imprisoned for many days, truly wondrous one. By faith in God you remained unshaken in mind! You finished your race, suffering lawfully, holy wonder-worker and converser with the angels!

Let us honor together Desiderius and Proclus, Sosius, Faustus and Eutychius, the glorious Januarius and wise Acutius! They are wise and holy ministers, crowned martyrs and citizens of the holy city; true advocates for those who bless them!