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HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN



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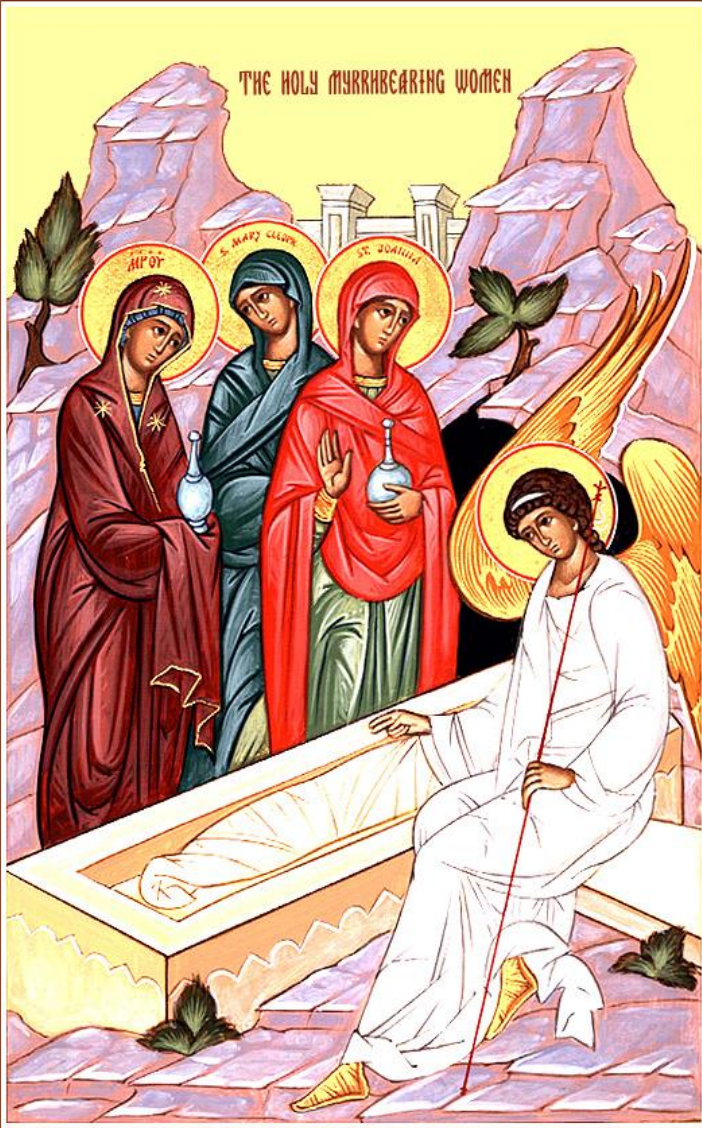
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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA  
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector  
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*



He is Risen! He is not here!

## TODAY'S HOLY GOSPEL Mark 15:43-16:8

<sup>43</sup> Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup> Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup> So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup> Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses observed where He was laid.

### He Is Risen

**16** Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. <sup>2</sup> Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. <sup>3</sup> And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” <sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going <sup>[a]</sup>before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.”

<sup>8</sup> So they went out <sup>[b]</sup>quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

# Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

Commemorated on [May 16](#)

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikodemos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb

.According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulcher, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30).

Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikodemos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

**THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 2 – SUNDAY OF  
HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN**

**Saturday, May 15**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20

**Sunday, May 16**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Bud Graham**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Bud Graham**

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

**Please Welcome David Churbok  
Peter Maurin Center**

**Learn more about the Peter Maurin Center**

David Churbock, director of the Peter Maurin Center, will visit our parish **today, Sunday, May 16**, to offer a short presentation immediately following Divine Liturgy about the Center and the work they do. Throughout this past Lent, our parish collected toiletries, bottled water, and other needed items for the \_Center. Located just 5 minutes north of St. Elia at 1096 S. Main St., the Peter Maurin Center serves unsheltered and marginalized individuals and families in the Greater Akron area by offering prepared meals, warm clothing and friendship at their facilities and in the community.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 3 – SUNDAY OF  
THE GOSPEL OF THE CURE OF THE PARALYTIC**

**Saturday, May 22**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

**Sunday, May 23**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Reader Michael Luc**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc**

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

# Help those in need: Bring in toiletries and other needed items during Lent!

During Great Lent we are called upon to fast not only for reasons of self-control and prayer, but also for reasons of love: to deny ourselves something that we may share what we have saved with someone else who is in need. This Lent, our parish family will be collecting items for the **Peter Maurin Center** (<http://www.petermaurincenter.org>). Located just 5 minutes north of St. Elia at 1096 S. Main St., the Center serves unsheltered and marginalized individuals and families in the Greater Akron area by offering prepared meals, warm clothing and friendship at their facilities and in the community.

Look for the bin located near the entrance of church, and drop off your items as you come in each week. If you are not currently attending services, contact Aaron Gray (330-413-8324, [grayaaron@outlook.com](mailto:grayaaron@outlook.com)) to pick up your donations. Below is a list of ideas of items that are currently in need at the Center:

- Toilet paper
- Toiletries and personal hygiene items
- Bottled water
- Aluminum foil and plastic wrap
- Plastic zip bags: sandwich, quart, or gallon
- Cleaning supplies
- One-day Metro bus passes (these cost \$2.50 each and can be purchased at the Metro Station and frequently at Giant Eagle stores)

Thank you for doing your part to help those in need!

*Christ is risen! Christos Voskrese! Christos Aneste!  
Christus ist auferstanden! El Messieh kahm!  
Cristo e' risorto! Le Christ est ressuscite!*

**REMEMBER THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr .Don and Popadia Donna  
Egor Cravcenco. Son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

**REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Metropolitan Herman

Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)

Kathy Gray

Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)

Phyllis George (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)

Angelo Lambo

Florence Lambo

Larissa Freude Newman

Reader William Paluch

Subdeacon Martin Paluch

Martin and Rose Marie Vronick

Niki Bober (President of the Orthodox Christian Women)

Matushka Myra Kovaiak and

Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak

Matushka Chrisitne Zebren;

Matushka Laryssa Huntyan

**“ZOOM” PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm**

**“SAVE THE DATE”**

This year , 2021, is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Elia’s founding as a Parish. Save the date, September 4 – 5, Labor Day Weekend. Archbishop Alexander will be with us for this celebration. Mark your calendars!

# REFLECTIONS

## ***CHRIST IS RISEN!***

As man He was slaughtered, and as God He became alive and gave life to the whole world. As an oyster He was trampled upon, and as a pearl He has adorned the Church. As a sheep He was slaughtered, and as a shepherd with His Cross for a staff He has expelled the flock of demons. As a light on a candelabrum He was extinguished on the Cross, and as the sun He arose from the tomb. A double wonder could be seen:

When Christ was crucified the day became dark, and when He arose the night became bright as day. Why was the day darkened? Because it was written concerning Him, ***He made darkness the cloak about Him*** (Psalm 17:11). Why did the night become bright as day? Because the prophet said to Him, ***for You darkness itself is not dark and night shines as the day*** (Psalm 138:12).

O Night brighter than the day; O Night brighter than the sun; O Night whiter than snow; O Night more brilliant than torches; O Night more delightful than paradise; O Night which knows no darkness; O Night which has banished sleep; O Night which has taught us to join vigil with angels; O Night terror of demons; O Night most desirable in the year; O Night of torchbearing of the bridegroom in the Church; O Night mother of the newly baptized; O Night when the devil slept and was stripped; O Night in which the inheritor brought the beneficiaries into their inheritance without end.

St. Asterius, Bishop of Amasea (350-410 AD)

***The Truth of the Resurrection of Christ is too beautiful and too grand to have been invented***



# **Important Guidelines on Attending the Divine Services**

All services will continue to be *live streamed* by visiting our website [www.saintelia.com](http://www.saintelia.com).

**AS OF NOW - In accordance with the State of Ohio, CDC, and Diocesan guidelines we all must follow these simple steps:**

**1) If you or your family member is sick please stay home.**

**2) All must wear masks in church (disposable masks are provided in the vestibule).**

**3) Sanitize your hands before entering the church (sanitizer is located in the vestibule).**

**4) All are required to keep 6 feet social distancing. Pews are marked for available and not available seating.**

**Lastly, due to limited seating to ensure safe distancing and Diocesan Guidelines, to pre-register**  
**Please call Fr. Don at 330-724-7009**

<b><u>PASCHA,</u></b>	<b><u>May 9, 2021</u></b>
<b>Candles:</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>
<b><u>Sunday Offering:</u></b>	<b><u>2,95.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$314.00</b>