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THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Holy Myrrhbearers

THE VOICE

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His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese,
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SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

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Scheduled Readers - 2024

Sunday, May 19 - Hours – Subdeacon Terence Bilas
Epistle -Anastasia Bohush
Sunday, May 26 - Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, June 2 - Daniel Slife
Sunday, June 9 - Bud Graham
Sunday, June 16 - Sandy Graham
Sunday, June 23 - Reader Michael Luc

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 2
Holy Myrrhbearers

Saturday, May 18

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, May 19

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours:Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 3
Sunday of the Paralytic

Saturday, May 25

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, May 26

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

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

MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST

Tuesday, May 28

6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 4
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Saturday, June 1

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, June 2

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Daniel Slife

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Daniel Slife

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 Gospel: John 4:5-42

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Seven Chosen to Serve

6 Now in those days, when *the number of* the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists,[a] because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. **2** Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. **3** Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; **4** but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, **6** whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

15:43 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. **44** Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. **45** So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. **46** 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. **47** And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses observed where He was laid.

16:1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. **2** Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. **3** And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" **4** But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. **5** And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.**6** 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. **7** But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going [a]before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

8 So they went out 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 of Arimathea and Saint Nicodemus

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 Nikódēmos 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),

Today we honor 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 Nikodemus, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

Christos Voskrese! Al Masseh Qam!
Hristos a Inviat! Cristo ha resucitado!
Krishti U Ngjail! Hristos Vaskrese!
Christo e'resorto! Krisztus Feltamadt!
Christus ist Aufrsandent! Kriste aghsdga!
Le Christ est Ressucite! Christus Resurrexit!

Gladsome Light

A blue sky and the sun's bright and warming rays cause many of us to be happy. Conversely, when the sun is hidden by a mass of clouds, the subdued light can easily repress our happy mood. In regions where the sun is not visible for weeks on end, many suffer from sadness and depression.

What the sun's light is for the body, that is what Christ is for our souls. When Christ is in our lives day after day, there is joy in our hearts. When we put a cover of our sins over us, the rays of His Light cannot warm us and our hearts are cool. And when the Light of Christ is never permitted to illumine us, our souls subsist in a sickly condition.

Whereas it may not be possible to have blue skies and the warmth of the sun all the time, it does us good to have Christ, the ***Gladsome Light***, illumine and warm us always.

OUR STEWARDSHIP, May 12, 2024

Candles:	**$ 75.00**
Tray Offerings:	**383.00**
TOTAL:	**$459.00**
Tithely Donations:	**$193.22**
PayPal Donation:	**100.00**
TOTAL:	**$293.22**
TOTAL OFFERINGS:	**$752.22**

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Archbishop Alexander
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick
Pani Dolores Zuder
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Halina Woroncow
Louis Hakim
Mary Elizabeth Marcin
Carl Nickoloff
Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)
Archie Alexander

"The Saints in heaven intercede for those who prayer for others." ***Saint John of Kronstadt***

What does love mean?

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year olds: " What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined.

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore…So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know your name is safe in their mouth."
Billy – age 4

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving lotion, and they go out and smell each other." Karl – age 5

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give any of theirs."
Chrissy – age 6

"Love is what makes you smile when you are tired."
Terri –age 4

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny – age 8

“Love is what is in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.”
Bobby – age 7

“If want to learn love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.” Nika – age 6

“Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day.” Noelle – age 7

“Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.”
Tommy – age 6

“During my piano recital, I was on stage, and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn’t scared anymore. ” Cindy – age 8

“My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don’t see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.” Clare – age 6

“Love is when mommy gives day daddy the best piece of chicken.” Elaine – age 5

“Love is when mommy sees daddy sweaty and smelling and still says he is handsomer that Robert Redford.” Chris – age 7

“Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you have left him alone all day.” Mary Ann – age 4

“I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.” Lauren- age 4

“When you love someone, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.” Karen- age 7

“You really shouldn’t say ‘I love you’ unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget”
Jessica-age 8

And this final one: The winner was a four-year-old child whose next-door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman’s yard, climbed on his lap and just sat there.

When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, ***‘Nothing, I just helped him cry.’***