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Holy Myrrhbearing Women

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Scheduled Readers 2025

Sunday, April 27 Deaconisa Heidi Gresh
Sunday, May 4 - Daniel Slife
Sun. May 11 – Hours: Subd. Terrence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 2
HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN,
JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA AND NICODENUS
Saturday, May 3
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, May 4
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Daniel Slife
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Daniel Slife
Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-6:8

The myrrhbearing women reached Your tomb and saw the seals of the tomb broken. Not finding Your most pure Body, they lamented, saying: "Who has stolen our hope? Who has taken the dead One, naked and anointed, the sole consolation of His Mother? How can the Life of the dead have died? How can the Capturer of hell have been buried? But arise in three days as You said, O Savior, and save our souls!"

4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 2
SUNDAY THE PARALYTIC. HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE- APOSTLES CYRIL AND METHODIUS, FIRST TEACHER OF THE SLAVS. ***Mother's Day***
Saturday, May 10
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, May 11
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terrene Bilas
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush
Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN

Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese - Church Slavonic
Hristos voskrese! Vo isitna voskrese! Bulgarian
Kristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese! Russian
Khristos voskres! Voistinu voskres! Ukranian
Khrystos uvaskros1 Saprawdy uvaskros! Byelorussian
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! - Greek
Al Masseh Qam! Hakken kahm! - Arabic
Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat! - Romanian
Krishti U Ngjail! Vertet U Ngjall - Albanian
Hristos Vaskrese! Vaistinu voskrese! - Serbian
Christos e' risorto! Verament e' risorto! - Italian
Kristos Feltamad! Valoban feltamadt! - Hungarian
Christos Resurrexit! Vere resurrexit! Latin
Christus ist Auferstandent! Wahrlich Er ist auferstandent! German
Le Christ est Ressucite! En verite il ressuscite! French
Christo Ressuscitou! Em verdade ressuscitou! Portugese
Cristo se ha resucitado!En Verdad ha resucitado! Spanish
Kriste aghsdga! Chesmaritad aghsdga! Georgian
Kristus Zmartvikstau! Zaprawde zmartwyckwstal! Polish
Kristus vital z mrtvych! Vpravde vstal z martych! Slovak
Ta Criosd ar eiright! Godeimhu, ta ar eiright! Gaelic Irish
Tha Criosad air eiridt! Gu dearbh, taha e air eiridt! Gaelic Scottish!
Khristus anahgrecum! Alhecum anahgrecum! Aleut
Xris-tusaq Ung-uixtuq! Iluumun Ung-uixtuq! Yupik
Krisdos ***kug wudigut! X'eiga kug wudigut!*** Tlingit

THIS SUNDAY 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

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.

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. **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 [b]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 Myrrhbearing 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 Nicodemus 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. 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 Jose (Mark 15:40) were sitting there opposite the sepulcher and they saw where He had been laid. Not only were these present, but also many other women (Luke 24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Clopas, Joanna, Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee, Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus.

Today we also remember Joseph of Arimathea, who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Nicodemus who was a disciple who came to Jesus by night (John 3:3).

Troparion

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But You rose on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

IN APPRECIATION

As a Parish Family we have much to be grateful for and be appreciative of the efforts offered by so many.

THANK YOU: To Subdeacon Terrence Bilas and all the members of the Choir in offering all the prayers of the Liturgical Services of Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha; to Protodeacon James, Deacon Aaron, Readers, and Altar Servers.

THANK YOU: to Natalie Slife and Daniel Ralich for baking the PROSPHORA BREAD for the Divine Liturgy; and to Natalie Slife for baking the ARTOS that we partook of last Sunday.

THANK YOU: to all who prepared and brought the RED EGGS to share with one another.

THANK YOU: to all who graciously donated the PALMS and WILLOWS for blessing on Palm Sunday and the FLOWERS that adorned the Tomb of our Lord on Holy Friday and the Temple on Pascha.

THANK YOU: to all who participated in the SPRING CLEANING inside and outside.

For everyone's prayerful presence in the Divine Services – THANK YOU.

Grass-Cutting Help Needed

Please watch for the sign-up sheet in the parish hall and choose any dates that you would be able to assist with cutting the grass using our parish riding mower. Please see Subdeacon Terry Bilas if you have any questions.

Bookstore Volunteer(s) Sought

We are looking for one or more people who would be interested in overseeing and growing our parish bookstore/gift area in the Parish Hall. If this interests you, please contact Deacon Aaron Gray.

Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 20 – 6:30 pm

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila
Khristopher Barnhart, son of Diego and Chanelle

REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUTINS

Archbishop Onuphry of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Anderew Moulton
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Priest John Manuel
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Mary Magensky
Sarah Niglio
Melissa Trace
Martin Vronick
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Brian Gable
Ellen Rees
David Elioff
Sofia

Book Study: Living as an Orthodox Christian in American Society

7:00-8:15 PM, Thursdays, May 22 - July 10, St. Elia Church (a Zoom connection will also be available)

Orthodox Christians are often unaware of how profoundly American culture affects their beliefs and spiritual practices. American ideas and habits regarding individualism, democracy, progress, politics, sexuality, and wealth are frequently at odds with the teachings of Holy Tradition. This study is intended to shed light on these secular attitudes and philosophies, and compare them, in a side-by-side format, to the theology and spiritual practices of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The goal of our class is not simply to know what Orthodoxy teaches, but to achieve an Orthodox *phronema* or mindset.

The class is based on an eBook (PDF) by the same name. For those without computer access, black and white printed copies can be made in advance by request (about $8 for an unbound copy). But most people will benefit by using the searchable electronic version which contains hundreds of online links.

If you are interested in joining this class, **please contact Bill DiPuccio in person or by email:**

Bill DiPuccio, Ph.D.

OUR STEWARDSHIP
Sunday, April 27, 2025

Candles:	**$ 91.00**
Sun. Tray Offerings:	**335.00**
Tithely Offerings:	**319.12**
PayPal:	**175.51**
TOTAL:	**$920.63**