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3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Holy Myrrhbearing Women

THE VOICE

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Scheduled Readers - 2026

Sunday, April 26 - Reader Nicholas Morelli
Sunday, May 3 - Mary Beth Gray
Sunday, May 10 - Reader Michael Luc
Sunday. May 17 - Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 2
HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN, JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA AND NICODEMUS

Saturday, April 25

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20

Sunday, April 26

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours – Reader Nicholas Morelli

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader – Reader Nicholas Morelli
Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

Troparion of the Myrrhbearers

The Angel came to the Myrrhbearing Women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.'"

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 3 PARALYTIC
Saturday, May 2

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, May 3

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Mary Beth Gray

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Mary Beth Gray
Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Seven Chosen to Serve

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 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. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

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, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

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

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. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and

summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

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. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.

The Resurrection of Jesus

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 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. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

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. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going [1]before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, [f]as He said to you."

So they went out [2]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 (Luke24:10).

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.

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Onuphry of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Theodosy of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Arseny of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Matushka Laryssa Hnntyan
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Priest Gabriel Bilas
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie Zahersky
Florence Lambo
Michele Lambo
Marc Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Sofia Wsevolodov
Gary Thompson

SISTERHOOD OF ST. JULIANA
MEETING today, April 26, following the Divine Liturgy. Agenda: *Bingo Salad Supper*

Winter/Spring Bible Study: The Epistle to the Hebrews

Join us as we study and discuss this rich and meaningful book of the New Testament that is read in the Orthodox Church throughout the year. All sessions will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with locations split between the St. Elia parish hall and Artisan Coffee at 662 Canton Road in Ellet, which has a private room available for us to reserve (and excellent food and coffee!).
Please note that no outside food or beverages are permitted for the sessions at Artisan
Please see Deacon Aaron with any questions. We look forward to learning together!

Session 6: Let Brotherly Love Continue
Hebrews 12:14 to 13:25 •
Thursday, May 14, location TBA

OUR STEWARDSHIP: April 19, 2026

Candles	**120.00**
Pantocrator Icon:	**650.00**
Bingo Salad Supper:	**203.07**
Tithely Offering:	**$1,233.25**
Sunday Tray Offering:	**2,630.00**
TOTAL:	**$4,633.32**