

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

Choir Director: Wash King

**HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN SUNDAY**

<i>Christ is Risen!</i>	<i>Indeed, He is Risen!</i>
<i>Christos Voskrese!</i>	<i>Voistinu Voskrese!</i>
<i>Christos Anesti!</i>	<i>Alithos Anesti!</i>
<i>El Messieh Kahm!</i>	<i>Hakken Kahm!</i>
<i>Cristos a Inviat!</i>	<i>Adevarat a Inviat!</i>

***Services:***

Sunday, May 8            9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship – Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Happy Mother's Day – Carnations will be distributed to everyone after Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 14        4:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, May 15        9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by **Parastas**

Parastas: In memory of Michael Harb offered by John & Jeanne Cannon

In memory of Jennie Harb offered by John & Jeanne Cannon

In memory of William Faenza offered by Barbara Faenza & Family

In memory of Justin King offered by David & Chrissy King & Family

In memory of John Bench, Jr. offered by Gloria Bench & Family

In memory of John King, Sr. offered by Stanley & Kathleen Filanowski

***We WELCOME all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall for Coffee Hour.***

***If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our Church Family.***

***Please Note: Only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.***

**Prayer List:**

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Andrew Balliet, Michael Birocik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Karen Harkins, Nancy King, Michael Kulick, John & Olga Kushnir, MaryAnn & Paul Macenka, Mary Maholick, Anna Marie Mantey, Mildred O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Mary Simone, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Nancy Vanno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Marie Yurchak.

If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772.  
Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason,  
please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the  
Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

#### Candles (May 8)

Flowers – For the Health of **all living Mothers** and in memory of all the **deceased Mothers**

7-Day Vigils/Altar... For the Health of **Olga Sidoriak** offered by Russell & Geri King

Altar Candles... In memory of **Anna Pisko** offered by Michael Pisko

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members

Vigil Crosses... For the Health of **Karen Harkins** offered Geri & Russell King

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **John King, Sr.** offered by Russell & Geri King

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members

#### May Birthdays:

2- Lynn Sharpe, 17- Russell King, 17- Julia Forte, 21- Lindsey Ruch, 31- Marie Skripnek

**Please note:** *If you do not see your name on the birthday or anniversary list, please let Gloria Bench know, and she will gladly add your birthday to the list.*

#### Financials 5/1/22:

*Operating Acct:* Candles 67 - Altar Candles 50 - Offerings 1,020 - Non-Envelope 150

Holy Days 109 - Donations 260 = Total \$1,656.00.

Building Fund 6 - Cemetery 105

Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. Thank you!

#### Fellowship Hour Hosts

May 8	Helen King	May 22	No 'coffee hour'
May 15	No 'coffee hour'	May 29	Lena Marie Berezniak

There is a sign-up sheet for **Coffee Hour** in the vestibule if you would like to host.

Coming Event – Chinese Auction -- Sunday -- May 15, 2022

Donations and gifts are needed. Please bring to church or  
call Helen King for pickup at 570-645-9484

**Please use Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon.  
As of MARCH 2022, we received \$105.41 from Amazon Smile.**

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King  
Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

## “WOMAN, WHY DO YOU WEEP?”

**T**oday we celebrate the Sunday of the MYRRHBEARING WOMEN. While the various Gospel accounts differ in respect to the number of women who dutifully pursued the task of returning to the tomb to anoint the Body of the Lord, there is no doubt as to which has attained the most notoriety: MARY MAGDALENE.

Mary was from the town of Magdala by the Sea of Galilee. After being freed from the possession of seven demons by Christ, she became a faithful follower of His, ministering to Him during His lifetime, and loyally remaining with Him at the dark hour of His Crucifixion. Her devotion was rewarded, for, according to the Gospel of St. John, she had the privilege of being the first person to encounter the Risen Christ. After assuring the grieving Mary that, indeed, He was truly alive, Jesus instructed her to return to the Apostles with this message: “Say to them ‘I am ascending to My Father and Your Father, and to My God and Your God.’”

According to the Sacred Tradition, Mary Magdalene went to Rome shortly after this and went before Tiberias Caesar, presenting him with a red egg and greeting him with the words: “Christ is risen!” It is believed that she convincingly denounced Pilate to Caesar for his unjust condemnation of Jesus, causing Pilate to be removed from his position in Jerusalem.

After leaving Rome, Mary Magdalene journeyed to Ephesus, where she assisted St. John the Evangelist with his missionary efforts. It was here that she died peacefully, and was laid to rest. In 890 A.D., her remains were taken to Constantinople, where they were buried in a chapel where Lazarus was said to have also been buried.

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 2. Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Myrrhbearing Women.** Ven. Arsenius the Great.  
Ven. Arseny the Lover-of-Labor and Pimen the Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves.

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

**Troparion — Tone 2** - 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.

**Troparion — Tone 2** - The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: / Myrrh is meet for the dead; / but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! / So proclaim: The Lord is risen, / granting the world great mercy!

**Troparion — Tone 4** - (*Podoben: "You appeared to your flock as a rule of faith..."*)  
You visited Christ the Lord in the night, / and were born from above<sup>1</sup> being received, as it were, as a secret Apostle. / With good courage you disputed with the Pharisees and Scribes<sup>2</sup> / and followed the Savior. / Taking Him dead from the Cross, / you wrapped Him in cloths with myrrh and laid Him in the tomb, / O fervent<sup>3</sup> Nikódēmos.

### **Acts 6:1-7 (Epistle)**

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 Holy 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.

### **1 John 1:1-7 (Epistle, St. John)**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life – the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us – that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

## Mark 15:43-16:8 (Gospel)

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.

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?"

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 before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

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.

### Kontakion — Tone 2

When You proclaimed "Rejoice" to the Myrrhbearers, / You caused the lamentation of the first mother Eve to cease by Your Resurrection; O Christ God; / You bade Your Apostles to preach: / "The Savior is risen from the tomb."

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 sepulchre, 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 Nikódēmos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610), the New Martyr Elias Ardunis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).