

THE HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN



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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

EMERGENCY CALLS – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS – Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

April 26, 2026
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of April 26 – May 1, 2026
Celebrating our 98th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, April 26 - Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women Tone 2

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Thursday, April 30

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 3 - Sunday of the Paralytic Tone 3

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearers – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles
6:1-7; Mark 15:43-16:8

Monday - Acts 6:8 - 7:5; John 4: 46-54

Tuesday - Acts 8:5-17; John 6:27-33

Wednesday - Acts 8: 18-25; John 6:35-39

Thursday - Acts 8:26-39; John 6:40-44

Friday - Acts 8:40 - 9:19; John 6:48-54

Saturday - Acts 9:20-31; John 15:17 - 16:2

Sunday of the Paralytic - Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Acts 9:32-42; John 5:1-15

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARING WOMEN

“And they rolled a stone against the door to the tomb”.

So it is. Life rolls stones; life buries hopes and dreams, from life here is death and defeats, there makes up life between short interludes of happiness. On Pascha



morning, the women were on their way to perform the last work of mercy and love for Jesus. Expecting to find the lifeless, they come to anoint His body with spices. Worrying about the large stone at the entrance to the tomb, "...they were saying to one another. 'Who will roll the great stone for us from the door of the tomb?'"

The great stone sealing the tomb of Jesus impresses us. For we, too, meet with many such formidable stones in life; stones that block the doorway to the future, the stones of sin, sickness, sorrow, loneliness and ultimately, death. Like

St. Paul, we cry out: "Who will deliver me from the body of this death?" We think of the huge stones that stand in our way: -the regrets for the paths we have taken in the past, -the uncertainties which plague us at this moment. -the fears that are in our hearts concerning things to come, and we cry out: "Who will deliver me?"

We think of our sins, of the good we failed to do, the persons we have exploited and hurt. Being tortured by remorse, we cry out: "Who will deliver me?" We think of death, the last enemy, and of our tomb....the stone that will someday be placed on it and we cry out: "Who will roll back the stone? Who will deliver me from the body of this death?"

We know as Christians that our Risen Savior is the Way, the Truth and the Life in each of us. Many times, however we find that Jesus becomes imprisoned within our souls just as He was in the tomb. We try to roll back the stone blocking the way but cannot find the strength nor the ability. We find that a slight readjustment of our lives doesn't even move it slightly. Something like the violent earthquake of the angel at the tomb of our Lord that Pascha morning is needed: a radical change of heart, which allows the forgiveness, love and strength of Jesus Christ to rise within us. Jesus rises from the dead in me only if the human person I was ceases to exist, giving way to a new person; a death and a rebirth are needed and necessary.

May we hear the words of the angel of the Lord when we seek our Lord among the dead, "Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. **HE IS RISEN! HE IS NOT HERE!** Come and see the place where they laid Him!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Nathaniel Krauthauser, 4/26; Andrea Hoffman, 4/26; Mykola Udud, 4/26; Kathy Duncan, 4/29; Kimberly Pabian, 4/30; Charles Roeth, 4/30; Anatolij Bazinov, 5/1; Katherine Chalfont, 5/1 & Christopher Belles, 5/2. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy & blessed years!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

April 26 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik
May 3 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patroniik
May 10 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
May 17 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
May 24 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin
May 31 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin
June 7 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

MEETINGS

Parish Board – Tuesday, April 21 @ 6:30 PM

SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events can be avoided.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of April 20 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
Week of April 27 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration
Week of May 4 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of May 11 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
Week of May 18 - Mark & Laura Andreas
Week of May 25 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of June 1 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

100th ANNIVRSARY – will be held on Saturday, July 17th, 2027 with a 10:00 AM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with a Banquet at the Claymont Ballroom. Mark your calendars! Our first fund Raiser for the event is the sale of T-shirts (\$10) polo shirts (\$15) and sweat shirts (\$20) with the Anniversary Logo on them thanks to the art and stitching work of Michael Kapelus.

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

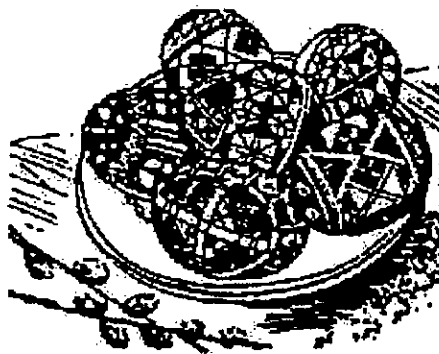
April 26 - Linda Hnatow
May 3 - Jean Roeth
May 10 - Andrew Duncan
May 17 - Thomas Scholz
May 24 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
May 31 - Thomas Sulpizi
June 7 - John Plachuta

CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2026

Sunday May 10 – Mother’s Day Dinner
Sunday, May 31 – Pentecost
Saturday, June 6 – Scout Car Wash at the Church
Monday, June 8 – Apostle’ Fast
Saturday, June 13 – Hall Rented
Sunday, June 21 – Father’s Day Dinner
Sunday, July 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Patronal Dinner
Saturday, August 1 – UOL Flea Market
Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar
Saturday, November 28 – St. Philip Fast
Sunday, December 20 – UOL Cookie Sale

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 26 - Sandy Cramer
May 3 - Sonya Patronik
May 10 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur
May 17 - David and Eve Lazaration



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan

Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father Anthony Ugolnik, Father James Weremedic, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, George Daniels, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, Kandi Fullerton, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnio, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Nancy Hlywiak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Francis Lano, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Sara Long, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Rick Orner, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Chuck Redden, Patricia Redden, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Sandy Roeder, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Sth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Cynthia Stepovij, Nicholas Stepovij, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, John Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women

The myrrh-bearers had brought funeral spices and ointments to finish committing Christ's body to the grave. They were the first to see the empty tomb and were instructed by the risen Lord to bring the joyful news to the apostles. Sts. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus are also commemorated on this day.

There are eight women who are generally identified as the myrrh-bearers. Each of the four Gospels gives a different aspect of the roles of these eight women at the cross and at the tomb on Easter morning, perhaps since the eight women arrived in different groups and at different times. The eight were:

Mary Magdalene, Mary, the God-bearer, Joanna, Salome, Mary the wife of Cleopas (mother of James), Susanna, Mary of Bethany (sister of Lazarus), Martha of Bethany (sister of Lazarus)

These eight women had been together throughout Jesus' public ministry. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and others (Luke 8:3) are described as providing for Jesus out of their possessions. These same women also faithfully followed him from Galilee and came up with him to Jerusalem.

Both Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus are also included in the Myrrh-bearers.

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 did rise on the third day, O Lord, * Granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 2) – The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tom///b 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!

Kontakion (Tone 2) – You did command the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ! * By Your Resurrection, You did stop the lamentation of Eve, O God! * You did command Your apostles to preach: The Savior is Risen!