



Do not be alarmed.
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified.

He is Risen!

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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

May 12, 2019
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of May 12 - 19, 2019
Celebrating our 92nd year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, May 12 - Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women – MOTHER’S DAY

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +Judith Maciey (40th Day)

Panakhya: +Mary Berbick (40th Day)

Mother’s Day Dinner



Monday, May 13

6:30 PM – Akathist to the Resurrection

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Tuesday, May 14

6:30 PM – Parish Board Meeting

Friday, May 17

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for Elizabeth and Mark

Saturday, May 18

2:00 PM - Wedding Elizabeth Hutnick & Mark Otovianni

Sunday, May 19 - Sunday of the Paralytic

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour



SCRIPTURAL READINGS

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

Monday – Acts 6:8-7:5; 47-60; 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 Paralyzed Man – 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!"

MOTHERS WHO PRAY



The faith and prayers of mothers can have a profound impact on the lives of their children. The First Book of Samuel 1: 1ff. records Hannah's plea and God's answer in the birth of her son Samuel. And in the 2nd Letter to Timothy (1:5), Paul referred to the faith of Timothy's mother, which I'm sure was often expressed in earnest prayer on his behalf. No wonder he was used by God in the early Church.

I know a priest's wife who is a woman of prayer. Whenever Father left for an important meeting or visit, she prayed a sentence or two for him, asking the Lord's guidance, protection, wisdom and strength. She usually prayed aloud

and the children often heard her, but she never thought much about the impact it would have on them.

Imagine this mother's delight when her college-bound daughter said that leaving home would be easier because she knew that her mother would pray for her - and keep on praying!

Sometimes mothers feel frustrated because they think that they are limited in what they can do for their children. But they can always pray - and their prayers are among the most cherished gifts of all.

I Know the Answer

Miss Jones had been giving her second-grade students a lesson on science. She had explained about magnets and showed how they would pick up nails and other bits of iron.

Now it was question time, and she asked, "My name begins with the letter 'M' and I pick up things. What am I?"

A little boy on the front row proudly said, "You're a mother!"

"A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS"

A very beautiful story is related of a boat out at sea carrying in a father and his little daughter. As they were steering for the shore they were overtaken by a violent storm which threatened to destroy them. The coast was dangerous. The mother, at the home by the seashore, lighted a lamp and started up the worn stairway to the attic window.

"It won't do any good, mother," the son called after her. But the mother went up, put the light in the window, knelt beside it and prayed. Out in the storm the daughter saw a glimmer of gold on the water's edge. "Steer for that," the father said. Slowly but steadily they came toward the light, and at last were anchored in the little sheltered harbor by the cottage. "Thank God," cried the mother as she heard their glad voices and came down the stairway with the lamp in her hand. "How did you get here?" she asked. "We steered by mother's light," answered the daughter, "although we did not know what it was out there."

"Aha!" thought the boy, who was not known for being as very descent type of person. "Perhaps it is time that I was steering by my mother's light." And before he went to sleep that night he surrendered himself to God and asked Him to guide him over life's rough seas. Months went by, and finally the boy was discovered to have an incurable disease. The doctor carefully examined him and just shook his head hopelessly. It was another stormy night when the doctor came for the last time. "He can't live long," was his verdict. The dying young man looked up into the troubled faces and said, "Do not be afraid for me. I shall make the harbor, for I have been steering by mother's light."

The Word of God advises each person, "And do not despise your mother..." (Proverbs 23:22b). In an age where respect is so seemingly lacking, it is evident that honor to one's mother is also passe and antiquated. Yet there are countless numbers of men, world famous, who have paid the highest tribute possible to their mothers. Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." And an old saying, theologically unsound, yet expressing a deep respect for mothers and motherhood, says: "God could not be everywhere so He made mothers."

As we celebrate Mother's day, let those homes that have the shining example of Christian living in mother's daily life and activity truly thank God for the rich blessing that money cannot buy. Let us remember our Mothers today and everyday, living and deceased, and say a prayer of thanksgiving for all that they have done for us. Mom, for all you do, this Day is for you.

THE STRENGTH TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES

Surely we can learn much from the so-called Myrrh-Bearing Women whom our Church honors this day. These were the women who watched under the Cross as Jesus died. They watched when Joseph and Nicodemus buried Christ. On Saturday, they remained at home, for it was the big feast of the Passover and they were not allowed to go out.

Sunday, the first Resurrection morning, while it was still dark, they went through the streets of Jerusalem and made their way to the tomb of Jesus to anoint His body.

THE MYRRH-BEARERS



Certainly, they had their own families and homes. Surely there was work to be done. But Jesus had a first claim on their hearts. They carried spices and ointments used to anoint the body. One wonders how they were able to obtain such materials for it was the Passover time. But love always finds a way to express itself.

One thing, however, concerned them. Who was going to roll away the huge stone from the door of the tomb? In spite of this they kept going on. That's the amazing thing: Love overcomes all obstacles.

Upon entering the sepulcher, the women saw an angel sitting on the stone. They were fearful. He spoke to them saying: "Be not afraid; you seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified; HE IS RISEN, HE IS NOT HERE!"

May our love for Christ prod us also to seek Him out. May we be rewarded with joy as the Myrrh-Bearing Women were, upon learning of Christ's Resurrection. May we continue to believe in spite of obstacles. These women provide a lesson in faith sorely needed for our times. Their belief and love were genuine, overcoming difficulties to express their devotion. We see in their act that close tie between faith and works.

TWO MOTHERS

Today we honor two mothers: our Spiritual Mother, Mary, the Mother of God and our own earthly mothers. "Let us praise the Virgin Mary, who, although born of our humanity, gave birth to the Lord of all. The angels extol her in song; for she is the glory of the whole world, the gateway to heaven, and the adornment of the faithful. As the Mother of God, she is heaven itself and the very Temple of God. She broke down the wall of enmity between mankind and God thereby bringing us peace and opening the gates of the kingdom. Let us, therefore, cling to her as the anchor of our faith; and our Lord, Who was born of her, will be our Protector. Take courage, then, O people of God, for the Almighty Himself will defeat your enemies." (Theotokian - Vespers)

Today we honor on the 2nd Sunday of May, our earthly mothers, a day set aside as a national observance by President Woodrow Wilson. The first official American National Observance of Mother's Day began in 1914.

The influence of a mother molds firm character. A mother's love is the golden link that binds youth to age. On this day we have the opportunity to honor our mothers in a special way. We are indebted beyond words to our mothers for the gift of life and sacrificial love for us. We pray for our deceased mothers that God grant them eternal memory and peaceful repose. May God grant our living mothers, peace, health and happiness for many blessed years!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Steven Andreas, 5/14; Adam Duncan, 5/17; Sophia (Sonya) Patronik, 5/17; Alexander Beaudean, 5/18 & Nicholas Beaudean, 5/18 May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - On behalf of our Parish Family, we would like to wish all of the Mothers of our Parish a very special day as we give thanks for and celebrate Motherhood. May God continue to bless all of the Mothers of our Parish with health, peace and happiness for many, happy and blessed years!!

SPECIAL THANKS – are offered to Richard Bringle, John Dmytryk & Dmitri Kaliakin for taking care of the take down and set up for Paskha! They did a beautiful job!

A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR – will be held on Sunday, May 26 to raise money for diapers for the orphanages in Ukraine. Hot dogs will be served, as Linda calls it, “Dogs for Diapers” Please plan to attend and help in this worthy cause.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

May 12 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin

May 19 – Ann Duncan and Thomas Bringle

May 26 – Ann Duncan and Thomas Bringle

June 2 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

June 9 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

June 16 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 12 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

May 19 - Jean Roeth

May 26 - Thomas Kasprzak

June 2 - John Plachuta

June 9 - Irene Maskaly

June 16 - Andrew Duncan

June 23 - Jean Roeth

June 30 - Linda Hnatow

MEETINGS - MINISTRIES

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:30 PM

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 12 - John and Sandy Cramer

May 19 - David & Eve Lazaration

May 26 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

June 2 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

THE POWER OF PRAYER – Please remember your daily prayer for our country.
Today, we begin Day 18.

DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON? – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

Tentative 2019 Schedule

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, May 26 – Special Coffee Hour – Hot Dogs – Diapers for Orphanages

Saturday, June 15 – Visit by Weeping Icon from Taylor, PA

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day Dinner

Saturday, June 22 – Religious Book Sale

Monday, June 24 – First Day of the Apostle's Fast

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Feast Dinner

Monday, July 15 – 19 – Summer Camp

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, October 12 – UOL Retreat

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, December 15 – UOL Cookie Sale

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of May 13 - John Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic

Week of May 20 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of May 27 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of June 3 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of June 10 - Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

Week of June 17 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of June 24 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Krystyna, Julian, Madison, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Mary Crystal, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Stephen Farrell, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Betty Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Josephine Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Paul Markow, Natalia McDonough, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Fred Royer, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Dana Sargent, Charles Scully, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Swec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Charles Tyrawsky, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, John Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

✠ ✠ **COMING TO THE TOMB** ✠ ✠

The icon we present today depicts the **MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN**. They are approaching the tomb of our Resurrected Lord, not knowing what to expect. The scene adheres to the Gospel accounts. St. Mark says: "And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came to the sepulcher at the rising of the sun."

St. Matthew records that an "Angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone . . . and sat upon it." This is exactly what we see on the icon. From St. John comes Peter's account: he "saw the linen clothes lie, and the napkin that was about His head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself." This icon is able to reproduce in visual form what the gospels tell in words. How refreshing it is to experience this good news of the Resurrection!

We also must remember that **WOMEN** played a considerable role in the story of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. They were under the Cross as Jesus died. They watched where He was buried. And they came to the tomb in the morning darkness, seeking to anoint His body. These were the Myrrh-Bearing Women of the Gospels whom the Church honors on this Sunday.

Women were among the first to learn of Christ's victory over death. This is how our Lord rewarded their faith, love, dedication and ministry to Him.