

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS



Icon of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

April 10, 2016: Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

Epistle: Acts 6: 1-7

Gospel: Mk. 43-16

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| Mon., April 11 | 8:00 | + Mildred Wondolowski (Niece) |
| Tues., April 12 | 8:00 | + Olga Grancey (Ceile Bordlemay) |
| Wed., April 13 | 8:00 | + Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Gawron Family) |
| Thurs., April 14 | 8:00 | + Michael Spryn (Andrew Powanda) |
| Fri., April 15 | 8:00 | + Helen Nasevich (Matthew Beckage) |
| Sat., April 16 | | No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions. 2:00 pm No Confessions This Afternoon 4:00 pm + Paraska & Michael Sereditch (Grandsons) |
| Sun., April 17 | 9:00 | + Justina Golay & John Golay (Marie & Jack Martin) |
| | 11:30 | For Our Parishioners |

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women and Joseph of Arimathea

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulchre, bear-

ing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers.

Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, Mary, the mother of James and Joses; Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Mary and Martha, the sisters

of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Savior, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Savior's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore,

he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counselors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).

Kneeling in Our Church

The Pastoral Guide of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States (the official rule book for our Parishes in all four Eparchies), states in article 464: "Because kneeling is a sign of

penance in the Eastern tradition, the faithful should be discouraged from kneeling during the Paschal [Easter] Season and all Sundays of the year.

Important Church Information

Church Membership: Membership in the Ukrainian Catholic Church includes the contribution of your annual dues, continual sustaining donations to your Church, and active participation in church activities. To make sure your contributions are recorded

properly, please use your Church envelopes.

Baptisms: Parents should attend church regularly for at least six months prior to the birth of the child. A baptism should be scheduled shortly after the birth of the child.

First Penance and Solemn First Holy Communion: Anyone who plans to receive First Penance and Solemn First Holy Communion must attend Religious Instruction and Regular Liturgy with their family for at least two

(2) years prior to these events.

Marriages: All couples contemplating marriage in our church are required to attend Pre-Cana counseling sessions. Please contact Fr. Nestor as soon as you make plans to wed.

Isn't It Strange...

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how we need to

know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven but... they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

Lost Car Key

Recently a car key was found in Church. If you are missing your car

key, please contact Fr. Nestor at the Rectory.

Easter Dinner: Sviachene

The traditional annual Easter Dinner - "Sviachene"- sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will take place at the parish center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton on Sunday, April 10, 2016, beginning at 12:30pm. Dinner will consist of holubchy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls, dessert and beverages. Advance takeouts and table reservations only - no

tickets sold at the door. Takeouts available from 11:30am to 12 noon. Drawing for door prizes including Ukrainian pysanky and a theme basket raffle will be conducted. Admission: \$13.00 adults; \$6.00 children age 6-12; age 5 and under free. For reservations contact Dorothy Fleck at 570 346-4164. No reservations will be accepted after Monday, April 4.

St. Mary's International Dinner Club

ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL DINNER CLUB, 320 Mifflin Ave. Scranton, Pa. presents "TASTES OF ITALY" on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Seatings are at 5:30 and 6:30pm. This enticing Menu starts with Polenta, then a succulent Chicken Marsala served in a delicate wine and mushroom sauce

accompanied by Penne Pasta with Vodka Sauce. Top it off with a Cannoli for dessert. Coffee, Tea and Water are included and a Cash Bar is available. Call by April 11th with your reservation at 570-343-5151. The cost is \$20.00 per person!

Baked Fish Dinner 2016

Once again our Bked Fish Dinner, at the Regal Room, has been a success. We thank all those who volunteered their time and efforts by working for this fund-raiser. Thank you to John Turko for donating the tickes, Leo Danylak for donating the buns, Joe Kutsop for donating the Cole Slaw and

the Parish Women who donated baked goods. Of course we thank all those who attended this annual Baked Fish Dinner.

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| Total Income: | \$2,829.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$1,733.97 |
| Profit: | \$1,095.03 |

Pysanky Workshops

Our thanks go out to all the volunteer who helped make this year's Pysanky Workshop a great success. All the classes were full and there is a waiting

list for next year.

Total Income: \$930.00

Expenses: \$335.00

Profit: \$595.00

Night at the Races

"Night at the Races" sponsored by the Eureka Hose Co. No. 4 and the Olyphant Girls Softball Association will be held on Saturday, April 16th at the Fire Station, 717 E. Grant St. in Olyphant.

Doors open at 5:30 pm with races at 7:00 pm. \$15 tickets include buffet and refreshments. Baskets and raffles for sale. Adults only. For tickets contact Jody at 570-487-1404 or John at 570-383-1406. Seating is limited.

St. Joseph Breakfast

St. Joseph Melkite Church on North St. Francis Cabrini Avenue, West Scranton, is holding their annual St. Joseph Breakfast, Sunday, April 17, 2016 in the church hall. Adults are \$8.00, \$4.00 children 6-10 and free under 6. Breakfast, consisting of eggs, ham, olives, hash browns, pancakes, bread,

juice and hot beverages will be served from 8:00am to 1:00pm . Take-outs are available during that time. Our special St. Joseph bread will be available in two-loaf packages. Come early for the bread, it is a best seller! Tickets will be available at the door.

"Pray for Ukraine" Commemorative Concert and Religious Service

"Pray for Ukraine" will be the focus of a commemorative religious service and concert on Sunday, April 17, 2016, beginning at 3 p.m. in the golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830

North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa. "Pray for Ukraine" will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the nuclear disaster at Chornobyl, Ukraine and will be a day of prayer for an end to the war in eastern Ukraine. All are

invited and encouraged to participate in this solemn event of prayer, mu-

sic, reflections and hope for peace in Ukraine.

2016 Women's Day of Prayer: Women as Caregivers: Spiritual, Pastoral and Practical Matters

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, in partnership with the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, and the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God, will sponsor the *Women's Day of Prayer* at the following location:

St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton, PA on Sunday, April 24, 2016.

The *Day* begins with Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am followed by lunch. The program *Women as caregivers: Spi-*

tual, Pastoral and Practical Matters begins after lunch and focuses upon the pastoral and practical aspects of caring for family members with special physical, mental and emotional needs. The presentations are structured within the framework of Sacred Scripture and the values and ideals of Eastern Christian Spirituality. Additionally, suggestions as to how caregivers may provide spiritual, pastoral and practical "self-care" will be offered.

To register, please use the flyers in the vestibule of the Church.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of April 2016 is Team #4:

Tom Matkosky, Ed Stecco, and Joe Smagula.

Sunday Collection for April 2 & 3, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for April 16 & 17, 2016

| | Altar Boys | Lectors |
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| 4:00 pm | Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas Chylak | Michael Shumek |
| 9:00 am | Patrick Marcinko -- Joseph Skirpan | Pat Marcinko |
| 11:30 am | Thomas Radle -- Brian Radle | Frank Lesnefsky |

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The First Witness

The Resurrection of the Lord is the renewal of human nature, and the renewal, re-creation, and return to immortality of the first Adam who was swallowed up by death because of sin, and through death went back to the earth from which he was formed. In the beginning nobody saw Adam being made and brought to life, for no one existed yet at that time. However, once he had received the breath of life breathed into him by God (Gn 2:7), a woman was the first to see him, for Eve was the first human being after him. In the same way, no one saw the second Adam, that is the Lord, rising from the dead, since none of His disciples were present and the soldiers keeping the tomb had been shaken with fear and became like dead men. But after the Resurrection it was a woman who saw him first of all.

There is something which the Evangelists tell us in a veiled way, but which I shall reveal to your charity. As was right and just, the Mother of God was the first person to receive from the Lord the Good News of the Resurrection, and she saw Him risen and had the joy of His divine words before anyone else. She not only beheld Him with her eyes and heard Him with her ears, but was the first and only person to touch with her hands His most pure feet. If the Evangelists do not say all this openly it is because they do not want to put forward his Mother as a witness, lest they give unbelievers grounds for suspicion.

St. Gregory Palamas

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