

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



Icon of the Myrrh-bearing Women

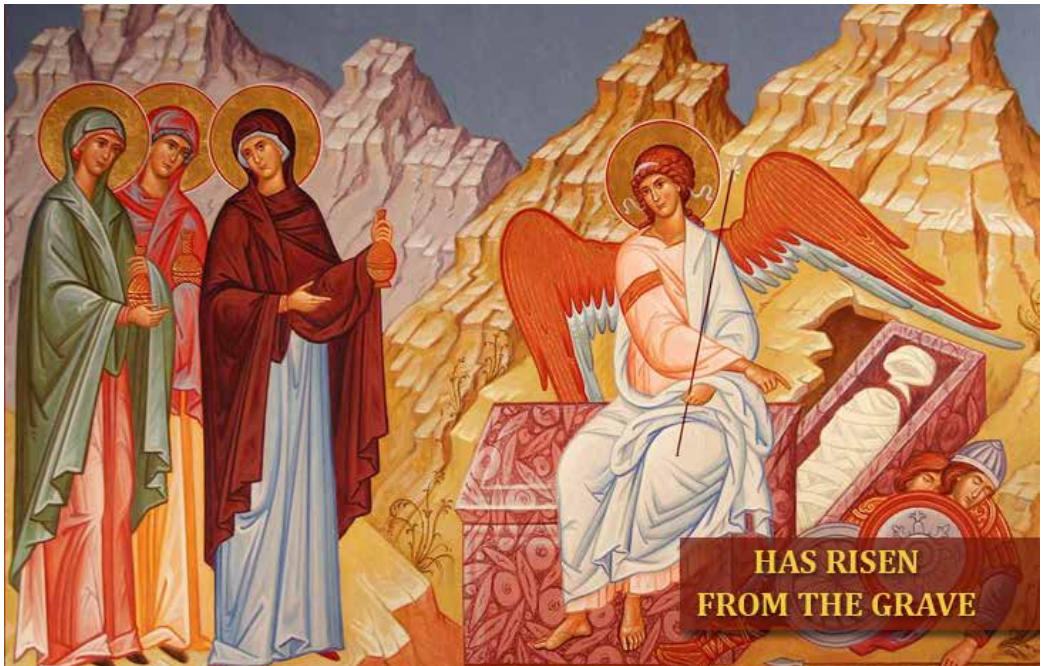
April 18, 2021: Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers		
Epistle: Acts 6: 1-7		Gospel: Mk. 15:43 - 16:8
Mon., April 19	9:00	+ F. Michael Carrera (Pat, Cathy & Patrick Marcinko)
Tues., April 20	9:00	+ Jacob & Ann Jablonski (Daughter, Gloria)
Wed., April 21	9:00	+ Mildred Wondolowski (Neice, Cecile Bordlemay)
Thurs. April 22	9:00	+ Matthew Beckage (John & Mary Ann Turko)
Fri., April 23	9:00	+ Mary & Harry Farneti (Leo Danylak)
Sat., April 24	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Joan Yeck Turko (Bob & Joan Yeck)	
Sun., April 25	10:00	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, bearing 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).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: WHAT IS AN EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Many people think of the Catholic Church as a monolithic structure with a clear leadership and traditions. People also mistakenly refer to the whole as the Roman Catholic Church. But this is not quite accurate.

The Catholic Church actually comprises twenty-two particular Churches in full communion with one another. There are twenty-one Eastern Catholic Churches, and one Latin Catholic Church (i.e., the Church of Rome). Each of these particular Churches is self-governing (the term in Latin is *sui iuris*, “of their own law”), even while being in communion with the Church of Rome.

Each of these particular Churches is self-governing (*sui iuris*) because they have their own hierarchy. In other words, what makes a particular Church self-governing (*sui iuris*) is that each particular Church has its own leaders which govern all the faithful Christians belonging to that particular Church. These hierarchs (whether Patriarchs, Major Archbishops, Metropolitans, Bishops, or otherwise) are in communion with one another, and with the Church of Rome. The correct term is to be in communion with Rome, and not “under the Pope” (as many people will

mistakenly say).

Eastern Catholics are the minority in terms of the number of Catholics worldwide. However, they are the vast majority in terms of diversity within the Catholic Church (twenty-one to one!). Eastern Catholics are distinct from the Latin Church in that they have four distinguishing characteristics. They have their own (1) theology, (2) spirituality, (3) canon law, and (4) liturgy. In other words, the Eastern Churches have their own theological way of understand the mysteries of God, their own spirituality and devotional practices, their own laws and customs, and their own styles of liturgy. This is what distinguishes them from the Latin Church.

People mistakenly refer to the Eastern Catholic Churches as ‘Eastern Rite Roman Catholics’, or simply as ‘The Eastern Rite,’ as if there is only one. There are many rites within the Catholic Church, and what makes an Eastern Church is more than simply its liturgical rite. An Eastern Church also has its own theology, spirituality, and canon law. Even the term ‘The Eastern Church’ is wrong, since there are more than one Eastern Churches.

Almost all Eastern Catholic

Churches have counterparts in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Churches. In fact, those with counterparts all came from their mother Orthodox Churches throughout the past four hundred years or so. Therefore, many Eastern Catholics choose to identify themselves as 'Orthodox Christians in communion with Rome,' since Eastern Catholics are meant to be an example of how to be fully Eastern, and yet fully in communion with Rome.

Eastern Catholic Churches are traditionally found in Eastern Europe, the

Middle East, North Africa, and India. However, nowadays we can find Eastern Churches throughout the world, speaking a multitude of languages, and serving a vast array of people.

ALL of the particular Catholic Churches share "equal dignity, so that none of them is superior to the others as regards rite, and they enjoy the same rights and are under the same obligations, also in respect of preaching the Gospel to the whole world (cf. Mark 16:15)..." (Second Vatican Council, Decree on the Eastern Catholic Churches).

SPRING IS HERE!

It's time to order your spring/Mother's Day flowers. For only \$20, you can purchase a ten-inch hanging basket of flowers to beautify your porch or yard. At the same time, you will be donating a portion of that price to our parish. Order by Monday, April 19th. Pay for and pick

up a voucher on April 24th. Choose your hanging basket the week of May 2nd from among hundreds of beautiful flowers at Jerry's For All Seasons. To place an order, call: Jule (570) 357-6171; Michaelene (570) 209-2026; or Mary Ann (570) 313-1989.

TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN "SVIACHENE" TAKE-OUT EASTER DINNER

**St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church
430 North Seventh Avenue - Scranton**

**Sunday, April 25th
Pickup between 11:00am and 1:00pm**

**Kobasa - Sliced Ham - Red Horseradish - Potato Salad
Paska Bread - Dessert - Bottled Water**

**\$13.00 per person
By Advance Reservation Only**

**Phone Maria @ 570 503-1514
No Later Than Tuesday, April 20
As Reservations are Limited**

Variety Basket Raffle and 50/50 Drawing Will Be Available

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER 2021 RUMMAGE/FURNITURE SALE AT ST. CYRIL'S

Only 5 days away. Dates: Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24th, (9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.) for the 11th annual fundraiser rummage furniture sale at St. Cyrils Church/school gym. We need you to volunteer: parishioners, (men, women, teenagers) friends, family, and non-parishioners "Bodies" to help the CHURCH event, throughout the 2- day sale. You can help out by standing/sitting at the entrance to the gym, to count customers entering (CDC guidelines), crowd control, customer service, helping on the selling floor, wrapping, and help to bag the items, cashier, offer help with the books/library, Jewelry area, selling soda/water only, being in the back yard of church/rectory helping out with our customers, carrying items to their cars, etc... (2 days out of 365 days) Wear a Mask and keep a social distance!

There are countless ways to lend a helping hand to this CHURCH event. We understand everyone has some reason not to help, (corvid19, age, health, family obligations, etc...) Consider the importance of this major fundraiser, it is a continuous event that has financially supported the CHURCH. The "Net Profit" for the Rummages sales over the past 10 years, is approximately Yes, quite an accomplishment considering "Trash to Treasure" and all the merchandise has been donated. We are all 10 years older and feel aches and pains. WE are going to do the best we can, and have a successful Spring 2021 SALE. Contact Lauren (cell 646-241-9443) that we can have enough coverage throughout the day, on Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24th. We are offering a 10% discount on your purchases when you volunteer for over 4 hours.

Volunteers are needed this week, for the PRE-rummage sale setup. We open boxes and bins, items are categorized by price and put on the tables. We worked an average of 4.5 hours and now in the evening for 3 ADDITIONAL hours, in getting the gym ready for the "public" to come and shop. This is your CHURCH and your CHURCH EVENT!!!!!! This is the major financial fundraiser support for the CHURCH. What would we have done without the financial support of the

Rummage Sales for our parish over the last 10 years?????

Schedule: Volunteers, Contact Lauren at Cell phone 646-241-9443 or 570-383-0319 and Father Nestor 570-2 1-445

DAY AND DATE	MORNING/AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday, April 18th	Noon to 4:00 p.m.	closed
Monday, April 19th	9: 30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20th	9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21th	9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 22th	9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday, April 23rd SALE	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	open to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 24 SALE	8:00 a.mmm to 6:00 p.m.	open to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 25th	closed	
Monday, April 26th	Starting at 9:00 a.m. Organize the gym and Father Nestor's Garage, POST Rummage Sales.	

Everyone is welcome to help out with the CHURCH fundraiser. Hours are available in the morning and EVENING. CONTACT LAUREN AT CELL 646-241-9443

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for Joseph Smagula and Ron Barkofsky. the month of April 2021 is Team #4:

Sunday Collection for April 10 & 11, 2021: \$

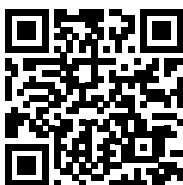
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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

The Myrrh-Bearing Women

The Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women ... reminds us that the love and faithfulness of a few individuals shone brightly in the midst of hopeless darkness. It calls us to ensure that in this world love and faithfulness do not disappear or die out. It judges our lack of courage, our fear, our endless and servile rationalizations. The mysterious Joseph and Nicodemus, and these women who go to the grave at dawn, occupy so little space in the gospels. Precisely here, however, is where the eternal fate of each of us is decided.

Today, I think, we are especially in need of recovering this love and basic human loyalty. For we have entered a time when even these are being discredited by harmful concepts of the person and human life now prevailing in this world. For centuries, the world still had the weak, but still

flickering and shining, glow from that faithfulness, love and co-suffering which was silently present at the sufferings of the Man cast aside by all. And we need to cling, as if to a last thread, to everything in our world that still thrives on the warm light of simple, earthly, human love. Love does not ask about theories and ideologies, but speaks to the heart and soul. Human history has rumbled along, kingdoms have risen and fallen, cultures have been built and bloody wars fought, but what has remained unchanging on earth and in this troubled and tragic history is the bright image of the woman. An image of care, self-giving, love, compassion. Without this presence, without this light, our world, regardless of its successes and accomplishments, would be a world of terror.

Father Alexander Schmemmann