

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



Icon of the Myrrh-bearing Women

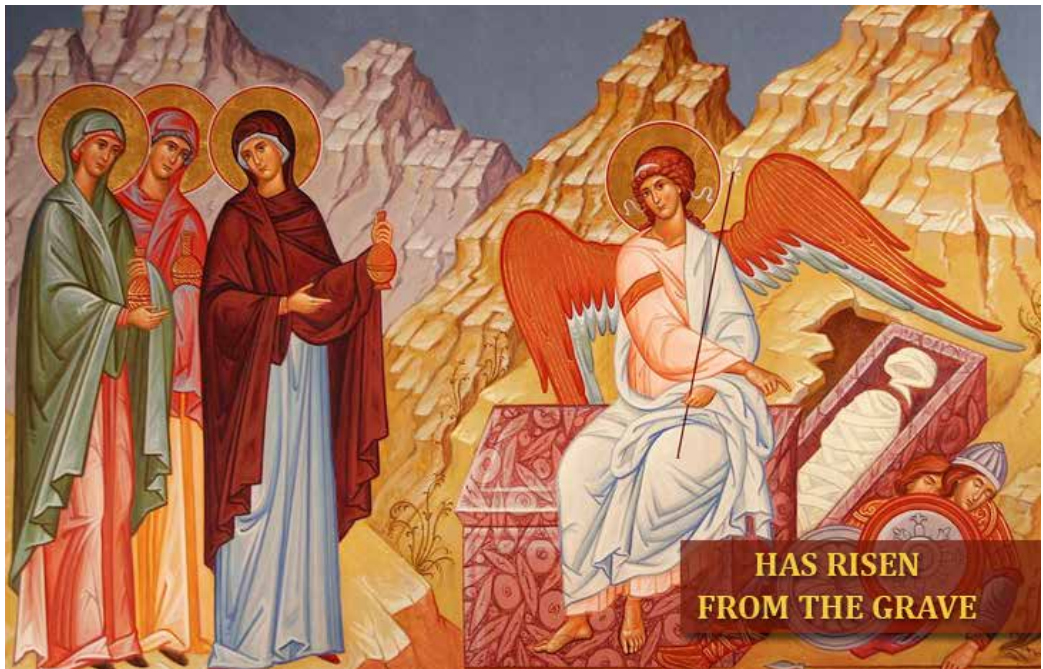
May 1, 2022: Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers		
Epistle: Acts 6: 1-7		Gospel: Mk. 15:43 - 16:8
Mon., May 2	9:00	+ John Sedlak, Jr. (Marcella & Family)
Tues., May 3	9:00	+ Jenny Mitchko (Son, Leonard)
Wed., May 4	9:00	+ John Elnitsky (Marcella Gawron)
Thurs., May 5	9:00	+ Joseph Berta (North Anthracite L.U.C.)
Fri., May 6	9:00	+ Amanda Danylak (Leo Danylak)
Sat., May 7	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00	Confessions
	4:00 pm + Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Roman & Eileen Kushner)	
Sun., May 8	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers	
	10:30	For Our Mothers; Moleben to the Mother of God

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.



**HAS RISEN
FROM THE GRAVE**

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).

LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON

This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:

Easter Greeting - we greet each other with the Paschal salutation, “Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!” for 40 days, until Ascension Day.

No Kneeling - Please remember that here is NO kneeling during the en-

tire Easter Season. Kneeling has been our position of prayer during the Holy Season of the Great Fast (Lent) as the expression of our humility and our repentance.

The Paschal Troparion - “Christ is risen from the dead” is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until the Eve of Ascension.

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 selfgoverning (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).

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.” We fervently pray in the name of the

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world.

May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine.

God, Our Father, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy

Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2022 FOOD TRUCK FESTIVALS

This year's Food Truck Festivals are scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays, May 14th/15th, July 9th/10th, and October 15th/16th. We have some new trucks joining the familiar group and some new games for the kids. In addition, we will be holding a basket raffle for the benefit of the Humanitarian Effort for Ukraine. We would appreciate your donation/solicitation of baskets for this worthy cause. Baskets should be delivered no later than Friday, May 13th. Call Michaelene regarding basket donations, (570) 209-2026.

We need additional pop-up tents

and volunteers to help with set-up on Friday, May 13th and take-down on Sunday, May 15th. Call Michaelene (570) 209-2026 if you can loan a tent and/or help with set-up/take-down. If you know anyone who would like to join our list of crafters, call Carol (570) 706-0596. If you would like to volunteer time at the Food Truck Festival, call Jule (570) 357-6171.

Flyers for these events can be found in the vestibule. Please take several and distribute to as many places as you can think of.

JON LEONETTI MISSION

St. John Vianney Parish invites all to join them for their Parish Mission featuring Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host, Jon Leonetti for a two night life changing event! Sunday, May 22, 6:30-8p WHO IS GOD AND WHY THAT MATTERS.

Monday, May 23, 6:30-8p GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE. Held at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Road, Scott Twp., PA 18447. Read reviews of Jon Leonetti Missions at www.jonleonetti.com

GETTING READY FOR ST. CYRIL'S 12TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER RUMMAGE SALE 2022

St. Cyril's 12th annual fundraiser rummage sale will take place on Friday, June 10th, and Saturday, June 11th, 2022. The first phase of the sales this year will include the two-day sale, featuring 50% off the ticketed price and special pricing on certain categories. After each rummage sale over the past 10 years, we always donated leftover items to non-profit organizations. Due to the pandemic, we did not accomplish this task. (Net profit for 2021 was approximately \$33,000.00) Therefore in June 2022, the 50% off the ticket price will help clear out the school gym, and the remaining items donated to different organizations "Play it forward" If you know someone in need of household items, etc... please contact Father Nestor at 570-291-4451.

Now, we are doing a PRE-Rummage Sale setup. This week, Tuesday, May 3rd, and Wednesday, May 4th and Thursday, May 5th, 2022. Starting at 9:45 a.m until 1:00 p.m. Come for an hour or so!!! Volunteers can help to organize, straighten and tweek the items on tables, racks, shelves etc. It is easy and time to catch up with your fellow parishioners and friends. Come by and shop (the doors are open, we are working) and take advantage of the special sale of "All Books (soft and hardcovers) at .25 cents each" What a bargain!!! Special thanks to Jeanne, Frank, Carol, Lisa, Jan, Lauren, and a few other parishioners who helped out this past week. The following week for set-up is Wednesday, May 11 and Thursday, May 12, 2022, Starting at 9:45 a.m. until noon.

Donations for the September 2022 sale are now being accepted, at the above dates/time. We will start with new donations/merchandise for Fall 2022. Please contact Lauren at (cell) 646-241-9443 for additional information. We will be having a "Donation \$\$\$ Box" available for the customers to make donations for Ukraine via the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and the month of May 2022 is Team #1: Gloria Jablonski

Sunday Collection for April 23 & 24, 2022: \$

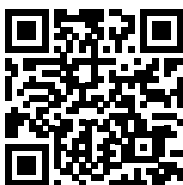
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The Best Role of All

The church school was getting ready for the annual Easter pageant and all the children were asked to choose which part they wanted to play. One child chose to play Mary Magdalene, other children chose to play Saint Peter, or Joseph of Arimathea, and so forth. But, when it came time for Johnny's turn to choose, he happily wanted to be the angel who rolls away the stone that sealed the tomb of Our Lord.

After the pageant was over and Johnny was going home with his parents, his mother expressed how disappointed they were that he didn't choose a larger, more prominent role in the play. Johnny, however, was bouncing excitedly all over the back seat, obviously thrilled with his performance in the pageant. Finally, his mother turned to him and asked, "Tell me, Johnny, why are you so happy about just being

the angel who rolls away the stone from the tomb? Wouldn't you have liked to have had a bigger part to play?" Johnny replied quite innocently, "Oh, no, mom, just think! I'm the one who gets to let Jesus out! What role could be better than that?"

"The myrrh-bearing women arrived just before the dawn at the tomb of the Giver of Life and found an angel seated on the stone who spoke these words to them: 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? Why do you mourn the Incorruptible among those subject to decay? Go announce the good news to His disciples!'" (From *Resurrection Matins*) Let us continue to announce the good news and joyfully sing out: "Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!"