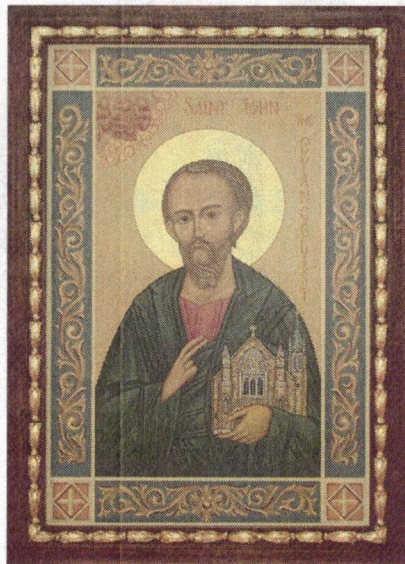


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*Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23 )  
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .*

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*We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshiping with us.*

*Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,  
please contact Fr. Seraphim*

*The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshiping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.*

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**DIVINE LITURGY FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

**SUNDAY, MAY 04, 2025; TONE 2 / EOTHINON 4**

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN,**

**PIOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA & RIGHTEOUS NICODEMUS**

**THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

***Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.***

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... (***Refrain***)

**THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

***Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.***

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee. (***Refrain***)

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... ***O, only begotten Son and Word of God...***

**THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Him flee from before His face.

***Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!***

As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. (***Refrain***)

So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. (***Refrain***)

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (***Refrain***)

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**NO FAST DAYS FROM PASCHA THROUGH TO MAY 30TH.**



## **THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA**

In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

## **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

## **APOLYTIKION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA IN TONE TWO**

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting to the world Great Mercy.

## **APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN IN TONE TWO**

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh-oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting to the world Great Mercy.

## **APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, Will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech Him then, O wise and holy Theologian, Dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us his peace and great mercy.

## **THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT**

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

## **THE EPISTLE**

*The Lord is my strength and my song.  
With chastisement has the Lord chastened me.*

## **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (6:1-7)**

In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministry. And the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said: "It

## THE EPISTLE (cont.)

is not right that we should forsake the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. And we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Próchoros, and Nikánor, and Tímon, and Parmenás, and Nikólaos a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)**

At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at the rising of the sun. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a long white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen; He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you.” And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### **MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE**

*The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day. Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.*



## MAY/JUNE SERVICES

**ANNOUNCEMENT: FROM MAY 1ST THROUGH AUGUST 30TH  
WE WILL NOT BE HAVING SATURDAY GREAT VESPERS  
(Fr. Seraphim has too many Saturday's away)**

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**May 4th Sunday — MYRRH BEARING WOMEN**

**Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**

**May 11th Sunday — SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**

**Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**

**"MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AFTER DIVINE LITURGY"**

**May 17th Saturday —COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30—10:30am**

**May 18th Sunday — SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

**Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**

***COUNCIL MEETING 12 NOON***

***( FR. SERAPHIM WILL BE AWAY MAY 19-26.)***

**May 25th Sunday — SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**

**Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**

**FR. CHRIS DAVIS WILL BE SERVING ON May 25.**

**May 28th Wednesday Evening 6PM for Holy Ascension 5/29**

**June 1st Sunday — FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL**

**Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**

**Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:**

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Harriet, Sassic Family, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Lori, Oliver. Claire, Pauline, Despina, Julius, John, and Bonnie.

**For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:**

Prayers are offered in memory of.....

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**TODAY'S SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

***Please join us for a BENEFIT CONCERT for Ukraine on Sunday, May 4th at 4PM at the Park Presbyterian Church at 275 Commerce Street in Beaver. The classical music concert features musicians from the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and Carnegie Mellon University. All free will donations will support Moon Township based DTCare's programs in Ukraine that provide humanitarian aid, mental health services through art therapy and adventure-based counseling and veteran support programs. Your support is appreciated. Thank You!***

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**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST - SUNDAY MAY 11TH  
ALL MOTHER'S ARE WELCOMED**

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**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

***"CHRIST IF RISEN FROM THE DEAD TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMB BESTOWING LIFE."***



## YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD

**E**ach year, the 3rd Sunday of Pascha finds our Holy Orthodox Church commemorating the MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. These brave souls, who had followed Christ throughout His earthly ministry, were so committed to serving their Master that they were willing to challenge the authority of Rome and risk their very lives to carry out an important aspect of their Jewish tradition: the proper preparation of a body for burial.

Have you ever wondered why the Myrrh-bearers felt that this was so essential? For the Jews, the human body was considered to be a sacred vessel that needed to be treated with care - even after death. The Old Testament is filled with stories that exhibit this type of treatment for those who have departed this life. The prescribed ritual of anointing a body with oils and spices was a lengthy and costly process. The women had to return to the tomb early because Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, who claimed Christ's Body from Pilate, lacked the time to complete their labors as sunset approached on that first Holy Friday.

In a Christian context, the body is treated with the same reverence. In his first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul poses this question: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16) While this verse has a broad meaning relating to the unity of the entire Church, it nonetheless is viewed as comparing our bodies to a "temple" that should be cared for in a special way.

From the day of our baptism, when we "put on Christ," the Lord wishes to dwell in all of us. May we all strive to keep our "temple" pure, so that the living God will be able to be a positive force in our lives!

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