



Weekly Bulletin

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Confessions:

During & after Vespers, before Divine Liturgy, or by Appointment

Christ is Risen! Христос воскрес! Χριστός ἀνέστη! Hristos a înviat! Al-Masīh qām!

ქრისტე აღდგა! Cristos ha Resucitado!

Upcoming Services

Sunday, April 26

(Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers)

9 am Baptism of Stefan Brown

10 am Divine Liturgy

Thursday, April 30

(Holy Apostle James)

8:40 am 3rd & 6th Hours

9 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 2

5:30 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, May 3

(Sunday of the Holy Paralytic)

9:40 am 3rd & 6th Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 26

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers (Tone 2)

Acts 6:1-7

Mark 15:43-16:8

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikódēmos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate.

They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Many Years!

4/26: Tricia Casalou (Birthday)

4/27: Mike Miller (Birthday)

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikódēmos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610), the New Martyr Elias Arduis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).

From The Prologue of Ohrid, April 26:

Christ is not light and darkness, but only light. Christ is not truth and falsehood, but only truth. Nor is Christ life and death; He is only life. Nor is He strength and weakness; He is only strength. Nor is He love and hate; He is only love. He is the "yea" for every good, and in Him there is no vacillating between "yea" and "nay."

His teaching is all-pure, all-true, all-light and all-loving toward mankind. His path is accurately hewn and He does not permit swerving either to the left or to the right. Not even a shadow of sin can pass over His teaching or find a place on His path. His Person is the incarnation of goodness; all that

is good is in Him, and all that is sinful, false, malicious and unjust is outside of Him.

This is the teaching, this is the path, and this is the Person of Christ that the apostles of God preached: a teaching that is the affirmation of good and the revelation of the infinite treasury of good; a path that leads to the realization and the eternal enjoyment of that good; a Person Who contains in Himself all good and the complete affirmation of good.

Brethren, let us also adhere to this unique Person, this unique path, and this unique teaching.

Almighty Lord, help us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, so that our insignificant life on earth will become an affirmation of good and not a denial of good.

To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

Please pray for...

Archpriest Matthew; Archpriest Lawrence Farley; Joe (Sunday's brother); Thomas; Helen; Marija (cancer); Maria; the nun Paraskeva and her mother Radojka; Ginny; the newborn Sieglinda (for health); Derek (Nektarios) for employment/housing assistance; Miles (Larissa's grandson); Zoi and Valeri (Oxana's parents); Natalia (Nina Slater's sister); Maria Carmen (Joseph Nuno's mother); Carol (Edie's mother); the child Rastko; Vasilije; Sophia; Steve; Alexis; Angelina; Helen (cancer); the child Uriah; Anna (sick); Alexis; Shawn; Claude; Olga; Kyle; Virginia; Lana...

...Emma Saperstein and the child to be born of her, and Scott; Leanna Marchell and the child to be born of her, Brandon, Elizabeth, and Margaret; Luisa and the child to be born of her (Fetzko's friend); Angelina and the children to be born of her (Brown's friend)...

...Natasa and the newborn Stefan, Tomica, and Luka;