

Holy Myrrhbearers Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called “the mother of James and Joses” (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); 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 (Matthew 21:55-56; 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 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 bodily 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 (Matthew 27:60).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Golf Outing-June 25th, 2007

Garage Sale - Memorial Day Weekend-May 25-26

County Fair Food Booth

AppleFest

Beefsteak Dinner

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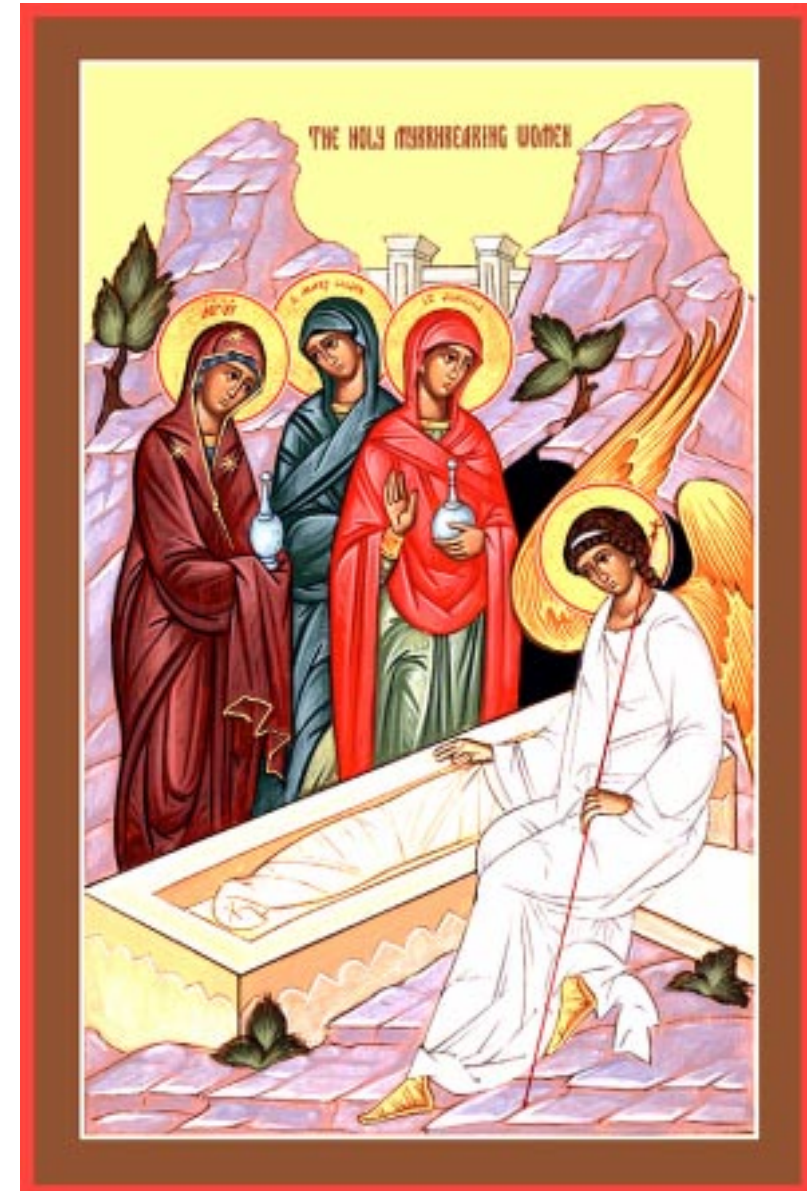
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Sunday, April 22, 2007

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today Holy Myrrbearers Sunday
Saturday 6:00 PM Vespers
Sunday 9:15 Church School
9:40 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA - Tone 2.
Holy Myrrbearing Women. St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis (613).
Translation of the Relics of Bl. Vsevolod (in holy Baptism Gabriel), Prince of Pskov
(1834). Apostles Nathaniel, Luke and Clement (1st c.). Ven. Vitalis (Vitalis) of Gaza (6th-
7th c.).

Acts 6:1-7, Mark 15:43-16:8

CHRIST IS RISEN!

BULLETIN

The Memorial Service this morning was prayed in memory of the victims of the massacre on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, VA, on Monday, April 16. May our Loving Lord have mercy on the souls of the newly departed and may our Lord grant peace to the families and friends of those departed this life. Memory Eternal.

If anyone would like to take any of the flowers in the Church you are welcome do so.

Reminder! There is **NO** kneeling during the period of time between Pascha and Pentecost.

The normal Wednesday and Friday Fasting periods have resumed.

Pray for **Pighi Mardaloescu** as she is recovering from surgery.

Please **remember** to send in your **weekly donation or pledge** even when you have not attended Church on a Sunday. Our Church depends on your weekly contributions to pay our obligations. Thank you.

The Annual Church Rummage/Yard sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 25 & 26 from 10 AM until 4 PM. We will accept clean usable clothes if we can get a volunteer to handle this section. Clean unbroken items such as: books, CD's, games, gift items, handbags, house items, glassware, jewelry, toys, games, video tapes, DVD's, working electrical appliances etc. We will not accept computers, or suitcases. Workers

will be needed for set-up and to help on the days of the sale. As always thank you for supporting our endeavor.

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christopher, infant Ella Jane, Corinne Matthews, infant Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Lynne Goodwin, Loren Chwan, Pighi Mardaloescu, and Valentina Bobrowsky

Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **Pelesh sisters, Olga, Mary, and Patricia** for the blessed repose of newly departed servant, **+Kenneth** (James)

By **Olga Maio** in Blessed Memory of **+Peter** (Apanasow,) beloved husband of **Feodora**, father and grandfather of the **Engelsman Family**.

By **George & Despena Eptamenitis** for the Health, Salvation and Happy Birthday of **Joanne Hosbach** 4/23

By **Maria Higginbotham** for the Health, Salvation and Happy Birthday of her niece **Vera Mucch**

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published. If you would like something in the monthly bulletin have it e-mailed or brought to Fr. Samuel two weeks prior to the first of the month it is to be published in.

We welcome our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship. Please sign our guest book.

Do we forgive our neighbors their trespasses? God also forgives us in His mercy. Do we refuse to forgive? God, too, will refuse to forgive us. As we treat our neighbors, so also does God treat us. The forgiveness, then, of your sins or unforgiveness, and hence also your salvation or destruction, depend on you yourself, man. For without forgiveness of sins there is no salvation. You can see for yourself how terrible it is. *St. Tikhon of Zadonsk, Journey to Heaven*