

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS



*Icon of the Myrrh-Bearing Women*

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**Archpriest Fr. Daniel Troyan – Pastor**

April 10, 2016

**SUNDAY** of the Myrrhbearing Women

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Gospel: Mark 15: 43:16

SATURDAY 6:00PM +John Hutnik – Bill & Ruth Hutnik

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH BEARING WOMEN, April 10, 2016**

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM +Diane O'Connor – Marion & Teodozja Sroka

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

*Daily Divine Liturgies are celebrated at 9:00AM unless otherwise scheduled. Please make an effort to attend the daily Liturgies in our church.*

MONDAY No Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY Health of Joseph Bodnar – Dan & Loretta Bodnar

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY No Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY No Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY 6:00PM +Diane O'Connor – Margaret Hutnik

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC, April 17, 2016**

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) Birthday Intention: Daniel Zuk – Zuk Family

**EASTER COLLECTION** – \$1421.00 Thank you for your generosity and support.

**Eternal Light & Altar Candles** : In Memory of +John & Agnes Gutowski-Dan & Loretta Bodnar

**CHRISTOS VOSKRES! VOYEESTINU VOSKRES!**



## **IN MEMORIAM**

We offer our love and prayers to the family and friends of:

**+Fr. Deacon Charles Shultz** who died this past week after a long battle with cancer. He was buried from our Cathedral in Philadelphia on Friday.

**+Fr. Max Kobasuk** a priest of the order of St Basil the Great who died this past week after a long battle with leukemia. He will be buried from St Basils Chapel in Stamford Connecticut on Monday.

May our Risen Lord grant his faithful servants rest in the bosom of Abraham and number them among the chosen! May their memory be eternal!

**Vichnaya Pamyat! Christos Voskres!**

***Please remember to pray for our priests, sisters and religious communities and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.***

## **PYROHY SALE THIS WEEK**

We will be having our monthly pyrohy sale this week: April 12-13

Potato prep will be on Tuesday from 9:00AM – 12 noon and from 3:00PM-6:00PM

Wednesday from 9:00AM – finish.

Pyrohy are \$6.00 a dozen and can be ordered by calling 610-252-4266 or placing your order on the form in the vestibule.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU**

The local Knights of Columbus would like to extend a "special thank you" to all those who supported their Annual Lenten Fish dinners on Fridays of Lent. Your support and donations enable them to help many churches and organizations in the area. God Bless you.

**BONTON COMMUNITY DAYS** We received a check from BonTon Community Days in the amount of 527.45 for our participation in their program. It bring us to a grand total of \$ 1332.45 . Special thanks to Craig Stoken for organizing this project and all of you who supported it through your sale or purchase of books.

## **VACATION TIME**

Fr. Dan will be away on vacation from April 13- 21, 2016. During that time if you have an emergency please contact Fr. Dan Gurovich at 610-865-2521. For funerals or any other emergency please contact Ted Veresink at 610-573-3055.

During Fr. Dan's absence Fr. George Worschak will be celebrating the weekend Divine Liturgies. Please keep me in prayer as I will all of you. Christ is Risen!

**SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT-BEARING WOMEN (Third Paschal Sunday)**

Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death and to those in the tombs bestowing life.

Christos Voskrese eez mertvik, smertiyu smert poprav, ee suschim vo hrobeek, zhivot daruvaw!

*Troparion (2): When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!*

*Troparion (2): The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the cross. He wrapped it in a clean shroud, and with fragrant spices laid it in burial in a new tomb. But You arose in three days, O Lord, bestowing great mercy upon the world.*

*Troparion (2): The angel stood by the tomb and cried out to the women bringing ointment: Ointments are for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself not subject to corruption. So now cry out: The Lord has risen, bestowing great mercy upon the world.*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

*Kontakion (2): By Your resurrection, O Christ our God, You told the women bringing ointment to rejoice; and You stilled the weeping of Eve, the first mother. You instructed the women to announce to Your apostles: The Savior has risen from the tomb.*

**Now and for ever and ever: Amen.**

*Kontakion (8): Although You descended into the grave, O Immortal One, You destroyed the power of Death. You arose again as a victor, O Christ God. You announced to the women bearing ointment: Rejoice! You gave peace to Your apostles and resurrection to the fallen.*

**Prokimenon:**

*Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.*

*Verse: To You, O Lord, I call; my God, be not deaf to me.*

**Epistle: Reading of the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (Acts 6,1-7)**

*At that time, as the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the*



*disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.*

### Alleluia

*Lord, You once favored Your land and revived the fortunes of Jacob.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.*

### Gospel: (Mk 15,43-47:16,1-8)

*At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where he was laid. When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" Then they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed! He said to them, "Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'" Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*



**It is truly right... (Or the Hirmos of the Feast):**

An angel greeted you O full of grace; O purest Virgin Rejoice! And again I say rejoice! For after three days your Son has risen from the dead, and then raised the dead with himself, people everywhere rejoice!

Shine forth in splendor, New Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord is risen on you! Skip for joy in happy festival O Sion, and you O purest One, Mother of God, rejoice in the resurrection of your Son .

**After "Save your People" , after "Blessed be the name of the Lord"**

**Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death and to those in the tombs bestowing life.**

**Christos Voskresē eez mertvik, smertiyu smert poprav, ee suschim vo hrobeek, zhivot daruvaw!**

**And He gives us eternal life, we bow down to his third day resurrection from the dead.**

**Ee nam daruvaw zhivot veechniy! Poklanyayimsha yeho tridnevnomu voskreseniye!**

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Christos Voskres! Voyeestinu Voskres!**

### **CHAPEL WORK TO BEGIN**

We will be working on the Chapel over the next few weeks.. We need help in scraping the walls, painting, and general cleanup. All are welcome to come to help even if for an hour. The gas and water lines are being connected soon and we will be having a blessing of the building sometime in May.

There is a work sheet in the vestibule with times posted, please sign up if you are able. Thank you.

**ADULT RELIGION CLASSES** will resume in May. They will be held every other Wednesday evening : May 4, & May 18.

### **MAY DEVOTIONS**

**During the Month of May** we will be celebrating the **Moleben to the Mother of God** on Sunday afternoons, and praying the **Rosary** on Wednesdays and Fridays of May at noon. Please join us in praying to our Blessed Mother for peace in our world and for the sick and infirm of our parish.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Fr Dan was not able to get to everyone this week. He will visit with those he missed this week on his return.

## TOWER REPAIR

We have entered into contract with Fania Roof Company of Allentown for the repair of our church tower. The fabrication of the louvers will take 8-10 weeks, so we are looking to begin the project in the spring. The tower repair will correct the leak in the ceiling of the choir loft, replace the louvers which have deteriorated, with aluminum louvers, and repair the concrete and brick pointing . .

*Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers*

Helen Terleski	Teodozia Sroka	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczykcki	Sophie Troyan	Jean Lakomski	Michael Trusz
Michael Horon	Peg Hutnik	Richard Suter	John Vedomsky
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Walter Kiniuk
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitiski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory Neff	Karen Bakros	Stephen Terleski
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Robert Leiby	Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	

## SPAGHETTI DINNER: April 10

**We will be having our Spaghetti Dinner TODAY Sunday April 10.**

**Tickets are \$10.00 Children \$6.00**

**Dinner will include Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad, roll, beverage and dessert.**

**Thank you.**

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We're always looking for new volunteers. Please help us reach our financial goals by supporting our fundraisers. Thank you

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR OUR CHILDREN

April 24, 2016 : 40 days of Easter and the Ascension

May 1, 2016: Praying the Rosary : Devotion to the Mother of God

May 8, 2016: Mother's Day : Distribution of Flowers by the children to the Mother of God and to the mother's of the parish.

May 15: 2016PENTECOST: The Holy Spirit

**Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:15am-10:45AM.**



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If you wish to join Holy Ghost Church and become a member of our parish family, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish rectory to register with us.

**Sacraments of Initiation:** Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

**Marriages:** Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

**Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick:** Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

**Confession:** Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

## *The First Witness*

The Resurrection of the Lord is the renewal of human nature, and the renewal, re-creation, and return to immortality of the first Adam who was swallowed up by death because of sin, and through death went back to the earth from which he was formed. In the beginning nobody saw Adam being made and brought to life, for no one existed yet at that time. However, once he had received the breath of life breathed into him by God (Gn 2:7), a woman was the first to see him, for Eve was the first human being after him. In the same way, no one saw the second Adam, that is the Lord, rising from the dead, since none of His disciples were present and the soldiers keeping the tomb had been shaken with fear and became like dead men. But after the Resurrection it was a woman who saw him first of all.

There is something which the Evangelists tell us in a veiled way, but which I shall reveal to your charity. As was right and just, the Mother of God was the first person to receive from the Lord the Good News of the Resurrection, and she saw Him risen and had the joy of His divine words before anyone else. She not only beheld Him with her eyes and heard Him with her ears, but was the first and only person to touch with her hands His most pure feet. If the Evangelists do not say all this openly it is because they do not want to put forward his Mother as a witness, lest they give unbelievers grounds for suspicion.

*St. Gregory Palamas*

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