

ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
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**Sunday, May 8, 2022 | Third Sunday of Pascha**

Tone 2 – Holy Myrrhbearing Women  
Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian  
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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**Weekly Schedule**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!**

Wednesday: Saints Cyril and Methodius, Teachers of the Slavs

Saturday: May 14 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: May 15 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha | Paralytic  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**  
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: May 15 – Spring General Parish Meeting to be held  
after Divine Liturgy in the church basement.

Tuesday: May 17 - Bible Study [RESCHEDULED] at 6:30PM in the  
church basement and on the ZOOM media platform.

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 2)**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

### **Troparion (Tone 2 - Pentecostarion)**

The noble Joseph, / when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, / wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, / and placed it in a new tomb. / But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, // granting the world great mercy.

### **Troparion (Tone 2 – Saint John)**

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, / hasten to deliver a defenseless people! / He Who allowed thee to recline on His breast, / receives thee as thou dost bow before Him. / Implore Him, O John the Theologian, / to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens, // entreating for us peace and great mercy!

### **Kontakion (Tone 2 – Saint John)**

Who shall declare thy greatness, / O virgin disciple, / for thou dost pour forth wonders and art a source of healings, // and prayest for our souls as theologian and friend of Christ.

### **Kontakion (Tone 2 - Pentecostarion)**

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. / By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. / Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles: // “The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 6)**

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!  
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

### **Another Prokeimenon (Tone 8)**

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe.

### **Epistle Reading: Acts 6:1-7**

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually 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 the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)

v. O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. Alleluia (3x's)  
v. Mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Alleluia (3x's)  
v. The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. Alleluia (3x's)  
[TONE 1]

**Gospel Reading: Mark 15:43-16:8**

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. 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 into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Instead of "It is truly meet..." we sing the following**

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: / "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, / Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! / With Himself He has raised all the dead." / Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord has shone on you. / Exult now, / and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, / O pure Theotokos, / in the Resurrection of your Son!

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!  
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. Alleluia (3x's)

**Announcements**

**A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests** who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

## Announcements

**The Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2022 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #2 of 3.**

According to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A. of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all Annual and General Parish Meetings shall be announced in the Parish Bulletin and read by the Parish Rector from the amvon on three consecutive Sundays preceding the date of the Meeting. Apologizes for the late notice regarding this meeting date.

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**Vigil Cross Votive Candles:** We still have availability for the vigil cross votive candles to be lit for services on Sundays and Feast Days. As of this morning, these selected following dates and cross sizes have been reserved:

- \* **Mother's Day (May 8) = Both Large Crosses have been reserved**
- \* **Memorial Day (May 29) = *Both Large Crosses are available***
- \* **PENTECOST (June 12) = Both Large Crosses have been reserved**
- \* **Father's Day (June 19) = Both Large Crosses have been reserved**

Please see Simon Herbert for details of cross sizes and schedule cross lightings!

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**AMAZON SMILE!**

When ordering online on Amazon.com, please make sure to click on Amazon Smile and select our church - Assumption of the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church - to have a small percentage of your purchases (0.5%) to be contributed to our church. For more information on the Amazon purchase process, please speak with any member of the parish council. Thank You!

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**[Note:** *Today's readings for Saint John the Theologian are as follows:*  
*Epistle – 1 John 1:1-7 and Gospel – John 19:25-27; 21:24-25]*

**Announcements** (cont.)

**Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed**

**Health for the Living:**

Richard LeRoy offered by Nina Patterson

**May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!**

**Memory for the Departed:**

Mary, Michael, and MaryAnn Popelak offered by the DeVito Family  
Richard Coan offered by his wife Anna Coan

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Two Decorated Candles on the Altar – 5/1/22**

Health of Daniel Herbert on his birthday offered by MM Herbert

**Today - Vigil Cross Candles – 5/8/22:**

One Large Votive Cross – Health of Anne (Homa) Killoran & John Homa Jr.  
offered by their brother Ron Homa

One Small Votive Cross – Health of Helen Kreider offered by Jerome and Darcy Stafford

One Small Votive Cross – Health of Mother Catherine offered by Barbara Andrews

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Anastasia Jones & her unborn child; Heather Parsells & her unborn child; Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Anne (Homa) Killoran (recovery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Dr. Gale Rutan; Joseph Rabik; Peter Witiak; and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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**Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of May 1)**

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$0 from the Candy Sale

## Announcements (cont.)

**Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!**

**\*\*\*\*\*Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon\*\*\*\*\***

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. By the action taken at the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, October 10, 2021, the parish body approved that the special collection for the first three Sundays of the month be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (now known as the Row House Fund).

The fourth Sunday (and fifth, when it occurs) the special collection will be earmarked towards Charity.

This new collection schedule began back on Sunday, October 17, 2021.  
Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. Thank You!

### Cash Flow Activity (April)

<u>Week of Sun Apr 24 to Sat Apr 30</u>	<u>April Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance: 79	54 (average)
Funds In: \$ 4,034.30	\$15,664.26
Funds Out: \$ 242.02	\$11,459.34
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 3,792.28	\$ 4,204.92

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

**Shop Rite Gift Cards:** If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

## Calendar of Events

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

### Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (May 8)</u>	<u>Next Week (May 15)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	Michael Spack	David Pellack
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Reader Mark Klus	Matthew Andrews
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus and Michael Spack	John Spack

### Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

If you have volunteered to host coffee hour, please check which team you are on and when your Team is hosting coffee hour in the white/clear 3-ring binder which is located on the display case outside of the office room.

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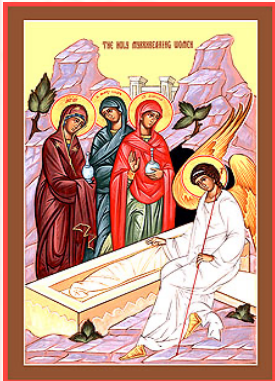
Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in May/June 2022.

**Sunday, May 15** – Spring General Parish Meeting scheduled after Divine Liturgy

**Friday May 27 thru Monday, May 30** – Memorial Day Weekend

**Monday, May 30** – Saint Tikhon's Monastery 118<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage

**Sunday, June 12** – Pentecost: The Parish will have a traditional Pascha dinner after Liturgy. Planning for this event will begin in two weeks (Sunday, May 15). A sign up sheet will be made available for you to volunteer and schedule to bring Pascha food / beverages on this day.



**Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women  
with the Noble Joseph**  
[May 8<sup>th</sup>]

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).

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 Arduinis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).

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**Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian** [May 8<sup>th</sup>]

The Church commemorates Saint John on this day because of the annual pilgrimage to his grave.

When Saint John was more than one hundred years old, he took seven of his disciples and went to a spot outside the city of Ephesus. There he told them to dig a grave in the form of a cross. Then he climbed into the grave and told his disciples to cover him with earth. Later, the grave was opened and the saint's body was not there.

Each year on May 8 a red dust would arise from the grave which the faithful collected in order to be healed of their illnesses. Saint John's main Feast is on September 26.

