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**Sunday, May 15, 2016 | Third Sunday of Pascha**

Tone 2 – Holy Myrrbearing Women

Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Coenobitic Monasticism

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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**Weekly Schedule**

Today: Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church schoolroom.

Saturday: May 21 – The wedding of Kathy Wanenchak will be held in our parish.

Saturday: May 21 - Great Vespers at **5:00PM!**

Sunday: May 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha! Sunday of Paralytic!

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

Sunday: May 22 – Blessing of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth & Deborah Kavalkovich's marriage on their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary after the Divine Liturgy

## **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 – Pentecostarion)**

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: / “Myrrh is fitting for the dead; / but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! / So proclaim: “The Lord is risen, // granting the world great mercy.”

### **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!”

### **Kontakion (Tone 8 – Pascha)**

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

### **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!

### **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)

### **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 James 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:**

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

## **Announcements**

**A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guest** 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 (cont.)

**Pascha Flowers** Please take any remaining flowers that are left on the tetrapod, on the altar steps (except for the two trees), or on the stage in the church basement. There may be 13 flowers still remaining that are looking for a home and someone to take care of them.

**Believe it or not...it was a very slow news week...so here are some reminder dates on the church calendar as of yesterday:**

### 2016

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Thur, June 9	Ascension of our Lord	Liturgy will be served that day
Sun, June 19	Pentecost	Also Father's Day
Mon, June 27	Apostles Fast Begins	Fast is only 2 days this year
Wed, June 29	Feast of Sts Peter & Paul	Liturgy will be served that day
Mon, Aug 1	Dormition Fast Begins	Fast is only 2 weeks
Sat, Aug 6	Transfiguration	Liturgy will be served that day
Tue, Aug 9	St. Herman of Alaska	
Mon, Aug 15	Dormition of Theotokos	Liturgy will be served that day
Mon, Aug 29	Beheading of St John	Strict Fast Day
Thur, Sep 8	Nativity of Theotokos	Liturgy will be served that day
Wed, Sep 14	Elevation of the Cross	Liturgy will be served that day
Sat, Oct 1	Protection of Theotokos	Liturgy TBD
Tue, Nov 8	Synaxis of St Michaels	
Tue, Nov 15	Advent Begins	Nativity Fast
Mon, Nov 21	Entrance into Temple	Liturgy will be served that day
Wed, Nov 30	St Andrew –First Called	
Tue, Dec 6	St Nicholas Day	
Sun, Dec 25	Nativity of our Lord	Divine Liturgy of St Basil served

### 2017

Fri, Jan 6	Epiphany of our Lord	Liturgy will be served that day
Thu, Feb 2	Meeting of Lord in Temple	Liturgy TBD
Sun, Feb 5	Publican & Pharisee	Lenten Triodion Begins
Sun, Feb 26	Forgiveness Sunday	Great & Holy Lent Begins
Sat, Mar 25	Annunciation	Liturgy will be served that day
Sun, Apr 16	PASCHA	Both Easters are the same!



**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Koran Family offered by M/M William Koran  
For All Mothers offered by Nina Patterson  
Emelie Albrecht offered by Melanie Albrecht  
Maryanne, Marc, Ronnie Sr, Ronnie, Edith, Family and Friends offered by Patricia Ferguson  
For All Mothers, Aunts, Sisters of our Parish, Edith, Ronnie, Ronald, Catherine, Albert, Patricia,  
Sharon, William, Norman, Jude, Marc, Cyndi offered by Debra Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Mary Spack, Emma Albrecht offered by M/M David Albrecht Sr.  
John Pellack, M/M Paul Koran, offered by Pellack Family  
Julia Drimak, Jean Hourahan, Anna Bondira, Mary Drimak offered by Hourahan Family

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

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**Please remember in your prayers:** Cantrell Family; Grace Corba; Robert Corba; Julia Makara; Sharon Orr; Helen Riley; Helen Wanenchak; Annamae Witiak; Father Vincent Saverino; Father John Bohush and the parishioners of Saint Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church in Philadelphia; and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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**St Michael Orthodox Church – Wilmington, DE – Rummage Sale - Saturday, May 21**

The parish Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 8AM to 4PM. Alice Morjana is coordinating a bake table and the parish is asking for donations of homemade baked goods. The parish will also be selling hot dog platters and other goodies during the sale so if you plan on attending, please stop by to not only browse the sale items, but to also have lunch. For more information, contact the parish by phone at 302-995-6775.

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

## Announcements (cont.)

**Sign up sheets for Coffee Hour, Cleaning and Epistle & Hours Reading.** Sign up sheets for the above items are posted on the bulletin board in the church basement. Please be considerate and volunteer to assist with some of the parish responsibilities. Your time is very much appreciated!

**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. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Icon Fund (2016)
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

**Note:** if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

### Cash Flow Activity (May)

	<u>Week of May 2 to May 8</u>	<u>May Month-To-Date</u>
Attendance:	41	61 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,870.00	\$ 5,226.00
Funds Out:	\$ 200.87	\$ 2,100.87
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,669.13	\$ 3,125.13

**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 David Pellack 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

**Sunday, May 15 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room!** All property committee members are asked to attend the meeting. Follow up reports on the walk thru of both row homes and Church Hall will be discussed and to decide a consensus of identified concerns & problems that need addressing and repairing.

**St. Herman of Alaska exhibition at Villanova University! – FINAL DAYS!!!**

In honor of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Glorification of Saint Herman of Alaska, an exhibition – “Russian America: The Alaskan Native Spiritual Legacy” – is being held at Villanova University from January 22, 2016 and will run **through May 16, 2016. (THAT’S TOMORROW!!!)** The exhibit is organized by Archpriest John J. Perich.

Detail information:

[www.ArtGallery.Villanova.edu](http://www.ArtGallery.Villanova.edu)

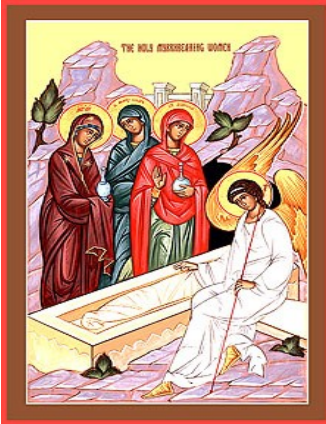
[www1.villanova.edu/villanova/studentlife/artgallery/current\\_exhibit.html](http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/studentlife/artgallery/current_exhibit.html)

Villanova University Art Gallery location  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Connelly Center (University Campus)  
800 Lancaster Avenue | Villanova, PA 19085  
Phone: 610-519-4612

Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday: 8am-11pm | Sat-Sun: 11am-11pm

**Spring General Parish Meeting - Sunday, June 5, 2016 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #1 of 3.** According to Article 10, Section 1, of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all 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. The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 5. Discussions will include events since the Annual Parish Meeting; activities over the summer months; the status of the Property Committee and other committee reports; and any other business that needs to be discussed. Meeting should take about an hour but should not exceed past 90 minutes.

**The Great and Holy Council of the Orthodox Church** is to take place from June 16 thru June 27, 2016, on the island of Crete. This Council will, for the first time ever, gather representatives from all fourteen autocephalous Orthodox Churches from around the globe. There will be five topics of discussion to be covered during this time ranging from: a common calendar; adapting an ancient faith to a modern reality; regulations of fasting and marriage in a multicultural and interreligious world; role of Orthodox Church in non-Orthodox countries (often referred to as Orthodoxy in the “diaspora”); and the manner of achieving the proper canonical status of one bishop per diocese (or city) when an existing diocese currently has a number of ethnic Orthodox Churches and, therefore, more than one bishop.



**Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women  
with the Nobel Joseph**  
[May 15<sup>th</sup>]

Today we commemorate the Holy Myrrh-bearing women Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Clopas, Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4). Also St Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), and Nicodemus.

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

**Saint Achilles the Bishop of Larissa [May 15<sup>th</sup> ]**

Saint Achilles, Bishop of Larissa, lived during the fourth century, during the reign of St Constantine the Great. Glorified for his holiness of life and erudition, he was made Bishop of Larissa in Thessaly.

St Achilles participated in the First Ecumenical Council, where he boldly denounced the heretic Arius. In his city he strove to promote Christianity, destroyed idolatrous pagan temples, and he built and adorned churches.

St Achilles had the gift of healing sickness, especially demonic possession, and he worked many miracles. The saint died peacefully in about the year 330. His relics are in Prespa, in today's Republic of Macedonia, since 978.