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Sunday, April 30, 2017 | Third Sunday of Pascha

Tone 2 – Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Holy Apostle James, the brother of St John the Theologian

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.
Topic: History of the Divine Liturgy

Saturday: May 6 - Great Vespers at **5:00PM!**

Sunday: May 7 – 4th Sunday of Pascha! Sunday of the Paralytic!
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: May 7 – Holy Ghost Byzantine Church's Spring Fling Hawaiian Themed Fundraiser [2310 South 24th Street * Philadelphia, PA]. Doors open at 11am and Lunch begins at 12pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults 13 and older & \$7 for children 12 and under.

Tuesday: May 9 - Bible Study at 6:30pm. Book of Leviticus

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.”

Troparion (Tone 3 – Apostle James)

O holy Apostle James, / entreat the merciful God // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Apostle James)

O James, having heard the voice of the Word calling thee, / thou didst abandon thy father’s love and run to Christ, together with thy brother John. / With him thou wast counted worthy // to behold the divine Transfiguration 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!

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!
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 (cont.)

Open Wedding Invitation

Because you have shared in our lives by your friendship and love, we

*Janet Marie Neis
and
Daniel William Drobish*

lovingly invite you to witness as we are Crowned in the Sacrament of Marriage

Sunday, the seventh of May,
two-thousand and seventeen
at three o'clock in the afternoon

Saint Vladimir Orthodox Church
812 Grand Street
Trenton, NJ 08610

Cocktail Reception to follow at Daria Hall (next door to the church)

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RSVP Information

We are not going to tell you where you have to sit. Or when to eat. Or how long to stay. After the service, enter Daria Hall and simply enjoy...the food...the drinks...the dance...one another. If you can be with us on May 7th, the favor of a reply is requested so that we may plan appropriately for our guests. Call 267-777-5395 and leave a message or email at NeisDrobish@gmail.com Subject: May7

We hope that all of our musically-talented friends will assemble together, to lift their voices in joyful and harmonious songs of praise and thanksgiving to God, under the skillful direction of **Mr. Gregg Staples**. All Liturgical Singers and Chanters are welcome. Please contact Gregg at gregent@aol.com for the music and further information.

*[Note: Today's readings for Saint James are as follows:
Epistle – Acts 12:1-11 and Gospel - Luke 5:1-11]*

Additional Troparion (Tone 8 – Apostle James)

Thou wast called to be a disciple and warrior of Christ, one of the exalted choir of Apostles. / With thy brother John, thou didst abandon all to follow the Master, O James; / thou wast filled with thy Holy Spirit and didst proclaim Him to all. / Thou didst bow thy head to the sword, the first of the twelve to shed thy blood! // We celebrate thy memory, O blessed one!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Greg Lindsay offered by Nina Patterson
Ronald Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Dorothy Makara offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
David Albrecht Sr offered by Melanie Albrecht
David Albrecht Jr offered by Melanie Albrecht
Olga Macalush offered by M/M Herbert
Joseph Herbert offered by M/M Herbert

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Kathy Joyce offered by M/M Herbert

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers: Julia Makara (*newly departed*); Dave Albrecht Sr (on his recovery & rehabilitation); Emelie Albrecht (on her recovery & rehabilitation); Cantrell Family; Grace Corba; Robert Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Margaret Pellack; Helen Riley; Helen Wanenchak; 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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Father Mark and Matushka Jan would like to thank all of those who sent Pascha cards and gifts to them. May God Grant you Many Blessed Years!

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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 (2016-17)
- 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 (April)

	<u>Week of Apr 17 to Apr 23</u>	<u>(4/10 to 4/16)</u>	<u>April Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	34	85	53 (average)
<i>Pascha Vespers (4/16)</i>		<i>24</i>	
Funds In:	\$ 1861.00	\$ 3,746.00	\$ 11,070.00
Funds Out:	\$ 1,951.32	\$ 1,555.00	\$ 7,139.07
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 90.32)	\$ 2,191.00	\$ 3,930.93

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

1st Sunday of each month – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Liturgy.

Sunday, May 7 - Holy Ghost Byzantine Church's Spring Fling Hawaiian Themed Fundraiser! [2310 South 24th Street – Philadelphia, PA]

Father Ed and the parishioners at Holy Ghost have invited our parish to their Spring Fling Fundraiser on May 7. Doors open at 11am and Lunch will be served at 12pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults 13 and older and \$7 for children 12 and under.

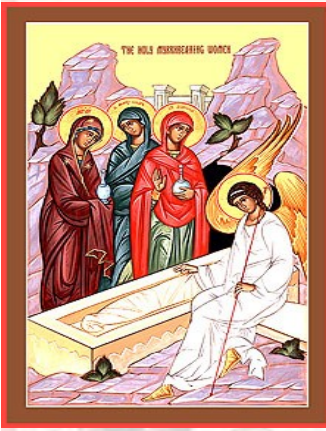
See the Flyers posted on our bulletin boards in the church and downstairs!

Bible Study – Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30pm in the church basement. The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and is reading the next book in the bible. They will continue reading and discussing the Book of Leviticus.

Spring General Parish Meeting - Sunday, May 21, 2017 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, May 21. Discussions will include events since the Annual Parish Meeting; activities over the summer months; the Property Committee (Hall status) 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.

THANK YOU!!! The Property Committee wishes to thank all of its committee members, parishioners, and parish friends who came out yesterday to finish the work at the Parish Hall by performing minor construction work and also in cleaning up the Hall. Your time and talent is very much appreciated. May God Grant you all many happy and healthy years, and that you may have a remaining joyous Pascha season.

Also, thank you for staying for Vespers last evening. It was a nice turnout and especially on a beautiful and unseasonably hot, April Saturday! Please continue to make every effort by attending as many Vespers as possible.



Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph [April 30th]

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.

Apostle James the Brother of St John the Theologian

The Holy Apostle James, the son of Zebedee, was the brother of Saint John the Theologian, and one of the Twelve Apostles. He and his brother, Saint John, were called to be Apostles by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who called them the “Sons of Thunder” (Mark 3:17). It was this James, with John and Peter, who witnessed the Raising of the Daughter of Jairus, the Lord’s Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, and His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Saint James, after the Descent of the Holy Spirit, preached in Spain and in other lands, and then he returned to Jerusalem. He openly and boldly preached Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world, and he denounced the Pharisees and the Scribes with the words of Holy Scripture, reproaching them for their malice of heart and unbelief.

The Jews could not prevail against Saint James, and so they hired the sorcerer Hermogenes to dispute with the apostle and refute his arguments that Christ was the promised Messiah Who had come into the world. The sorcerer sent to the apostle his pupil Philip, who was converted to belief in Christ. Then Hermogenes himself became persuaded of the power of God, he burned his books of magic, accepted holy Baptism and became a true follower of Christ.

The Jews persuaded Herod Agrippa (40-44) to arrest the Apostle James and sentence him to death (Acts 12:1-2). Eusebius provides some of the details of the saint’s execution (CHURCH HISTORY II, 9). Saint James calmly heard the death sentence and continued to bear witness to Christ. One of the false witnesses, whose name was Josiah, was struck by the courage of Saint James. He came to believe in Jesus Christ as the Messiah. When they led the apostle forth to execution, Josiah fell at his feet, repenting of his sin and asking forgiveness. The apostle embraced him, gave him a kiss and said, “Peace and forgiveness to you.” Then Josiah confessed his faith in Christ before everyone, and he was beheaded with Saint James in the year 44 at Jerusalem.

Saint James was the first of the Apostles to die as a martyr.