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**Sunday, May 12, 2019 | Third Sunday of Pascha**

Tone 2 – Holy Myrrhbearing Women  
St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403)  
**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

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**Weekly Schedule**

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

Tuesday: Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement.  
The class will continue reading the Books of Samuel.

Saturday: May 18 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: May 19 - 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 19 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church basement Sunday school room.

## **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 foundation 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 & 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

### **Friends of Mount Moriah Cemetery Inc. – Grass Cutting Events**

The Friends of Mount Moriah Cemetery Inc. (FOMMCI) have scheduled grass cutting and weed whacking the first and third Saturdays of the month. Volunteers are welcome to join them on these Saturdays to help cut grass and/or whack weeds. FOMMCI has limited equipment and encourages volunteers to bring a mower or weed whacker. Volunteers are to meet at the entrance to the Philadelphia side of the cemetery (6201 Kingsessing Ave.) by 8am sharp. The event is scheduled from 8am to 12 noon. Saturday Dates: 5/18, 6/1, 6/15, 7/6, 7/20, 8/3, 8/17, 9/7, 9/21, and 10/5.

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### **SPRING OUTDOOR CLEANUP – DATE/TIME TBD**

As spring begins to wind down and the hot, hazy, humid days of summer begin to move in, the parish would like to have volunteers to perform an outdoor clean up, specifically, cleaning up the backyard area over at the 2111 home, the yard area behind the garage, and the area behind the Church Hall. These three areas have tremendous growth of grass and weeds during the summer. Performing a routine maintenance of these grounds in the spring will assist in a more manageable Fall cleanup later at the end of the year. The Date and Time is yet To Be Determined, but the parish would like this project to be performed on a Saturday in either May or June before the summer begins and before the work begins to repair the roof and wall from the water damage.

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### **Parish Restoration Project:**

Please visit the parish website and click on the Restoration Project section to read a brief note on the additional work needed to restore the parish. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, at your convenience, and providing the talents God has given you, please contact anyone on the Parish Council or the Property Committee to schedule a date, time, and task. Thank You!

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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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### **Wool Donations:**

The Parish is now accepting either actual donations of wool or monetary donations to purchase wool to knit blankets and hats. Please see Dr. Janine McCartney for more details on this project!

**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Ronald, Barbara, Marc, Catherine, Albert, Patricia, William, Susan, Anastasia, Colin offered by Reader Kenneth & Debbie Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Mother Anna Rabik offered by her son Joseph Rabik  
Jim Leddy offered by Nina Patterson  
Gerasimoff Family offered by Catherine Kavalkovich  
Kavalkovich Family offered by Catherine Kavalkovich  
Kapusnik Family offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 5/5/19:**

One Small Votive Cross - Memory of Anna and Sam Sabato offered by Kathy and Joe Renzetti.

One Small Votive Cross – Memory of William and Mary Zuzulock offered by Kathy and Joe Renzetti.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Lucas Andrews (**Baptized – May 11**); Christopher and Allison Andrews; Grace Corba; Catherine Kavalkovich; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Margaret Pellack; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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**Cookbook Sale:**

The parish cookout, *At Our Table*, is for sale in the church basement and also on Amazon.com website. Please speak with Dr. Janine McCartney for more information on the parish cookbooks.

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

## Announcements (cont.)

### Coffee Hour / Cleaning and Epistle / Hours Reading Schedule.

We now have an established full rotating schedule for the Coffee Hour & Cleaning, and the Hours & Epistle Readings. The Reading schedule sheets will be posted quarterly on the bulletin board in the church basement. The Coffee Hour/Cleaning schedule is in a binder located on the display case.

### \*\*\*\*\*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 – Youth Fund (*reactivated July 2018*)
- 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/May)

	<u>Week of April 29 to May 5</u>	<u>April Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance:	35	64 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,216.02	\$ 12,546.67
Funds Out:	\$ 2,657.95	\$ 5,446.58
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 1,441.93)	\$ 7,100.09

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

**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** – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.

**Bible Study – Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm in the church basement.**

The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and will continue the readings and discussing the section in the Bible – The Books of **Samuel**.

**Sunday, May 19 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday this month – Please Note Change in Date)!** All property committee members are asked to attend this important meeting. Discussions will include the work to repair the roof and wall as a result of the water damage, and in preparation for the Spring Parish Meeting in June.

**Sunday, May 26 - Church Life Discussion class after Divine Liturgy and Fellowship Hour. (The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday this month)!**

The Topic – Don't Be Tone Deaf! Understanding the Arrangements and Beauty of the Eight tones during all Liturgical Services.

**The Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2019 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #1 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. In addition to its regular scheduled business to discuss church matters, the parish will hear from representatives from the Property Committee who will present proposals on the necessary work that needs to be performed on the roof and walls where the water damage has occurred. As evidence as to what occurred during Holy Week, this is an important meeting where the parishioners will decide op how and where funds from the insurance proceeds and the parish's building funds are to be dispersed.

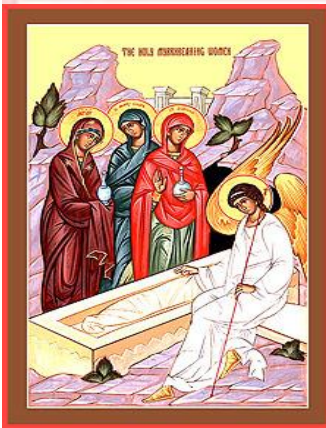
**Saturday, June 15 – Blessing of the Graves at Mount Moriah – 12 Noon!**

*[Rescheduled from Saint Thomas Sunday due to Inclement Weather]*

If the weather cooperates with us, we'll have our annual Blessing of the Graves on this day. Please dress appropriately for that day's weather conditions.

**Cleaning Teams:** Today (May 12): Saint Innocent  
(Dave Albrecht, Melanie Albrecht).

Next Week (May 19): Saint Agatha of Belo-Russia  
(Nina Patterson, Natalie Patterson, Michael Spack).



## **Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph** [May 12<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.

## **Commemoration of the Founding of Constantinople** [May 11<sup>th</sup>]

In 324 the holy Emperor Constantine (May 21) decided that the imperial capital had to be closer to the Eastern provinces, and yet have direct communication with the West. The city of Byzantium fulfilled these requirements, and on November 8, 324 the site of the new capital was consecrated.

Tradition tells us that the Emperor was tracing the boundaries of the city with a spear, when his courtiers became astonished by the magnitude of the new dimensions of the capital. "Lord," they asked, "how long will you keep going?"

Constantine replied, "I shall keep going until the one who walks ahead of me stops."

Then they understood that the emperor was being guided by some divine power. There is an iconographic sketch by Rallis Kopsides showing an angel of the Lord going before Saint Constantine as he traces the new boundaries of the city.

Construction of the main buildings was begun in 325, and pagan monuments from Rome, Athens, and other cities were used to beautify the new capital. The need for the new city is partially explained by the changing requirements of government, the Germanic invasion of the West, and commercial benefits, but the new city was also to be a Christian capital. For this, a new foundation was required.

In 330, the work had progressed to the point where it was possible for Constantine to dedicate the new capital. The dedication took place on May 11, followed by forty days of joyous celebration. Christian Constantinople was placed under the protection of the Most Holy Theotokos, and overshadowed pagan Byzantium. Saint Constantine was the first Emperor to submit voluntarily to Christ, and Constantinople became the symbol of a Christian Empire which lasted for a thousand years.