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Sunday, April 22, 2018 | Third Sunday of Pascha

Tone 2 – Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Saint Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis (613)

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.

Today: Holy Ghost Byzantine Church's Spring Fling
All-American Themed Fundraiser [2310 South 24th Street]

Monday: Holy Glorious Greatmartyr & Wonderworker George

Wednesday: Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark

Saturday: April 28 – **NO** Great Vespers Scheduled!

Sunday: April 29 – 4th Sunday of Pascha! Paralytic
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: April 29 - **NO** Church Life Discussion Class Scheduled!

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

We would like to welcome back today to our parish Father Emmanuel Pratsinakis, retired and formally the spiritual leader of St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Father Emmanuel is no stranger to our parish. He has been here many times in the past serving during special services such as the Lenten Mission Services held this year in our parish, the Holy Week service of Bridegrooms Matins Tuesday evening, and he substituted last summer on August 20 while Father Mark was away. If you haven't already, please introduce yourself and give Father Emmanuel a warm South Philly welcome.

Father Emmanuel will also be serving Divine Liturgy next week (April 29) while Father Mark and Matushka Jan are away visiting the Republic of Georgia.

Father Mark and Matushka Jan are still away visiting the Republic of Georgia until **April 30**. Both of them are doing well and enjoying themselves with spiritual family, friends and the holy sites during this Pascha season!

Father Victor Gorodenchuk, Dean of the Philadelphia Deanery and Rector of St. Stephen Cathedral is available for emergencies during the time Father Mark is away.

Annual Pentecost (Pascha) Dinner – Sunday, May 27 after Vespers in the church basement.

The parish will once again hold its annual Pentecost Dinner with Pascha food on Pentecost Sunday which is May 27 this year.

Beginning next Sunday (April 29), if you wish to bring or donate Pascha food, beverages, or kitchen supplies, please see Catherine Kavalkovich to discuss what items the parish will need for our dinner. The dinner will be a free will offering and any monetary donations towards the dinner are always appreciated! Thank You!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Joseph Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Helen Semachuk offered by M/M Herbert
Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Sister Mary McKinney offered by her brother Joseph Rabik

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Margaret Pellack; Helen Wanenchak; Father Vincent Saverino (retired); Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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The 114th Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery is scheduled for May 25 through May 28, 2018 (Pentecost Weekend). Once again, Pilgrims will be especially graced by the presence of the Myrrhstreaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Mother of God and by the participation and presence of numerous hierarchs, clergy, faithful, and friends from the Orthodox Church in America and other Orthodox jurisdictions from America and beyond.

Pilgrimage information and schedule for the weekend events are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule area.

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 – Icon Fund (2016-18)
- 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 9 to Apr 15</u>	<u>April Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	37	66 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,943.00	\$ 7,785.00
Funds Out:	\$ 1,452.00	\$ 4,742.69
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 491.00	\$ 3,042.31

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

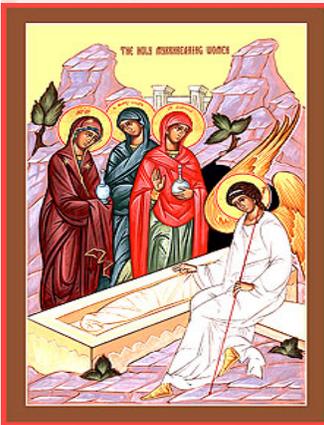
Today – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2nd 4th Sunday this month – Please Note Change in Date)! All property committee members are asked to attend the meeting. Discussions will include any follow-up from the previous meeting, and any additional action(s) that need to be taken.

Today - Holy Ghost Byzantine Church's Spring Fling Fundraiser! [2310 South 24th St – Philadelphia, PA]
Father Ed and the parishioners at Holy Ghost have invited our parish to their All-American Themed Auction Spring Fling Fundraiser on April 22. 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!

UPDATE!!! – There will be NO Church Life Discussion class next Sunday, April 29. Father Mark will still be away over in the Republic of Georgia. The class will resume next month and is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, May 20** after Divine Liturgy and our Fellowship Hour. NOTE the change in date due to Pentecost!

Sunday, May 6 – Blessing of Graves [Rescheduled from Saint Thomas Sunday due to Inclement Weather]
If the weather cooperates with us, we will have our annual Blessing of the Graves at Mount Moriah Cemetery around 1pm. For those that stay at the cemetery after the grave blessing, a common picnic will be held near the Spack (Onufer & Julia) family gravesite. Please bring your favorite foods, beverages, and lawn chairs. Please dress appropriately for that day's weather (jackets, windbreakers, hats, sunscreen, etc...).

Cleaning Teams: Today (Apr 22): (Catherine & Al Kavalkovich, Emily Gerasimoff, and Simon Herbert). Next Week (Apr 29): Saint Alexander Hotovitzky (Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuck, and Pete Witiak) .



Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph [April 22nd]

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 Maximian the Patriarch of Constantinople [April 21st]

Saint Maximian, Patriarch of Constantinople, was born in Rome from wealthy and pious parents. Upon receiving his inheritance, he provided tombs to bury those who led holy lives.

Saint Maximian was a plain man and he preferred to live far from worldly vanity. Because of his pure and virtuous life, Patriarch Sisinius of Constantinople (426-427) ordained him presbyter. When the heretic Nestorius (428-431) was deposed as Patriarch of Constantinople, Saint Maximian replaced him on the patriarchal throne on October 25, 431, during the reign of the holy emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450).

The holy Patriarch Maximian died peacefully on April 12, 434, on Great and Holy Thursday.