

THE MYRRH-BEARERS



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A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us!

Congratulations and Many Years!

Today we will have the baptism of Annabelle Lee, daughter of Olga Elton. We congratulate them as well as the sponsors, the entire family and friends. May the Lord God grant them health, strength, salvation, furtherance in every good thing and many bless years!



SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women

8:40a.m. Prebaptismal Prayers
 9:00a.m. Baptismal Div. Liturgy
 Coffee Hour

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

4th Sunday of Pascha

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour



The Feast of Mid-Pentecost

is celebrated this year on Wednesday, May 14th. On this feast we bless water, recalling how the Lord cried out to all in the midst of the feast, "If anyone thirsts let him come to me and drink!" The Blessing of Water will be served on Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00pm, and the Divine Liturgy will be served on Wednesday, May 14th at 9:00am. All are encouraged to attend!

Have An Idea?

Do you have any idea that you would like to share about our Mission? Please share it with Fr. John or one of the Council Members – we are always looking for ways to improve the Mission!

360 Degree Virtual Tours

We have added two new virtual tours to our website – one in the center of the chapel and the other in front of the altar table. Check them out!



Witnessing to the Resurrection

And so the apostles gave witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power. And great grace was on them all. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly. (Acts)


Contemplate the Risen Lord

- ❖ How during the 40 days after the Resurrection He showed Himself to the disciples, confirming them in the Faith;
- ❖ How His Resurrection brought great joy to those who loved Him, but unspeakable bitterness to those who hated Him;
- ❖ How His 2nd Coming, in glory and power, will evoke different feelings among different people – either joy or bitterness.
- ❖ How by His Resurrection, He destroyed the fear of death in the faithful, confirming their hope in everlasting life.

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May. 11th
 Alexis Oleynik

Sunday, May 18th
 Gabriela Jones





Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage

The Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, PA is Monday, May 26th. Fr. John and his family plan to attend this year. If you are interested in going and need directions or would like to find travel partners, please let Fr. John know.

Two Suggestions

- 1) Invite someone new to church;
- 2) Talk to someone new today.

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 3/31/14					CASH FLOWS IN APRIL 2014					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 5/04		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Mortgage
19,635	16,323	3,200	4,918	1,594	7,317	9,746	1,750	3,651	-4,330	6,951	0	360,326



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA: FEAST OF THE HOLY MYRRBEARERS

From Goarch.org

The third Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Holy Myrrbearers. The day commemorates when the women disciples of our Lord came to the tomb to anoint his body with myrrh-oils but found the tomb empty. As the woman wondered what this meant, angels appeared proclaiming that Christ had risen from the dead.

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to His sepulcher, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called Myrrh-bearers.

Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matthew 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41.

Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14.) Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Savior, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Savior's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counselors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).

ON DEATH AND RESURRECTION IN CHRIST

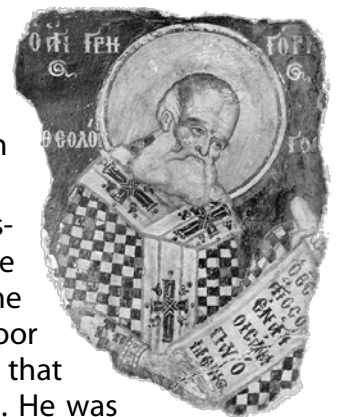
St. Gregory the Theologian

Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him. Yesterday I died with Him; today I am made alive with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him; today I am raised up with Him.

Let us offer to Him Who suffered and rose again for us ... ourselves, the possession most precious to God and most proper. Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. Let us become Divine for His sake, since for us He became Man. He assumed the worse that He might give us the better. He became poor that by His poverty we might become rich. He accepted the form of a servant that we might win back our freedom. He came down that we might be lifted up. He was tempted that through Him we might conquer. He was dishonored that He might glorify us. He died that He might save us. He ascended that He might draw to Himself us, who were thrown down through the fall of sin. Let us give all, offer all, to Him who gave Himself a Ransom and Reconciliation for us.

We needed an incarnate God, a God put to death, that we might live. We were put to death together with Him that we might be cleansed. We rose again with Him because we were put to death with Him. We were glorified with Him because we rose again with Him.

A few drops of Blood recreate the whole of creation!



ABOUT THE PASCHAL TROPARION – CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Upon those in the tombs... has at the very same time two meanings, for the Resurrection of Christ destroys both sin and death. If we be in the tombs of sin, we are brought out; if we be in the tomb of death, we will be brought out.

This is made manifest in the Gospel of John (5:25) when the Lord says, "the hour is coming and now is, when the dead (those in sin) will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live."

This is a reference to the "first resurrection", which is the resurrection of the soul from sin. "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all those who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth..." (verses 28-29). This refers to the future or "second resurrection," that of the body.



The immediate resurrection we experience, and the first benefit of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, is that of the soul being raised from the deadness of sin. The nature of the "second resurrection", whether it will be for "the resurrection of life" or "the resurrection of condemnation" (5:29), is dependent upon whether or not we experience our rising from the deadness of sin, now in this life.

So, when we sing the hymn, "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!" – we acknowledge that the living are being raised from sin and the biologically dead, will be raised; the fruitfulness of the Resurrection of Christ is beneficial for both the living and the dead; and for the present age and the age to come.

THE MINISTER AND THE TAXI DRIVER

From Belief Net

A minister has just died and is standing in line waiting to be judged and admitted to Heaven. While waiting he asks the man in front of him about himself. The man says, "I am a taxi driver from New York City."

The angel standing at the gate calls out next, and the taxi driver steps up. The angel hands him a golden staff and a cornucopia of fruits, cheeses, and wine and lets him pass. The taxi driver is quite pleased, and proceeds through the gates.

Next, the minister steps up to the angel who hands him a wooden staff and some bread and water.

The minister is very concerned and asks the angel, "That guy is a taxi driver and gets a golden staff and a cornucopia! I spend my entire life as a minister and get nothing! How can that be?"

The angel replies, "Up here we judge on results – all of your people sleep through your sermons – in his taxi, they pray."



Birthdays:

- 5/1 Logan Morsey
- 5/9 Gabriel Morsey
- 5/12 Caleb McFarland
- 5/21 Kelly Hageman
- 5/26 Dominic Morsey
Elisabeth Parsells
- 5/29 Irene Clenney
- 5/30 Michael McFarland

Anniversaries:

- 5/21 Darrell & Deborah Wilson

Namesdays:

- 5/5 *St. Irene the Great Martyr*
Irene Clenney
Alma Linda Hageman
- 5/5 *St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre*
Christopher Morsey
- 5/8 *St. Emilia*
Mat. Emily Parsells
Jodi McElwee
- 5/21 *Ss. Constantine & Helen*
Constantine Cook
Constantine Mitsopolous
Constantine Reynolds
Ellen Kaloroumakis
Lena Labai