

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



Icon of the Myrrh-bearing Women

The Myrrh-Bearing Women

The Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women ... reminds us that the love and faithfulness of a few individuals shone brightly in the midst of hopeless darkness. It calls us to ensure that in this world love and faithfulness do not disappear or die out. It judges our lack of courage, our fear, our endless and servile rationalizations. The mysterious Joseph and Nicodemus, and these women who go to the grave at dawn, occupy so little space in the gospels. Precisely here, however, is where the eternal fate of each of us is decided.

Today, I think, we are especially in need of recovering this love and basic human loyalty. For we have entered a time when even these are being discredited by harmful concepts of the person and human life now prevailing in this world. For centuries, the world still had the weak, but still

flickering and shining, glow from that faithfulness, love and co-suffering which was silently present at the sufferings of the Man cast aside by all. And we need to cling, as if to a last thread, to everything in our world that still thrives on the warm light of simple, earthly, human love. Love does not ask about theories and ideologies, but speaks to the heart and soul. Human history has rumbled along, kingdoms have risen and fallen, cultures have been built and bloody wars fought, but what has remained unchanging on earth and in this troubled and tragic history is the bright image of the woman. An image of care, self-giving, love, compassion. Without this presence, without this light, our world, regardless of its successes and accomplishments, would be a world of terror.

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"Christ is Risen!"
"Khristos Voskres!"

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Myrrh-bearing Women

THIS WEEKEND we will commemorate the Myrrh-bearing Women, who went to the tomb of Jesus that first Easter Sunday morning in order to anoint the sacred Body of Our Lord. Today we are blessed with many "Myrrh-bearing women" in our parish. They teach our children, clean and decorate our church, work in our Hall, cook and clean the rectory. May God bless all our Myrrh-Bearers with health and much love.

THIS WEEKEND we will livestream the Holy Liturgy Sunday morning at 9 am on the YOUTUBE platform. Next weekend we will livestream the Holy Liturgy Saturday, April 24, at 6 pm on the YOUTUBE network. Be sure to inform all your friends and relatives about this unique service we provide for our remote parish faithful around the Country. Be an Evangelist and spread the Word of God far and wide!

ON SATURDAY we sang the burial prayers for +Felicia Vallese, 70, of Norristown, PA. Felicia was a member of the former St. Augustine parish and the mother of two sons and three daughters. ETERNAL MEMORY!

NEW 2021 CHURCH CALENDARS, both English and Ukrainian, are available in the Church today. Please help yourselves to these beautiful calendars today. Also please check out the basement for church envelopes for your family and friends and pass them out.

OUR PARISH SUNDAY SCHOOL is now in the middle of the spring semester, as we teach our dear children about the Lord Jesus and His Holy Church. Be sure that your children tune in Sunday at 11 am on Google Meet. New students can enroll by beaking up our parish website and filling out the registration from. Classes are held from Preschool through high-school, as well as First Confession and Communion.

WE SEND OUT TODAY our loving thanks to all our dear faithful, both in church and those living far and wide, for generous donations to our church. Our parish is vibrant and thriving today because of your generosity, thanks be to God.

FUTURE EVENTS for your calendar include Father Ronald's 80th birthday May 22-23 and First Communion celebration on Fathers' Day, June 20.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm	+Dr. Howard Lyboldt (Diane McCall)
Sunday, 9 am	+Alexander Radchenko (The Maruszczak Fam.)
Saturday, Ap. 24, 6 pm	+Howard Taylor (Dr. John Cienki)
Sunday, Ap. 25, 9 am	+Steve Popivchak (Frances Yuschak)

TODAY'S TROPAR: When noble Joseph took down Your Body from the Cross, he wrapped it in clean linen and anointed it with spices, and covering it, he laid it in a newly hewn tomb. But You, O Lord, rose again after three days, giving the world great mercy.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK: O Christ-God, You commanded the myrrh-bearing Women to rejoice, and You quieted the weeping of Mother Eve with Your Resurrection, and You ordered the Apostles to preach: "The Savior has risen from the dead, amen".

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Save, O Lord, Your People, bless Your inheritance.

LOVE —
Fr. Ronald —