

SUNDAY OF THE MYRR-BEARERS



*Icon of Our Lord's Appearance to the Myrr-bearing Women*

## *The Best Role of All*

The church school was getting ready for the annual Easter pageant and all the children were asked to choose which part they wanted to play. One child chose to play Mary Magdalene, other children chose to play Saint Peter, or Joseph of Arimathea, and so forth. But, when it came time for Johnny's turn to choose, he happily wanted to be the angel who rolls away the stone that sealed the tomb of Our Lord.

After the pageant was over and Johnny was going home with his parents, his mother expressed how disappointed they were that he didn't choose a larger, more prominent role in the play. Johnny, however, was bouncing excitedly all over the back seat, obviously thrilled with his performance in the pageant. Finally, his mother turned to him and asked, "Tell me,

Johnny, why are you so happy about just being the angel who rolls away the stone from the tomb? Wouldn't you have liked to have had a bigger part to play?" Johnny replied quite innocently, "Oh, no, mom, just think! I'm the one who gets to let Jesus out! What role could be better than that?"

"The myrrh-bearing women arrived just before the dawn at the tomb of the Giver of Life and found an angel seated on the stone who spoke these words to them: 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? Why do you mourn the Incorruptible among those subject to decay? Go announce the good news to His disciples!'" (From Resurrection Matins) Let us continue to announce the good news and joyfully sing out: "Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!"

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

March 6-7, 2022  
First Lenten Sun.

THIS WEEKEND we will pray for peace in UKraine at all the Liturgies and recite our special litany after Holy Communion. The Sunday Liturgy will be Livestreamed via YOUTUBE for all our at-home faithful. We are scheduled to Livestream the Liturgy next Saturday, the 12th at 6 pm, as we continue to remember our Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine.

THIS SUNDAY at 10 am we will gather outside on Union Ave. for our rally for peace in Ukraine. All our Faithful families, our friends and neighbors and local government officials will attend. Everyone is invited, as we storm the heavens with our prayers for peace in the largest gathering for peace in all the region. We plan to Livestream this rally on YOUTUBE, so be sure that all your friends and relatives near and far tune in Sunday at 10 am.

WE WILL COLLECT FUNDS IN Church and at the rally, as well as through the mail, for the refugees fleeing Ukraine. These funds will be counted and sent via check to our Archbishop for distribution to the women and children fleeing Ukraine. Please be generous!

OUR TERRIFIC SUNDAY SCHOOL continues this Sunday, as the older children have been instructed to tune in to our Liturgy and Rally Sunday morning, as the younger grades will have their usual class at 11 am. We are planning our First Holy Communion celebration on Mother's Day.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL our parish sick and elderly folks: Tom Newmaster, Pat Pasquale, Angie Simko, Dottie Dolgash, Lidia Dychdala, Irene Dychdala, Alex and Vira Fedorkiw and our friend Fr. Yuriy Markevich. Perhaps a prayer, a card, a kind word or two...?

FINANCIAL IRS REPORTS can now be obtained from the parish office for 2021 donations to our Parish. Simply give your name(s) to the ushers and Father will prepare a confidential report by the following week.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 5, 6 pm	+Lois Kovack (Joanne, Joseph)
Sunday, March 6, 9 am	+Fonock, Bednar, Maruszczak Fam, (Bill, Bridget)
Saturday, March 12, 6 pm	+Dot Saboe (Maslayak, Plisiewicz F)
Sunday, March 13, 9 am	+Walter, Antoinette Paul (Lois P.)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

You did descend from on high, O Good-hearted One, You did accept a three-day burial, that You might free us from suffering, for You are our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, Glory be to You.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

The Divine Word of the Father, Christ, O Mother of God, was born of you in the Incarnation. And He restored the defiled image of our souls to their former beauty by His Divine splendor. We witness this by our words and deeds as we strive for our salvation, amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

O Lord, God of our Father, blessed are You, as Your Name is praised forever, amen.

Слава Україні!  
О. Шанько