

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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Christ is Risen!
Khrostos Voskes!

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Easter Sunday

ON HOLY THURSDAY the evening service is called the Vespers of Christ's Passion, when we read 12 Gospel narratives of the last days of Jesus on earth. This 6:30 pm service is taken from the Four Gospels. On Good and Holy Friday the 6:30 pm service is called the Vespers of the Crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. We conclude this service with a solemn procession around the church with the Holy Shroud. On Holy and Great Saturday we are scheduled to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 8 am and bless Easter food in the Hall at 12 noon, 3 pm, 6 pm.

ON EASTER SUNDAY we will celebrate the Holy Liturgy about 7 am following the 6 am service called Resurrection Matins, which begins with a procession around the Church with bells and songs glorifying Jesus' glorious Resurrection. The second Easter Liturgy will be set for 10 am.

Our livestreaming schedule On YOUTUBE will be as follows: Good Friday, at 6:30 pm; Easter Sunday at 10 am. Please be sure to tell all your friends and neighbors about this programming schedule.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD after all the services this week. Simply tell Father about this intention and wear a mask.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will not be held this weekend as we all gather in church and with our families at home. Classes will resume next weekend all students must attend classes if they hope to receive the holy sacraments on Mothers' Day weekend.

WE ARE SO VERY THANKFUL to all our dear parishioners and our viewing audience for their generous donations to our parish, as well as to our suffering brothers and Sisters in Ukraine. And Father Pastor thsnks all those kind folks who remembered him this Holy Season of Easter.

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Easter Sunday, 6 am	For the Health of all our Faithful
Easter Sunday, 10 am	Plush, Martinick Fam. (Kathy, Ted Plush)
Easter Monday, 8 am	Hitchens, Saboe Family (Plisiewicz Fam.)
Saturday, April 23, 6 pm	+Anita Chomiak (Russell Chomiak)
Sunday, Ap. 24, 9 am	+Danylo Berezovski (The Berezovski F,)

EASTER TROPAR: Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, bestowing life upon all those in the tombs, Amen.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

EASTER KONTAK: Although You did descend into the grave, O Deathless One, You did annihilate the power of hell. You did rise again as Victor, O Christ-God, announcing to the Myrrh-bearing women: "Rejoice". And You gave peace to the Apostles and bestowed resurrection to all the world, amen.

EASTER PROKIMEN: This is the day which the Lord has made. Sing and rejoice and celebrate today!

Христос Воскрес!

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