

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



Icon of the Myrrh-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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Myrrhbearers
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WE PLAN TO LIVESTREAM the Holy liturgy this Saturday evening at 6. Next weekend, Mothers' Day weekend, we will livestream the Liturgy at 9 am on Sunday, the 8th of May. Next Sunday is also First Holy Communion Day. We have a good-sized class of Communicates this year so come early to get a seat in church. Our parish ladies will provide some terrific treats after services next weekend. Don't miss out on this big celebration next weekend in our church.

Our Parish Thanks Fr. Joseph Loya from Villanova U. for conducting services last Saturday, and Archbishop Borys for celebrating Liturgy on Sunday. Both the Saturday and Sunday services were begun with a Baptism at the hands of two distinguished clergymen = to the surprise of the Baptismal families! Father Pastor was resting after a surprise visit from the very unwelcome guest, Mr. Omicron.

THIS SUNDAY is the final day of the spring semester of our Sunday School program. We are so very grateful to our Catechists for devoting so much time and work in educating our children about Jesus Christ and His Holy Church. This task is a most worthy and noble mission imagineable. We are certain that our Good Lord will smile down on our Catechists, both in this life and in the next!

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING funds for our suffering Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine. Simply write out a check to our Parish for this purpose and bring it to Church or by mail. We will then send to the Chancery the total amount of funds collected.

WE THANK THE Parish women, along with Joann Timbario, for all their efforts in collecting funds for Ukraine. To date, they collected more than 1,000 dollars with their good works with the lapel pins and buttons, as well as the Easter baskets, raffles and T Shirts. This past week the County Health Department checked out our Hall Kitchen and gave us the green light to cook, cater and serve our neighbors once again. All we need now is for COVID to disappear!

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers today Fr. Yurij Markewicz, 85, who died on Monday. He was our priest for years in the Reading, PA parish. VICHNAYA PAMYAT, Fr. Yurij!

SERVUCES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 30, 6 pm	For all our Brethren in Ukraine
Sunday, May 1, 9 am	Fonock, Maruszczak Fam (The Family)
Saturday, May 7, 6 pm	+Jackie Davis (Strouse Family)
Sunday, May 8, 9 am	For all our Parish Mothers

TODAY'S TROPAR:

Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and bestowing life upon those in the grave.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

O Christ God, You commanded the Myrrh-bearing Women to rejoice, You quieted the weeping of Mother Eve with Your Resurrection, and You ordered the Apostles to preach to the world that You the Savior have risen from the dead.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

Save, O Lord, Your People, bless Your Inheritance.

Слава Україні!
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