

Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women » Luke 24:1-12 » Acts 6:1-7 » Mark 15:43-47, 16:1-8 »	23 George the Great Martyr and Triumphant Luke 21:12-19 » Acts 12:1-11 » John 15:17-27, 16:1-2 »	24 3rd Tuesday after Pascha » Acts 8:5-17 » John 6:27-33 »	25 Mark the Apostle and Evangelist I Peter 5:6-14 » Luke 10:16-21 »	26 3rd Thursday after Pascha » Acts 8:26-39 » John 6:40-44 »	27 3rd Friday after Pascha Acts 8:40, 9:1-19 » John 6:48-54 »	28 3rd Saturday after Pascha » Acts 9:19-31 » John 15:17-27, 16:1-2 »
 Wine / Oil Allowed  Fish Allowed  Strict Fast  Cheese / Dairy Allowed						

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

- Gabrielle Kusmiak, for continued healing
- the soul of United States First Lady Barbara Bush
- the souls of the 16 sons, husbands and fathers who died in the Humboldt Broncos hockey team bus crash, and their families.
- Father Virgil Suci as he travels to and serves the spiritual needs of our church from today until May 27, 2018.
- Father Earl Cantos coming to Holy Cross on a part-time basis beginning June 3. Stay tuned for more detail in the coming weeks.

Save the Dates!

- 4/22 Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Virgil, Church School begins 9:30a Memorial Service for the soul of Demosthenis Andrews, beloved husband of Demetra (Mitzie) Andrews of Sedona.
- 4/29 Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Virgil. Church School begins 9:30a
- 5/06 Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Virgil. Church School begins 9:30a
- 5/13 Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Virgil. Church School begins 9:30a
- 5/20 Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Virgil. Church School begins 9:30a Spring General Assembly 12:00 Noon

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details.

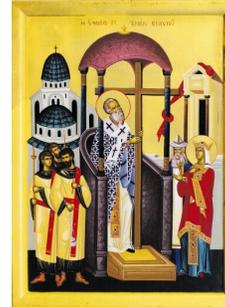
Christos Anesti!
Christ is Risen!

Христос воскрес!

Hristos a învial!

Truly He is Risen!

Almasih qam haqana qam!



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Services Schedule:

Divine Liturgy 10 AM on Sundays

9th hour Prayers 9:30 AM

Bulletin for Sunday, April 22, 2018

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Apolytikia for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world. Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Holy Cross Church Apolytikion in the First Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

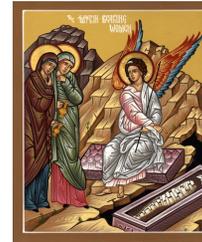
The Reading is from Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Saints and Feasts Commemorated

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women



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 the sepulchre, 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 the 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 (Matt 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 Saviour, 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 Saviour'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 and love 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 counsellors 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).

Gregory Gravanos of Nisyros

Theodore of Sykeon

Nearchos the Martyr