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Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

We remember on this Sunday, May 3, the remarkable devotion of the Myrrh-Bearing Women. They went to the tomb, out of respect, love and faith, to anoint Jesus Christ's body with oils and spices. They showed us the best qualities of women – those who nurture, console, comfort, cope and endure. The Scripture tells us that there were 8 Myrrh-Bearing Women, all faithful followers of Jesus Christ. The names of the women are: The Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Susanna, Mary of Bethany and Martha of Bethany.

On Sunday, May 3, the Church hymns also glorify
Saint Joseph of Arimathea
and
Saint Nicodemus

who were the first to witness the burial of Jesus. They asked for, and received, the Lord's body from Pilate. After taking it down from the Cross, wrapping it in linen cloths and spices, and laying it in the tomb, pious Joseph and righteous Nicodemus placed a great stone over the entrance.



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

We are keeping a close watch on Governor Tom Wolf's plan to reopen the State of Pennsylvania, specifically the City of Philadelphia.

In the meantime, Church Council President, Tom Hanney, outlined St. Nicholas Church's own "reopening plan" with specific safety guidelines. When the Governor does give the "green light," we will be prepared. (The plan was a separate attachment sent with this week's Bulletin.)

But as of now, St. Nicholas Church remains closed until at least May 17.

All Church services are being live-streamed. To "attend" a virtual service, simply click on the YouTube channel link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806_Lzrg

Schedule of Services to be served by Father Bohdan

with the Congregation praying at home

ALL SERVICES WILL BE WEBCAST

Saturday, May 2

5:00 pm: Vespers

Sunday, May 3

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH BEARING WOMEN

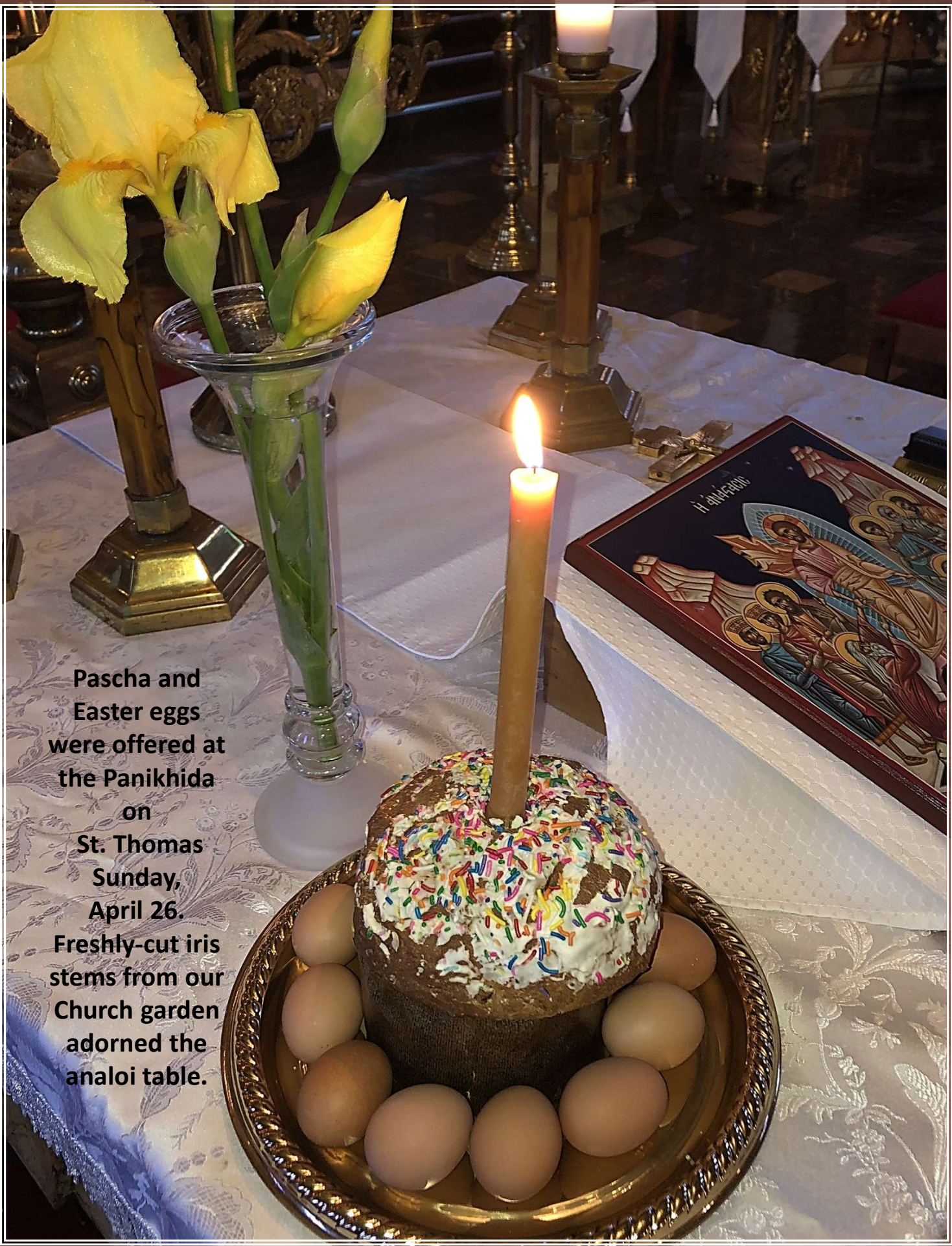
Saturday, May 11

5:00 pm: Vespers

Sunday, May 12

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

MOTHER'S DAY



**Pascha and
Easter eggs
were offered at
the Panikhida
on
St. Thomas
Sunday,
April 26.**

**Freshly-cut iris
stems from our
Church garden
adorned the
analoi table.**

Father Bohdan's Sermon - St Thomas Sunday,
April 26, 2020 - John 20:19-31

Christ is Risen!

Today, St. Thomas Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter, also called "Antipascha," is the first opportunity we have to commemorate the departed, as Panikhidas are forbidden in the Orthodox Church from Holy Thursday through today, a period of 11 days. Therefore, today is when we can finally announce the Resurrection of Christ to those who have departed this life before us. Today's Panikhida sounded different to you, I am sure. It was not mournful. Included were joyous hymns from Resurrection services this past weekend. We also shared with the departed our blessed Pascha bread and Easter eggs that you saw on the ananoi table.

It was also unusual for me to serve a Panikhida on St. Thomas Sunday as we usually all gather at the cemetery today. But with the quarantine still in effect, we came together virtually for the Panikhida. And we tentatively postponed the grave blessings until Saturday, June 6, the weekend of Pentecost.

Our pilgrimage to the cemeteries and blessing the graves is a beautiful, important custom in our Orthodox church, and one that parents should teach their children. Everyone should make the effort to visit the graves of our beloved departed, for they depending on us. They should never be forgotten. And God willing, we will continue this tradition by gathering in Oakland Cemetery in early June. Memory Eternal!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

As a gathering at Oakland Cemetery was not possible because of the quarantine, Father Bohdan served a Panikhida on St. Thomas Sunday – and read 256 individual names of your beloved departed in his prayers.



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St. Nicholas Church is VERY GRATEFUL for your generous donations. This week, Treasurer, Ellen Hanavin again reported that donations totaled \$3,480.00! St. Nicholas Church needs your financial help more than ever. Along with many other individuals and businesses, our Church has lost significant income – yet the bills do not stop. A big THANK YOU to those of you who have been making your weekly “envelope” contributions and vigil payments online. This is a sensible way to handle money during this challenging time.

Donations to the Building Fund 2020

1. In Memory of Victoria Patterson from Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy, Vicki Borriello, and Gail Osborn
2. Anna Kuliasha
3. Colleen and Nicholas Philipp in Memory of Parents/Grandparents Pauline and Charles John Redmond



Please remember our
homebound parishioner:

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SUNDAY and ANNUAL VIGILS

LIT TODAY

Altar Candles: \$35;
Analog Candles: \$25
Sunday Vigils: \$2;
Annual Vigils: \$100

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the repose of the soul of John Martin. Memory Eternal. Offered by Susan Guz
2. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
3. For the health of our sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
4. For the health of our granddaughter, Rowan, on her 10th Birthday, Love, Mimi and Pop Healey xoxo
5. For the health of Ron on our 14th Wedding Anniversary, Love, Dawn xoxo
6. For the health of Denise Archut on her birthday, Love, Dawn & Ron Healey xoxo
7. For the health of Kirk Whitmer, on his birthday, Love, Tom, Judy, Anastasia, Alexandra, Lloyd & Aidan
8. For the health of our uncle, Harry, and his recovery from Covid-19, offered by Patricia Walker and Susan Guz

ANNUAL VIGILS

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/21
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/20
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz, and John and Mary Dzwonczyk, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/20
4. +The Repose of the souls of Helen and Michael Zaruba, and Christina and Christopher Natale. May Their Memory Be Eternal. Offered with love by Daughter/Sister/Aunt, Marcia O'Connor. exp. 10/1/20
5. +The Repose of the souls of the Kucheruk Family, Matrona, Constantine, George, William, Anthony, Anna, John "Whitey" and Helen Horbacz. exp. 7/1/20
6. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/20
7. +The Repose of the souls of the Boljarevich Family, Anastasia (Nancy) Yarosh, Helen Kon, Helen and John "Whitey" Horbacz, Harry Mason, Sophie Gamble, Michael Zaruba and John Martin. PERPETUAL
8. +The Repose of the soul of my beloved husband, our devoted father and grandfather, Jack Kavchok. May his memory be eternal! Offered with love, Diane, John, Michael, Melissa, Makenzie, Riley and Kylie. exp. 8/1/20
9. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/20
10. +The Repose of the souls of Irina and Michael Sierp, Konstantin, Olga, Lydia and Juris Teterski, Richard Boswell, and the health of all living members of the Teterski, Sierp, Boswell and Lis Families, offered by Susan Lis. exp. 9/18/20
11. +The Repose of the soul of our mother and grandmother, Helen Marx, offered by Victoria, Frank, Christopher, Stephanie, Julia, Nicholas, Krissy, Nathan and Morgan Borriello. exp. 4/19/20
12. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
15. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
16. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/20
17. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
18. +The Repose of the souls of the Kowal Family: Andrew, Paraskeva, Andrew, Catherine, Susan, John, Nionila, Anna, David, Franklin Shultz and Edward Barrett, offered by Drew Kowal. exp. 11/1/20
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan, newly-departed Anna, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana, Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy and Diana, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
20. For the health of Dmitry, Olga, Denis, Anna, Aetyom, Ludmila, Vladyslav, Tatiyna, Sofiya, Konstantin, Vladimir, Natalia, Ludmila, and in memory of Boris, Evdokiya, Nina, Oleg, Anna, Raisa, Leonid, Valerii, Zinaida, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
21. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
22. +The Repose of the soul of Andrej Cebotarev (+July 2018), offered by brother Zlatko Plese. exp. 4/1/20
23. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. exp. 5/1/20
24. +In memory of my beloved parents, Nadejda and Carlos Davidyán, and for the health and protection of my son, Karlos, offered by Era Carter. exp. 6/1/20
25. For the health of Vasyl, Maria, Anna, Mykhailyna, Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyra, Anna-Diana, Olga, Mykola, Olga, Marianna, Oksana, Volodymyra, Olga, Roman, Volodymyr, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan and Angelina, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/20
26. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MAY 3

3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA - THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

CHOIR: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

READER: To Thee, O Lord will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! O Lord, save Thy people.

CHOIR: And bless Thine inheritance!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. **(Acts 6:1-7)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READER: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most-High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God!
He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust!"

CHOIR: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRIEST: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

PRIEST: Let us attend. Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away-for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is 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 into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. **(Mark 15:43-16:8)**

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.