# Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

## Sunday of Myrrh-bearers

The third Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the church as the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers. The day commemorates when the women disciples of our Lord came to the tomb to anoint his body with myrrh-oils but found the tomb empty. As the woman wondered what this meant, angels appeared proclaiming that Christ had risen from the dead. 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 to 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 His sepulcher, 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 Myrrhbearers. 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; 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 silent. Together with them we also celebrate the secret disciples of the Savior, 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 Savior'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 for the divine Teacher. Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counselors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly to 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.

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# Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

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Week of Apr 22 to Apr 30,	Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week		
	Sunday, Apr 23	Third Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women	
	Apr 24	No Liturgy	
	Apr 25	No Liturgy	
	Apr 26	No Liturgy	
	Apr 27	No Liturgy	
	Apr 28	No Liturgy	(),,,,
	Apr 29	No Liturgy	
	Sunday, Apr 30	Fourth Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Paralytic	

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

#### 3rd Sunday of Pascha - The Myrrh-Bearing Women

Acts 6:1-7 Mark 15:43-16:9

#### *Troparion (Tone 2)*

When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

#### Troparion (Tone 2)

The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree. He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices and placed it in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, granting the world Your great mercy.

#### *Kondakion (Tone 2)*

Glory be ... You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God, and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection. You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all: "The Savior is risen from the tomb."

#### *Kondakion (Tone 2)*

Now and forever... Though You descended into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! And giving peace to Your Apostles: You, who granted Resurrection to the fallen.

#### Prokeimen (Tone 6)

Save Your people, O Lord and bless Your inheritance.

*verse*: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence. Save Your people, O Lord and bless Your inheritance.

#### Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse You have shown favor to Your land, O Lord; You brought back the captives of Jacob.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced.

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# **PARISH NEWS**

Weekly Collection - April 16, 2023 - \$255.00. Thank you for your generosity.
Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.
Saturdays with Jesus - May 20: 10AM Adults 2PM Children
Relief for Ukraine - Financial help to Ukraine can be done by writing a check to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine.

## **Prayer List**

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt,

Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard. **Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

## Joke of the Day

My job as a facilities maintenance engineer required a wide range of skills. One day I might have to fix the furnace, while the next day could see me painting the CEO's office. When I described it to a -coworker as "I'm a jack of all trades, master of none," I was amused, yet slightly offended, when she offered a less than complimentary interpretation from her native Cantonese: "Equipped with knives all over, yet none are very sharp."