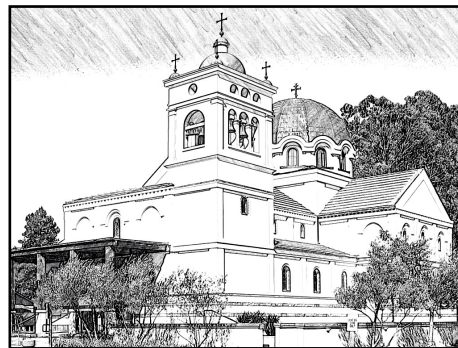


ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, April 30, 2023

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women



- TROPARION OF THE NOBLE JOSEPH, Tone Two:

The Noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices and placed it in a new tomb; but Thou didst rise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

- TROPARION OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS, Tone Two:

The angel came to the myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said: Myrrh is meet for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself to be a stranger to corruption, so, proclaim: the Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.

- KONTAKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS, Tone Two:

Thou didst command the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ. By Thy resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, O God. Thou didst command Thine apostles to preach: the Savior is risen.

- KONTAKION OF PASCHA, Tone Eight:

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades. And didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice; and giving peace unto Thine apostles, O Thou who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Fri., April 28: 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Confessions
6:30–10 PM, [Square Dance](#) at St. Nicholas Church in San Anselmo
- Sat., April 29: 8:30–11 AM, Gardening with Matushka Ann
11 AM, Baptism of Angelina and Rosemary Zeni (outdoor font)
4:30 PM, Panikhida for Laura Mayo
5 PM, Great Vespers / Confessions
- Sunday, April 30: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:30 AM, Church School
Noon, Agape Lunch
12:30 PM, Parish Council Meeting, Library
- Wed., May 3: 6 PM, Vespers
- Thurs., May 4: 7 PM, Online Bible Study with Fr. James
- Fri., May 5: 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Confessions

- ACTS 6:1-7 (EPISTLE)

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.

- MARK 15:43-16:8 (GOSPEL)

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 Joseph 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.

- NEW ANNOUNCEMENT BOARD

In the Parish Hall you will now find an announcement board on which to display notices regarding what we “do in the world.” If you find such a board useful for sharing wanted ads for housing, jobs, caregiving opportunities, rooms for rent, business cards/flyers, yard sale announcements or anything else related to your life “in the outside world,” — please feel free to use it. Thank you Tom and Denise for mounting the board. May the Lord give success to the work of our hands! —*Catie DeCarlo*

- PRAYER DURING PASCHAL SEASON

Whether we are at home or at church, our prayer during this season always begins with *Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life*—three times! The usual prayer *O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth...* is not said until Pentecost Day. Pentecost is the Feast of the Gift of the Holy Spirit, so we “save” the *O Heavenly King* until that day.

• THE HOLY MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN:

This Sunday we remember the Holy Myrrhbearing Women and the Theotokos. We contemplate their courage and love for the Lord, as they faithfully stood by Him as He was crucified. We remember how they, with Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, cared for and buried His broken body. At the Cross on Golgotha on Great and Holy Friday, it was those Holy Women who constituted the Church—ministering to Christ—as an example to us, despite the profound danger and opposition they faced.

Fr. Alexander Elchaninov (reposed 1934 in France), wrote that “...as Orthodox, we have a great treasure of things and yet we vegetate in mediocrity.” And that is, spiritual mediocrity. A listlessness. Discomfort. Coldness of heart. Blinding egoism. Boredom. Even at times we may be afraid to witness and express ourselves openly as Christ’s disciples. Perhaps a remedy for this state of weakness is to contemplate the Myrrhbearers:

St. Mary Magdalene, out of whom Jesus cast out the demons (she was NOT a prostitute);

Joanna the wife of Chouza (who was the steward-administrator of King Herod Antipas!! — imagine the social interactions);

Mary the wife of Cleopas; Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee;

Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph’s sons James and Joses.

Today we also also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea, who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikodemos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is also honored on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women. —*Fr Lawrence*

• PARISH MINISTRIES—How we carry on the work of the Myrrh-Bearers:

On this second week after Pascha, we commemorate the Holy Myrrhbearing Women, St. Joseph and Nicodemus (see Mark 15:43 ff). On this day we also celebrate the institution of the Sacred Diaconate (as we hear in reading from Acts 6:1–7). The themes of service, offering, devotion to the Lord and His Church are clearly given to us today in these readings. So, it is only appropriate that we list our parish ministries here and give thanks to God for all those who labor with faith, love and diligence for the upbuilding of the Church of God. **Perhaps those who are not yet committed to a ministry will also feel drawn to offer themselves to one of those listed below:**

Parish Council (elected positions), Church Readers, Altar Servers, Adult Choir, Children’s Choir (waiting for singers), Sacristan and Assistants, Prospora baking, Candle Desk Attendants, Greeters, Ushers, Church Cleaning (at the moment we pay outsiders to do this), Temple Floral Decorations, Vestment Care and Ironing, Gardening, Bell Ringing, Vineyard (non-parishioners now tending to this huge job), Facilities Repair and Maintenance, Duplex Rental Manager, Sunday Lunches, Senior/Retired Lunch Fellowship, Kitchen organization, Kitchen Supplies, Youth Coordinator (vacant), High School Coordinator (vacant), Young Adult Group (currently inactive), Storage Building Organization, Mercy Meals for the Sick, Parish Hall Event Coordinator and Manager, Funeral Arrangements/Care for the Reposed, Photography (events, retreats, etc), Bookstore, Parish Photo-directory phone list, Church School Teachers, Catechists, St. Seraphim Week, Women’s Book Group, Parish Book Club, Library, Scrip Manager, Catholic Charities “St. Philaret Room” Liaison, Angels Unawares (Winter ministry), Live-Stream techs, St. Seraphim Men’s Fellowship, Diaper Bank, Planned Giving Ministry. Is there anything missing from the list? In which ministry are you involved? —*Fr Lawrence*

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MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 30 - Myrrh-Bearers Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • 11:30 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal • 12:30 PM, Parish Council 	1	2	3 • 6 PM, Vespers	4 • 7 PM, Bible study with Fr James (<i>Book of Acts</i>)	5 • 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Confession	6 • 5 PM, Great Vespers and Confessions
7 - Sunday of the Paralytic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Baptism of Maria Stameroff • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • 11:30 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal 	8	9 <i>St. Nicholas, Saratoga, Feast Day, 10 AM</i>	10 - Mid-Feast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PM, Vespers and Blessing of Water 	11 • 7 PM, Bible study with Fr James (<i>Book of Acts</i>)	12 • 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Confession	13 • 5 PM, Great Vespers and Confessions • 6 PM, Choir Dinner
14 - Sun of the Samaritan Woman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • 11:30 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal 	15	16	17 • 6 PM, Vespers • 6:30 PM, Book Club	18 • 7 PM, Bible study with Fr James (<i>Book of Acts</i>)	19 • 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Confession	20 • 5 PM, Great Vespers and Confessions, <i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>
21 - Sunday of the Blind Man <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • 11:30 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal • 3 PM, Wedding (Miranda and Stefan) 	22	23 • 7 PM, Matins for the Leave-Taking of Pascha	24 - Pascha Leave-Taking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PM, Vigil for the Feast of the Ascension of Christ 	25 - Ascension of Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy • 7 PM, Bible study with Fr James (<i>Book of Acts</i>) 	26 • 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Confession	27 • 5 PM, Great Vespers and Confessions
28 - Fathers of the First Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • 11:30 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal 	29 • 11:30 AM, Panikhida at Santa Rosa Memorial Cemetery	30	31 • 4 PM, “MOM” Diaper Bank Distribution • 6 PM, Vespers	JUNE 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 PM, Bible study with Fr James (<i>Book of Acts</i>) 	2 <i>No Confessions today</i>	3 - Soul Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Memorial Liturgy • Decoration of Church • 5 PM, Vigil for Pentecost