

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH


OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

## *SUNDAY OF THE HOLY MYRRH-BEARERS*

*APRIL 29, 2012*

Nine Martyrs at Cyzicus: Theognes, Rufus, Antipater, Theostichus, Artemas, Magnus, Theodotus, Thaumasius, and Philemon (3rd c.). Ven. Memnon the Wonderworker. Martyrs Diodorus and Rhodopianus—Deacon, at Aphrodisia in Anatolia (3rd-4th c.). St. Basil, Bishop of Ostrog in Montenegro (16th c.). Lazian Martyrs slain in Dudikvati and Papati (Georgian, c. 1820).

## *CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!*

 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 Joses 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.

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**Services & Activities:**

**Sunday, April 29                      Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-bearers**

**9:00 am    Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday, May 3                      3:00 pm    Akathist**

**Saturday, May 6                      5:30 pm    Confession**

**6:00 pm    Great Vespers**

**Sunday, May 7                      Sunday of the Paralytic**

**9:00 am    Divine Liturgy**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the parishioners of All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends,**

especially Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph, Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all missionaries (Christina), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, **and all the departed members and family members and friends of All Saints, the newly departed:** (among them Lieutenant General John Yeosock, Susan Scochin, Matushka Natalie Kiryluk Breyan, John Sanko, Cynthia, Sharon Scochin). If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedia.

**WHITE ALTAR COVERS NEEDED.** Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka.

**PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Thank you to the Stafursky families (Steve, Pat & Ken) for the coffee hour today and to the Scochin & Skorupa families for coffee hour next Sunday. T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH & RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5.**

**ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER AT ST. JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH, DUNDAFF, SUNDAY, MAY 13 FEATURING BARBECUE CHICKEN AND HALUPKE. TAKE**

**OUT 11AM SERVING NOON UNTIL SOLD OUT. ADULTS \$10; CHILDREN \$5 AT DOOR. SEE HELEN & JOE SEMON FOR TICKETS AND 50/50 RAFFLE.**

**BLOOD DRIVE AT LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER, 108 TERRACE DRIVE, OLYPHANT, TUESDAY, MAY 1, 12 NOON-6PM TO BENEFIT BREAST CANCER STAGE FOUR DIAGNOSED THIRTEEN YEAR EMPLOYEE KATHLEEN EARLY.**

**ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

**PILGRIMAGE, FRIDAY MAY 25-MONDAY, MAY 28:** The Myrrh-streaming Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos from Hawaii will again visit the Monastery this Memorial Day from Friday May 25th at 4 p.m. to Monday May 28th at 4:00 p.m. Healings from cancer, demon possession and blindness have been attributed to the intercessions of the Mother of God through this Miraculous Myrrh-streaming Icon. This event is open to the general public. Monday, May 28: 7:30 a.m. Early Divine Liturgy; 10:00 a.m. Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Jonah presiding accompanied by other hierarchs; 2 p.m. Healing Service.

**LOTTERY DRAWING every 2 weeks: \$100 to church, \$50 each Friday & Saturday.**

**PLEASE GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO MONTHLY BULLETIN MAILING LIST OUTREACH TO SUBDEACON JOE SEMON.**

**SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30): in memory of Timothy Naughton ;Web-Site (\$25): Linda Stuchlak; Shut-in mailings (\$25): Linda Stuchlak –Thank you to all of our Donors and Sponsors!**

**SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help us with budgeting for 2012.**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: 4/22/12: \$622.00; LOOSE COLLECTION (Pascha): \$30.00; SECOND Collection (Church Supplies): \$76; Altar Covers: Donation memory Sharon Scochin given by Ann Naughton \$50.**

## NORMAL FASTING WEEK: FASTING ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY.

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 annoint 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).

*When you said to the Myrrh-bearers, "Rejoice!", O Christ our God, You ended, by Your Resurrection, the lament of Eve, the first mother. And, You commanded Your*

*Apostles to proclaim, "The Savior has risen from the grave."* **Kontakion in the Second Tone**