

# ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

**July 22, 2012 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Holy Myrrhbearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalene (1st c.)



**Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle):** We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

**Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel):** When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

# ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

Corner of Willow & Grant Streets

P.O. Box 207, Olyphant, PA 18447

Office: 489-0942; Hall 489-5591

Acting Rector, Fr. Gabriel Nicholas

cell phone: (570) 229-0450

Email: [frgabriel@allsaintsolyphant.org](mailto:frgabriel@allsaintsolyphant.org)

## Services & Activities:

Sunday, July 22            9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, July 25      3:00 pm Akathist

Saturday, July 28        5:30 pm Confession

6:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, July 29         9:00 am Divine Liturgy

\*\*\*\*\*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

**Please join us downstairs for Coffee Hour!**

**THANK YOU TO ELLEN RUCKS AND ALL WHO MADE OUR ALL SAINTS SUMMER VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL SUCH AN ENJOYABLE EVENT! GOD BLESS ELLEN AND ALL THE STAFF AND THE CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED.**

**JOIN HANDS WITH ST. TIKHON'S SEMINARY FOR THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012 STARTING AT 1:00 PM. SEE PETER REZANKA TO PARTICIPATE OR BE A SPONSOR.**

**HOLY TRINITY WILKES-BARRE BAZAAR, SATURDAY (4PM-11PM) & SUNDAY (4PM-10 PM) JULY 28 & 29 ON CHURCH GROUNDS: PIEROGIES, POTATO PANCAKES, HALUPKI, HALUSHKI, HOMEMADE HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, FRENCH FRIES, SAUSAGE & PEPPERS, STEAK SANDWICHES, FUNNEL CAKES, HOMEMADE DESERTS, LIVE MUSIC BEGINNING 7PM.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the parishioners of All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends, especially Claudia, Barbara, Dorothy, Barbara, George, Martha, 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**, among them all the newly departed, especially John Buckla & Helen Priblo. 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 the Stafursky families (Steve, Pat & Ken) for today's coffee hour and to Dorothy Maday and Fr. Gabriel for next week's coffee hour.

**T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH & RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5.**

LOTTERY DRAWING every 2 weeks: \$100 to church, \$50 each Friday & Saturday: Winners: 7/13: 488 Ken Stafursky; 7/14: 391 Pat Stafursky

**PLEASE GIVE IN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN MAILING LIST OUTREACH**

SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30) in memory of Timothy Naughton; Web-Site (\$25) & Shut-in mailings (\$25) by 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: 7/15/12: in next week's bulletin.**

**REMINDER: PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA \$2.00 IN THE DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT ENVELOPE** for the increase that was passed at the Diocesan Assembly. The envelopes were already printed and do not reflect the \$2.00 increase.

The Holy Myrrh-Bearer Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene grew up on the banks of Lake Genesareth (Galilee), between the cities of Capharnum and Tiberias, in the small city of Magdala. It says in the Gospels that the Lord expelled seven devils from St. Mary (Luke. 8:2). From the moment of her healing Mary became a true disciple of the Savior. The Gospel relates that St. Mary followed after the Lord, when He went with the Apostles through the cities and villages of Judea and Galilee preaching about the Kingdom of God. Together with the other pious women she served Him from her own possessions (Luke 8:1-3) and at the moment of the Procession of Christ onto Golgotha, when after the Scourging He took on Himself the heavy Cross, collapsing under its weight, the women followed after Him weeping and wailing, but He consoled them. Mary Magdalene was present on Golgotha at the moment of the Lord's Crucifixion. While all the disciples of the Savior ran away, she remained fearlessly at the Cross together with the Mother of God and the Apostle John. As the Evangelist Matthew relates, she was present at the Burial of the Lord. Before her eyes Joseph and Nicodemus went out to the tomb with His lifeless Body. She watched as they covered over the entrance to the cave with a large stone, entombing the Source of Life. Mary together with the other women observed the Sabbath, coinciding with the Feast of Passover, but then they brought spices to the Grave of the Lord at dawn on Sunday and anointed His Body according to the custom of the Jews. Mary went to the tomb alone. Seeing the stone pushed away from the cave, she ran away in fear to tell the close Apostles of Christ, Peter and John. Hearing that the Lord was gone from the tomb, both Apostles ran to the tomb and, seeing the shroud and winding cloths, they were amazed. The Apostles went and said nothing to anyone, but Mary stood about the entrance to the tomb and wept. She saw two angels in white garments, where the Body of Jesus had been placed. They asked her, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She answered them with the words which she had said to the Apostles, "They have taken my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." At that moment, she turned around and saw the Risen Jesus standing near the grave, but she did not recognize Him. He asked Mary, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom dost thou seek?" She answered thinking that she was seeing the gardener, "Sir, if thou hast taken him, tell where thou hast put Him, and I will take Him away." Then she recognized the Lord's voice. He spoke her name, and she gave a joyful shout, "Rabbi" (Teacher). But the Lord said to her: "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and tell them: "I ascend to My Father, and your Father; to My God and to your God." Again she ran into the house, where the Apostles still remained in dismay, and proclaimed to them the joyous message, "I have seen the Lord!" The Apostles proclaimed the Glad Tidings to the world, but she proclaimed it to the Apostles themselves. Holy Tradition testifies that when the Apostles departed from Jerusalem to preach to all the ends of the earth, then Mary Magdalene also went with them and went to preach in pagan Rome and all over Italy. In Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. She brought him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: "Christ is Risen!" Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate. Mary repeated the words of the Apostles, that we are redeemed from the vanity of life not with perishable silver or gold, but rather by the precious Blood of Christ. Thanks to St. Mary Magdalene the custom to give each other paschal eggs on the day of the Radiant Resurrection of Christ spread among Christians over all the world. She remained in Rome until the arrival of the Apostle Paul, and for two more years following his departure from Rome. From Rome, St Mary Magdalene, already bent with age, moved to Ephesus where the holy Apostle John unceasingly labored. There the saint finished her earthly life and was buried. From [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org) Normal fasting this week Wednesday and Friday

