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3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – TONE 2. HOLY MYRRBEARING WOMEN. VEN. THEODORE THE SANCTIFIED, DISCIPLE OF VEN. PACHOMIUS THE GREAT. ST. ALEXANDER, ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM. MARTYRS VITUS, MODESTUS, AND CRESCENTIA, AT LUCANIA. BL. CHILD MUSA OF ROME. VEN. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR. ST. GEORGE, BISHOP OF MITYLENE. VEN. CASSIAN AND LAVRENTII, ABBOTS OF VOLOGDA.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, May 16: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10) followed by Annual Parish Meeting.

Saturday, May 22: 5 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 23: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10).

Remember in Your Prayers...

Health / General: Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Marie Buranich, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchkyk, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchkyk, Lillian Mathews, Nadia Macheska, Dr. David Lezinsky, Tom Krenitsky, Lillian Kite, Rose Krenitsky, Sandy Pregmon, Sandy Batton, Paula Stavisky, Margaret Pregmon & Edward (Barbara's brother).

Memory Eternal: Basil Farbanish.

Offerings:

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Marie Horek by Al Horek; Mary Marko by Helen Wytovich.

Vigil Lights: For the Health of: Margaret Pregmon by Helen & Tammy Wytovich.

Cemetery Fund: In Memory of: Anthony Bellenzeni by Tony Bellenzeni; Jacob & Margaret Barsigian by David Barsigian & Family; Maliniak and Zupko Families by Thomas & Arlette Zupko.

General Fund: By Walter Ermolovich.

Announcements:(Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: Will be open Thursday, (6/3) and Saturday, (6/19) from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Taylor Library & Marion Hubiak and Family.**

May Celebrations: We will sing "God Grant you many years" on the first Sunday of the month.

Birthday

Matushka Mary Lynn

5/7

Patron Saint

Helen Bezuhly

5/21 (Empress Helena)

Danny Jones

5/31

Emily Krenitsky

5/30 (St. Emilia)

Annual Parish Meeting: Will take place today, May 16 after Divine Liturgy in our Nave. Any parishioner running for a Parish Council Position should have a recent confession or be willing to go to confession within two weeks of this annual meeting.

St. Cyril's Food Truck Festival: Saturday (5/22) and Sunday (5/23) in Olyphant. See bulletin board for their flyer.

See attached letter from His Eminence Arch Bishop Mark on Diocesan Protocol changes regarding the Coronavirus.

Bp. Mark visit: His Eminence Archbishop Mark will be celebrating Divine Liturgy on May 23, 2021 at our church. We will be blessed by his visit. Bp. Mark will be open for discussion and questions on the future plans of our church after Liturgy.

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Acts 6:1-7 (Epistle)

1 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.
2 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.
3 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;
4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."
5 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,
6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.
7 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)

43 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.
44 Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time.
45 So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.
46 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.
47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James observed where He was laid.
1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.
2 Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.
3 And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"
4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large.
5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.
6 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.
7 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."
8 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.

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body was with myrrh. Joseph and Nikodemos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and James (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulcher, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and James (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), 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 honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610), the New Martyr Elias Ardunis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).