

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Church

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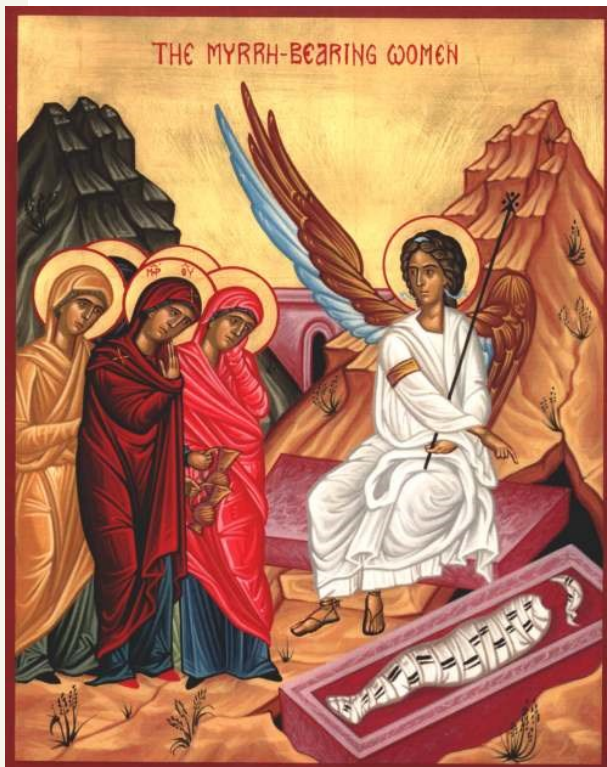
Sunday April 26h 2015

3rd Sunday of Pascha

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women



Christ is Risen! Christos Vosrkese! Christos Anesti!
Indeed He is Risen! Voistinu Voskrese! Alithos Anesti

Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

3rd Sunday of Pascha

Readers Service Lead by Altar Server Anthony Mannino

Responses Lead by the Choir and Congregation

Tropars and Kondaks: Blue Book pg 200, Red Book pg223

Weekly Schedule:

Saturday 5/2 5 PM- Great Vespers

Sunday 5/3 10AM- Divine Liturgy

Who are the Myrrh-bearers???

Last week we heard in the Gospel of John about the risen Christ appearing to the disciples. The Gospel of John

(20:19) tells us that when Christ appeared to his disciples they were hidden behind close doors. They were hidden because they feared the Jews, the same mob who just days earlier had cried out for Christ's Crucifixion. This week the Orthodox Church remembers the Myrrh-Bearing Women. While the Disciples were hiding in fear, the Myrrh-Bearing Women, in spite of the hostile environment around them, openly proclaimed their love for Christ by going to His tomb to anoint His Body. The fearless devotion of these women is something each of us must aspire to. How do we act like these women? How do we become Myrrh-Bearers?

St. Paul tells us that Christ is the Head of the Church, and that Church is the Body of Christ. We must care for the Body of Christ, the Church, just like those Myrrh-Bearing Women who went to take care of Christ's Body. We must all become Myrrh-Bearers.

There are many ways for all of us to be Myrrh-Bearers for the Body of Christ. We can sing during the Divine Services of the Church. We can help with the cleaning of the Church, or.....**(Continued on back)**

(Continued from front)....the maintenance of the Church grounds. All of us can do this in both small and large ways, whether it's devoting a day to cleanup around the Church, or just pulling a few weeds, or picking up some litter. Every bit helps! We are Myrrh-Bearers when we take care of our Church—whether it be financially or through our time or talents. We are Myrrh-Bearers when we support the ministries of the Church—from supporting the Parish Youth, Ladies Society, all the way to supporting Church fundraisers. Anything and everything we do for the uplifting of Christ's Church on earth makes us into Myrrh-Bearers.

Most importantly we are Myrrh-Bearers when we pray. We are Myrrh-bearers when we come into God's House in humility. We are Myrrh-Bearers when we follow Christ's command to love one another as he has loved us.

Announcements

- **First Confession**— Our Church stands together in prayer and celebration in honor of Christine Mannino on her First Confession—**Next Sunday, May 3rd**. Please come and join us in prayerful celebration on this joyous day for the life of our parish family!
- **Thank you**— To our Altar Server, Anthony Mannino, for leading us in this Sunday's Reader's Service.
- **Camp Nazareth Support Family Day Raffle Tickets Are Still Available!**- Tickets costs 20\$, but don't look at it as a gambling, look at it as supporting the youth of our Diocese and providing them with best Orthodox camping experience available anywhere! Buy a ticket and support the future of our Church!
- **Parish Council Meeting on Sunday May 10th-Updated!**



Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Pani Betty Jean Baranik, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining , Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela , Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Phillip, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blanar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose)



Through the prayers of St. Elizabeth, the Birth-giver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, and all the Saints, may our Risen Lord ,God, and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!

