

SUNDAY OF THE MYRR-BEARERS



*Icon of Our Lord's Appearance to the Myrr-bearing Women*

## **April 26, 2020 – Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers**

*Tropar, Kontakion, Prokimenon, Alleluia Festal Tone Acts 6:1-7 Mark 15:43-16*

### **Sat. Apr. 25 St. Mark, Apostle and Evangelist (Polyjelej without All Night Vigil)**

8:00 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)  
5:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

### **Sun. Apr. 26 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers**

10:00 am Matins (Livestream)  
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for \* Our Parish Family (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

### **Mon. Apr. 27 Simeon, Bishop-Martyr (+112)**

8:00 am Liturgy for 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessings for Dorothy Papke by Family (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

### **Tues. Apr. 28 Jason and Sosipater, Apostles**

8:00 am Liturgy for + Mary Hapker by son, George Hapker (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

### **Wed. Apr. 29 Nine Martyrs of Cyzice**

8:00 am Liturgy for + William Basalla by Byron & Lisa Olexa (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

### **Thur. Apr. 30 St. James the Greater, brother of St. John the Theologian (Polyjelej without All Night Vigil)**

8:00 am Liturgy for + Betty Jane Kormos by Marie Mills (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

### **Fri. May 1 St. Jeremiah (+590)**

8:00 am Liturgy for + Eugene F. Kusnerik by Judith Carol and Family (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

### **Sat. May 2 Athanasius the Great, Patriarch**

8:00 am Divine Liturgy for + Fred Brunarsky by Donor (Livestream)  
5:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

### **Sun. May 3 Sunday of the Paralytic Man**

10:00 am Matins (Livestream)  
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for \* Our Parish Family (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Watch the livestream at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org) or [www.logos.tv](http://www.logos.tv) or YouTube LOGOS TV - PARMA

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

**PRAY DAILY** - have a keep able rule of prayer that you do by discipline. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day. Any time you have an opportunity to say a prayer, take advantage of it. The devil tries to eliminate your prayer since the prayer eliminates the devil.

- For courage to repent (to go to confession) - **St. John Forerunner, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For Peace in the World – **Lord, have mercy!** (40 times)
- For Our Children – **Holy Father Nicholas, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the Sick and Those in Need – **O Most Holy Trinity, save us!** (40 times)
- For Our Parish – **O Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the courage to sing in church – **Holy Father Roman, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the departed – **Psalm 51, 91, 119 (50, 90, 118 in LXX)**
- Jesus Prayer – **“Lord Jesus Christ,\* Son of God,\* have mercy on me\* a sinner!”**



Every evening before you go to bed, simply go through the whole day and think what you have done right or wrong, do the examination of conscience, and ask the good Lord for forgiveness. Make a sign of the cross over the place where you sleep and say: **“Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and body. Do You Yourself bless me, have mercy on me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.”**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL):**

Parishioners of all 4 parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, St. Nicholas Croatian) may continue to mail their donation envelopes to the Parish Office, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129 or simply drop them in the mail box by the office door. They will get deposited to the proper parish.

**-OR-**

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If you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, reach out to them by phone to keep them informed with updates and encourage them to continue their daily prayer at home.

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL**  
**April 19, 2020 - Easter**

	Total	Livestreamed
Cathedral Parish	- <u>\$1,220.00</u>	
Holy Spirit Parish	- <u>\$ 910.00</u>	
St. Mary's Parish	- <u>\$1,175.00</u>	
St. Mary 250 Club - #176 Dennis Kall; Mike Stibora, Captain		
St. Nicholas Parish	- <u>\$ 200.00</u>	

***Have you remembered Your Church in your Will and/or Trust?***  
Thank you and may God reward your generosity!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND CONFINED: St. Mary's – John Krenisky, Kathleen Miller, Mary**



Ann Ridilla; Ray Yasenchak; Jean Asmondy; Esther Morganosky; John Anitas; Pat Asmondy; Alice Baran; Goldie Barvinchak; Pearl Beningo; Mildred Bobick; JoAnn Chaky; Eva Cook; Seleema Corrigan; Sally Csejpes; Lois Deighton; Dolores Furda; Mary Grauel; Ruthann Hodar, Margaret Huges, Rosemary Kennick; Catherine Kopko; Larry Lantz; Jean Malinky; Barbara Miterko; Eleen Monoc; Carl Panko; Sue Peterchalk; Janice Pogozelski; Joseph Popik; Art Pordash; Eleen Reese; Dorothy Shevchuck; David Starling; Isabelle Sweeney; Bob & Mary Zelenka.

**Cathedral** – Martha Loya; Helen Long; Phil Nechvatal; Joe Kaltner; Helen Fredericks; Frank and Rose Lizanich; Carol Morin.

**Holy Spirit** – Samuel Basalla, Jim Neitzel, Elizabeth Loya; George Hapker; Ken Kalas; Ann Yorko; Janice Misch; Richard Onderak; Suzanne Saiko; Elizabeth Sheppard; Helen Sawchak; Carol Vasil; Helen Alpine; Blanche Gubanich; Andrea Seman; Carol and Richard Bub.

**St. Nicholas Croatian** – Helen Jeris; Marge Kordic; Walter Badovinac; Mary Ann Zubovich.

***Please call Fr. Nathan Adams at (216) 678-0870 (NEW NUMBER) for someone ill or in need of prayer.***

Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!

Dear Parishioners,

I had a very powerful image in my mind when experiencing the Resurrection Matins as I was growing up. I never understood why we have to empty the church to start the Resurrection Matins in front of the main entrance. It was only later that I learned the church represented the empty tomb, and a couple of days ago, one would place a holy shroud for veneration and spend some time in prayer in a very quiet church with very little light. It is a powerful image of entering the dark, empty church for a few seconds before all the lights are lit and bells are ringing throughout the entire Matins.

Like a Myrrh-bearing woman coming to the tomb with the intention to anoint the dead body of Jesus, scared, and bewildered by the fact that nobody was there but the angel sitting at the side of the grave asking them: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5)

One of the greatest messages among the early Christians was the message of the empty tomb. It meant for them that Christ was not dead, but freeing the captives from the clutches of evil, from hades, from the womb of hell.

There is a story of a young boy, eager to communicate with anyone outside the walls of his orphanage, who wrote the following words on a slip of paper: "To anyone who finds this, I love you." The wind blew the paper out beyond the walls to the world. In a similar manner, the Word of God is God's love note to you and me. Its message is: "To anyone who reads this, I love you." The Word of God is more than a love letter, it is a love letter that contains a proposal for marriage from God to you. He wishes to enter into the most intimate possible relationship of love with you. He expects the answer.

These days we may have empty churches, perhaps they are empty longer than usual, representing the empty tomb. What really matters though is our engagement with Christ, with the love he is offering us every day so we do not stay in the clutches of evil, so we do not remain tied up to our problems, so we are being freed and lifted up by the one who gives life, who is constantly offering love.

The greeting CHRISTOS VOSKRESE does not translate into 'Christ rose' but it literally translates into CHRIST IS RISEN. Not only a couple millennia ago, but every single day of our lives. That's the mystery that has an effect on our lives. Christ is risen and he keeps us alive, with the hope and joy of witnessing the empty tomb.

Dear parishioners, I greet you with the words of the angel sitting at the empty tomb, especially in these very uncertain days, with the same words as the angel greeted the Myrrh-bearing women: DO NOT BE AFRAID. GO AND TELL THE GOOD NEWS TO THE DISCIPLES. Share the inner joy you have from God, who says: I LOVE YOU.

Christ is Risen!

Fr. Marek

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Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of Parma

Very Rev. Archpriest Marek Visnovsky, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Adams, Assistant Priest

Deacon Joseph Hnat (St. Mary's Parish), Deacon Gregory Loya (Cathedral Parish),

Deacon Robert Cripps (Holy Spirit Parish & St. Nicholas Croatian Parish)

#### WEEKEND LITURGY SERVICES:

Saturday: 4 pm Great Vespers (SM) and 5 pm Divine Liturgy (SM)

Sunday: 9 am Matins (SM) and 10 am Divine Liturgy (SM)

9:30 am Divine Liturgy (HS) - 11 am Divine Liturgy (CATH) - 12 pm Divine Liturgy (SNC)

**HOLY DAY SERVICES:** 8:30 am Divine Liturgy (SM) and 7 pm Divine Liturgy (HS)

**DAILY SERVICES:** 8:30 am Divine Liturgy (SM)

### *The Best Role of All*

The church school was getting ready for the annual Easter pageant and all the children were asked to choose which part they wanted to play. One child chose to play Mary Magdalene, other children chose to play Saint Peter, or Joseph of Arimathea, and so forth. But, when it came time for Johnny's turn to choose, he happily wanted to be the angel who rolls away the stone that sealed the tomb of Our Lord.

After the pageant was over and Johnny was going home with his parents, his mother expressed how disappointed they were that he didn't choose a larger, more prominent role in the play. Johnny, however, was bouncing excitedly all over the back seat, obviously thrilled with his performance in the pageant. Finally, his mother turned to him and asked, "Tell me,

Johnny, why are you so happy about just being the angel who rolls away the stone from the tomb? Wouldn't you have liked to have had a bigger part to play?" Johnny replied quite innocently, "Oh, no, mom, just think! I'm the one who gets to let Jesus out! What role could be better than that?"

"The myrrh-bearing women arrived just before the dawn at the tomb of the Giver of Life and found an angel seated on the stone who spoke these words to them: 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? Why do you mourn the Incorruptible among those subject to decay? Go announce the good news to His disciples!'" (From Resurrection Matins) Let us continue to announce the good news and joyfully sing out: "Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!"