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Sunday, May 16, 2021 | Third Sunday of Pascha

Tone 2 – Holy Myrrhbearing Women
Venerable Theodore the Sanctified (368)
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: Blessing of Graves at Mount Moriah Cemetery
(For those that stay at the cemetery after the grave blessing, a Paschal picnic will be held near the Spack family gravesite)
(Weather Permitting!!!)
- Friday: Equal to the Apostles – Saint Constantine and his mother, Saint Helen
- Saturday: May 22 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: May 23 – 4th Sunday of Pascha | Sunday of the Paralytic
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
(CANCELLED UNTIL SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH!!!!!!)

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion (Tone 2 - Pentecostarion)

The noble Joseph, / when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, / wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, / and placed it in a new tomb. / But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, // granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 2 – Pentecostarion)

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: / “Myrrh is fitting for the dead; / but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! / So proclaim: “The Lord is risen, // granting the world great mercy.”

Kontakion (Tone 2 - Pentecostarion)

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. / By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. / Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles: // “The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

Kontakion (Tone 8 - Pascha)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Prokeimenon (Tone 6)

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Epistle Reading: Acts 6:1-7

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.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)

v. O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. Alleluia (3x's)
v. Mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Mark 15:43-16:8

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 Jesus 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.

Instead of "It is truly meet..." we sing the following

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: / "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, / Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! / With Himself He has raised all the dead." / Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord has shone on you. / Exult now, / and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, / O pure Theotokos, / in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn:

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the foundation of immortality!
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

The Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2021 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #1 of 3.

According to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A. of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all Annual and General Parish Meetings shall be announced in the Parish Bulletin and read by the Parish Rector from the amvon on three consecutive Sundays preceding the date of the Meeting.

Metropolitan Council Conducts Extraordinary Meeting

The Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) conducted an extraordinary meeting by videoconference on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 under the chairmanship of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon. The Metropolitan Council considered four items including the following matters:

- * According to its competence mandated by Article V, Section 7.l) of the OCA Statutes, the Council unanimously endorsed for confirmation by the Holy Synod the Metropolitan's selection of Priest Alessandro Margheritino for the position of Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America. The Holy Synod will consider the confirmation of Father Alessandro as OCA Secretary during its Spring Session next week.
- * According to its competence mandated by Article V, Section 7.s) and Section 9 of the OCA Statute, the Council unanimously appointed Matushka Sharon Hubiak to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Auditing Committee.
- * The Council received an update from the Property Committee concerning efforts to sell Westwood, the OCA Chancery property in Oyster Bay Cove, (Syosset) NY. The Council adopted a resolution to extend the contract, expiring on May 31, 2021, of Fran Mazer and Compass Realty until December 31, 2021, on the same terms as previously authorized,
- * The Council heard a report concerning the appointment by Metropolitan Tikhon of a subcommittee to examine the status and utility of the OCA Pension Plan. This is a necessary precondition for the work of a Joint Committee of the Holy Synod and the Metropolitan Council—whose creation was resolved by the 2020 and 2021 Spring Sessions of the Metropolitan Council—to examine the mandates of the OCA Statute and All-American Council decision, that all eligible clergy are to be enrolled in the OCA Pension Plan.

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Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Sheba Patton offered by Nina Patterson
Thomas Herbert offered by MM Herbert
Daniel Herbert offered by MM Herbert
Katie Torpey offered by MM Rick LeRoy
Edward Gerasimoff and Anna Coan offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Ken, Alex, Ana, Edward, Anna, Catherine, Patricia, Barbara, Veronica, Edith, Emily, Dorthyanne,
Linda, Lorraine, Family and Friends, Allison, Allison, Christina, Sheba offered by MM K
Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Emelie Albrecht offered by Melanie Albrecht
Anna Herbert offered by MM Herbert
Mary (Slivak) Spack offered by MM Herbert
Irene Kavcsak offered by MM Rick LeRoy
April Virelli (newly departed) by SMSgt Andrew & Tracy DeVito and Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 5/9/21:

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ Metropolitan Leonty (anniversary of his falling asleep 5/14/65); Allison (Christopher) Andrews and her unborn child; Allison (David) Andrews and her unborn child; Christina (Matthew) Andrews and her unborn child; Grace Corba; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; The Gerty Family; Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich (recovery); Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of May 9)

Announcements (cont.)

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

*******Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon*******

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of this month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Youth Fund
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (May)

<u>Week of Sun May 2 to Sat May 8</u>		<u>May Month to Date</u>
Attendance:	91	91 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 6,572.00	\$ 6,572.87
Funds Out:	\$ 685.07	\$ 3,030.07
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) :	\$ 5,886.93	\$ 3,542.80

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

- 1st Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
- 2nd Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
- 2nd Sunday of each month** – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
- 3rd Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 4th Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 5th Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (May 16)</u>	<u>Next Week (May 23)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich	David Pellack
6 th Hour:	David Albrecht	William Filanowski
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus	Michael Wanenchak

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

UPDATE!

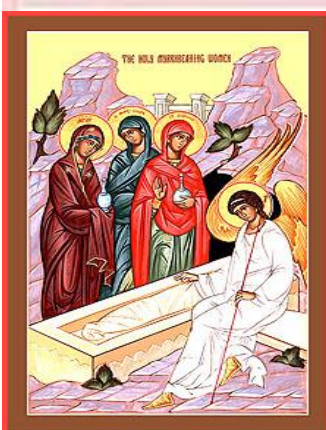
As many of you know by now, on Tuesday, May 11 the City of Philadelphia officials notified the public that the Covid restrictions in place since November 20, 2020 will be lifted within the city limits beginning on Friday, June 11.

This action by city officials will allow the parish to relax the number of parishioners attending services and will allow the parish to resume its regular coffee hour event held after Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Beginning Sunday, June 13, the coffee hour will resume and the parish plans on having a new coffee hour schedule with new team parishioners in the rotation as per the action taken during the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services in May 2021.

There are no events or services scheduled at the parish this week besides those mentions on the front of this week's bulletin!



**Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women
with the Noble Joseph**
[May 16th]

Today we commemorate the Holy Myrrh-bearing women Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Clopas, Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4). Also St Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), and Nicodemus.

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is commemorated twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

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Venerable Theodore the Sanctified [May 16th]

Saint Theodore was called “Sanctified” because he was the first in his monastery ordained to the priesthood.

Saint Theodore came from Egypt and was the son of rich and illustrious Christian parents. The yearning for monastic life appeared early in him. Once there was a large party at the house of his parents during the feast of Theophany. The boy did not want to take part in the festivities, grieving that because of earthly joys he might be deprived of joys in the life to come. He secretly left home when he was fourteen and entered one of the monasteries.

Hearing about Pachomius the Great, he burned with the desire to see the ascetic. Saint Pachomius received the young man with love, having been informed by God beforehand about his coming. Remaining at the monastery, Saint Theodore quickly succeeded in all his monastic tasks, particularly in the full obedience to his guide, and in his compassion towards the other brethren. Theodore’s mother, learning that he was at the Tabennisi monastery, came to Saint Pachomius with a letter from the bishop, asking to see her son. Saint Theodore did not wish to break his vow to renounce the world, so he refused to meet with his mother.

Seeing Saint Theodore’s strength of mind and ability, Saint Pachomius once told him to instruct the brethren on Holy Scripture. Saint Theodore was then only twenty years old. He obeyed and began to speak, but some of the older brethren took offense that a new monk should teach them, and they departed. Saint Pachomius said to them, “You have given in to the devil and because of your conceit, your efforts will come to naught. You have not rejected Theodore, but rather the Word of God, and have deprived yourselves of the Holy Spirit.”