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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Commemoration of the Myrrh-Bearing Women & the Righteous Joseph

SERVICES THIS WEEK

3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA: Myrrh-bearers (Tone 2)

Saturday, 21 April (8 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 22 April (9 April, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Coffee Hour
12:30 PM Adult Study

4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: The Paralytic (Tone 3)

Saturday, 28 April (15 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 29 April (16 April, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Coffee Hour
12:30 PM Annual Parish Meeting

FASTING DAYS Week of 22 April

Day	Date	Commemoration & Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	25 April (12 April, o.s.)	St Basil the Confessor Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	27 April (14 April, o.s.)	St Martin, Pope of Rome Fast: wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 22 April

THIRD WEEK OF PASCHA		
<i>Su</i>	Third Sunday of Pascha: the Myrrh-bearing Women	
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §71 (16:9-20)	
	Acts §16 (6:1-7)	Mark §69 (15:43-16:8)
<i>M</i>	Acts §17 (6:8-7:5a, 47-60)	John §13 (4:46b-54)
<i>Tu</i>	Acts §18 (8:5-17)	John §20 (6:27-33)
<i>W</i>	Acts §19 (8:18-25)	John §21 (6:35-39)
<i>Th</i>	Acts §20 (8:26-39)	John §22 (6:40-44)
<i>F</i>	Acts §21 (8:40-9:19a)	John §23 (6:48-54)
<i>Sa</i>	Acts §22 (9:19-31)	John §52 (15:17-16:2)
FOURTH WEEK OF PASCHA		
<i>Su</i>	Fourth Sunday of Pascha: The Paralytic	
	<i>4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §112 (24:1-12)	
	Acts §23 (9:32-42)	John §14 (5:1-15)

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Elizabeth's Annual Meeting will be held on the fifth Sunday of April. Year-in-review reports for the past year are to be presented by the Rector, Church Warden, Treasurer, Auditing Committee, and Building Committee. Planning for the current year will also take place. Parishioner concerns will be heard, and Parish Council members for the coming year elected. All voting members of the Parish are asked to attend.

Those attending the Annual Meeting are asked to bring a dish of food for the meal that will precede the Meeting. Please let Matushka know what you plan to bring.

We have a few individuals and families who regularly attend services at St Elizabeth's, and even confess and commune, but have not yet sought to become formal members of the Parish. If you are one of these and would like to be a formal member of the Parish, please speak to Fr David about this.

Orthopraxis During the Paschal Season

The fast days this week are Wednesday and Friday. Fasting on both these days is mitigated due to the celebration of Pascha, wine and oil being permitted.

Kneeling and prostrations are not permitted in either church services or during or private prayers from Pascha until Kneeling Vespers on Pentecost. This Apostolic tradition has been preserved by Orthodox Christians over the centuries. Kneeling is incompatible with the resurrectional joy we experience during the Fifty Days. Bows from the waist (*metanias*) replace prostrations throughout this period.

We continue to use the paschal greeting, *Christ is risen!* and the response, *Truly, He is risen!*, when greeting other Orthodox Christians until the Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Feast. This greeting is not only for Pascha and Bright Week, but for the whole Paschal Season.

We continue also to sing the paschal troparion at all church services and our prayers at home during the forty days of Pascha. We should begin our morning and evening prayers by singing *Christ is risen...* thrice. The paschal troparion may also appropriately replace the Lord's Prayer before meals until the Leave-taking of Pascha.