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THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Commemoration of the Myrrh-Bearers & Righteous Joseph and Nicodemus

SERVICES THIS WEEK

3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA (Tone 2)

Myrrh-bearers, Righteous Joseph & Nicodemus

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

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 30 April (17 April, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA (Tone 3)

Sunday of the Paralytic

Saturday, 6 May (23 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 7 May (24 April, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 PM Annual Parish Meeting

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Commemoration & Type of Fast
Wednesday	3 May (20 April, o.s.)	Venerable Theodore Trichinas
		Fast: wine, & oil permitted
Friday	5 May (22 April, o.s.)	Venerable Theodore the Sykeote
		Fast: wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

THIRD WEEK OF PASCHA		
Su	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)
M	Acts §17 (6:8-7:5a, 47-60)	John §13 (4:46b-54)
Tu	Acts §18 (8:5-17)	John §20 (6:27-33)
W	Acts §19 (8:18-25)	John §21 (6:35-39)
Th	Acts §20 (8:26-39)	John §22 (6:40-44)
F	Acts §21 (8:40-9:19a)	John §23 (6:48-54)
Sa	Acts §22 (9:19-31)	John §52 (15:17-16:2)
FOURTH WEEK OF PASCHA		
Su	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)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Week of 16 April

Birthdays – 17th: Anna Morin-Szydowski; 22nd: Katya Darenkov.

Wedding Anniversaries – 18th: Andrew & Carolyn O'Brien (2004).

Week of 23 April

Birthdays – 24th: Cliff Paul Brangwynne, Reader Gregory Maxey; 25th: Carolyn O'Brien; 26th: Daniel Yanovsky; 30th: Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne.

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 28th: Oksana Stryzak (+2001).

Week of 30 April

Namedays – May 6th (Great-Martyr George): Noah George Hotz; George Seneko.

Birthdays – 1st: Maximos Bibas.

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 2nd: Euphrosyne Carris (+2012).

THE REST OF MAY

Namedays – 7th (St Elizabeth of Constantinople): Elizaveta Efuni; 21st (Apostle John the Theologian): John Morrow, John (Jack) Welsh; 23rd (Blessed Thais of Egypt): Taisia Seneko; 28th (St Colman of Oughaval): Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne.

Birthdays – 12th: Olga Welsh; 15th: Katharine Bibas, Olga Chemodakov; 19th: Innokenty (Ken) Yanovsky; 24th: Gabriel Chemodakov; 28th: Johan Mladineo; 31st: Valentina Babitsch.

Wedding Anniversaries – 8th: Reader Gregory & Claudia Maxey (1988), Deacon Stephanos & Mat. Juliana Bibas (2005); 15th: James & Olga Welsh; 26th: Frank & Nina Fitzgerald (1996).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to have Archpriest Samuel Kedela and his Matushka with us today. Father Samuel has been kind enough to serve the services this weekend while Fr David is away in Florida assisting his family there.

The Annual Parish Meeting was scheduled for today, but has had to be postponed until next Sunday because Fr David's family business in Florida has kept him a week longer than he had planned.

St Elizabeth's Annual Meeting will be held on the first Sunday of May this year. 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 Faith know what you plan to bring.

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.

Fr David & Matushka Faith would like to express their thanks to the parishioners of St Elizabeth's for the loving notes and messages written on their Pascha card and the generous gift given to their family at Pascha. As in previous years this gift has covered the expenses for the week that Straut family will spend on vacation at the New Jersey Shore. May God bless you for your love and generosity!

Fr Deacon Seraphim & Matushka Anna Gail, Fr Deacon Steven & Matushka Hanna, and Fr Deacon Stephanos & Matushka Juliana would like to thank everyone at St Elizabeth's for the wonderful Cards and generous Gifts at Pascha and the Christian love demonstrated by them. This love has touched them greatly.

Reader Gregory and Claudia Maxey express their heartfelt thanks to the parish for the joyous Paschal greetings and generous gift they gave them for Pascha.

MANY THANKS:

- **To the servants of God** who did so much to set up our basement Hall for our Paschal Meal;
- **To those who made and brought** Paschal Foods for our Agape Meal after the Holy Liturgy on the night of Pascha, as well as to **those who stayed to clean up** after the Paschal Meal;
- **To those who donated sweets and filled eggs** for the children's egg hunt after Agape Vespers this year;
- **To Anna Straut, Justin Neidig** and all who helped organize the children's egg hunt on Pascha and enforced the rules.

Orthopraxis During the Paschal Season

The introductory prayers *Glory to Thee, our God. Glory to Thee!* and *O heavenly King...* are not said either in the liturgical services or in prayers at home from Holy Pascha until the Feast of Pentecost, according to the tradition of the Church, but are replaced by the triple repetition of the paschal troparion. In services during the Paschal Season that do not begin with *O heavenly King...* and the Trisagion Prayers, but instead with the *O come, let us worship and fall down before God our King...*, the paschal troparion is repeated three times instead of *O come, let us worship....*

We do not kneel or make prostrations either in services at church or during prayer at home during the Fifty Days between Pascha and Pentecost (as well as all the Sundays of the year). Following a tradition that comes down from the holy Apostles, Orthodox Christians have ever held that kneeling is incompatible with the joy of the Resurrection we experience during the Fifty Days and on all Sundays. Whenever we would ordinarily kneel or make a prostration during prayer on these days, we make a bow from the waist (*metania*) instead.

The paschal greeting, *Christ is risen!* and the response, *Truly, He is risen!*, are exchanged many times during the services of the Church from the Sunday of Pascha until the Leave-taking of the Feast, thirty nine days later. But this paschal greeting is not a mere liturgical formula. It is a greeting to be exchanged daily during the entire Paschal season between all believing Christians as a proclamation of our faith in the risen Lord!

We sing the words of the paschal troparion '*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life!*' many times in the liturgical services for forty days from the Sunday of Pascha. Like the paschal greeting, the paschal troparion proclaims our faith in the triumph of Christ over death. Because of this, we should not only sing it in church, but also at home. Appropriate times to sing *Christ is risen...* are before meals throughout the Paschal Season and at the beginning of our morning and evening prayers from Thomas Sunday until the Leave-taking of Pascha.

On Wednesdays and Fridays from Thomas Sunday until Pentecost, the fast is mitigated due to the celebration of Pascha, wine and olive oil being permitted on these days.