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THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

3rd SUNDAY of PASCHA: Myrrhbearing Women

Saturday, 25 April (12 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 26 April (13 April, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

4th SUNDAY of PASCHA: Healing of the Paralytic

Saturday, 2 May (19 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 3 May (20 April, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	29 April (16 April, o.s.)	VMM Agape, Irene, and Chionia Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	1 May (18 April, o.s.)	Venerable John of Decapolis Fast: wine, & oil permitted

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

THIRD WEEK OF PASCHA		
<i>Su</i>	Third Sunday of Pascha: the Myrrh-bearing Women	
	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel: Mark §71 (16:9-20)</i>	
	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: Luke §112 (24:1-12)</i>	
	Acts §23 (9:32-42)	John §14 (5:1-15)

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Birthdays – 20th: Sami Ghandour; 22nd: Katya Darenkov; 24th: Cliff Paul Brangwynne, Reader Gregory Maxey; 25th: Carolyn O'Brien.

THIS WEEK

Birthdays – 26th: Najib Ghandour; 30th: Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne; May 1st: Maximos Bibas.

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – April 28th: Oksana Stryzak (+2001); May 2nd: Euphrosyne Carris (+2012).

MAY

Namedays – 6th (Great-Martyr George): William George Brien, Noah George Hotz; George Seneko; 21st (Apostle John the Theologian): John Morrow, Jack (John) Welsh; 23rd (Blessed Thais of Egypt): Taisia Seneko; 28th (St Colman of Oughaval): Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne.

Birthdays – 1st: Maximos Bibas; 12th: Olga Welsh; 15th: Katharine Bibas; 21st: Nikita Ghandour; 28th: Johan Mladineo; 31st: Valentina Babitsch.

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

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

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Choir Directors, Reader Gregory & Claudia Maxey would like to express their gratitude for the generous gift and card they received for Pascha from the parishioners of St Elizabeth's Church. Both Claudia and Greg were very touched by the love and support of our parish.

Many Thanks to Elizabeth Maxey, as well as Jennifer Mary and Philip Hotz, for leading the singing last night at the Vigil Service. Reader Gregory and Claudia are enjoying a well deserved vacation in Greece. Many

Thanks to our choir members who pulled together this morning to sing the Divine Liturgy.

The May Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month rather than the 2nd Sunday, in order not to conflict with Mother's Day. All parish council members asked to make a note of this and are asked to try to attend, despite the change of Sundays.



MANY THANKS:

- **To our two wonderful Deacons**, Fr Seraphim Komleski and Fr Steven Barker, who so beautify our services and were such a help to Fr David during Great Lent, Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week;
- **To Claudia Maxey and Jennifer Mary Hotz** who helped with the singing at every service in Great Lent, Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week;
- **To Reader Gregory Maxey** who directed our Choir on the Sundays and Holy Days of Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha;
- **To all of our other choir members** who faithfully rehearsed, attended, and sang at services, and to **our faithful Readers and Servers** who assisted at the services during Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha;
- **To Claudia Maxey who baked** and donated the Artos for Pascha again this year;

- **To those who made contributions for Flowers** to beautify the church, as well as to **those who decorated the church**, for Palm Sunday, Holy Friday, and Pascha;
- **To the servants of God who cleaned the church** during Great Lent and Holy Week;
- **To those who dyed fourteen dozen red eggs** and donated them to our parish at Pascha this year;
- **To Rdr Nicolas Schidlovsky** who once again put together and donated many beautiful Paschal luminaries to brighten the outside of the church on the night of Pascha;
- **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 and all who helped organize** the children's egg hunt on Pascha and enforced the rules;
- **To the Whitacre family** who again provided coffee, bagels, and muffins for the parish after Agape Vespers.

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.