



# Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church

## OUR SUNDAY BULLETIN

### SUNDAY MAY 3, 2009



Protection of the Virgin Mary

### Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

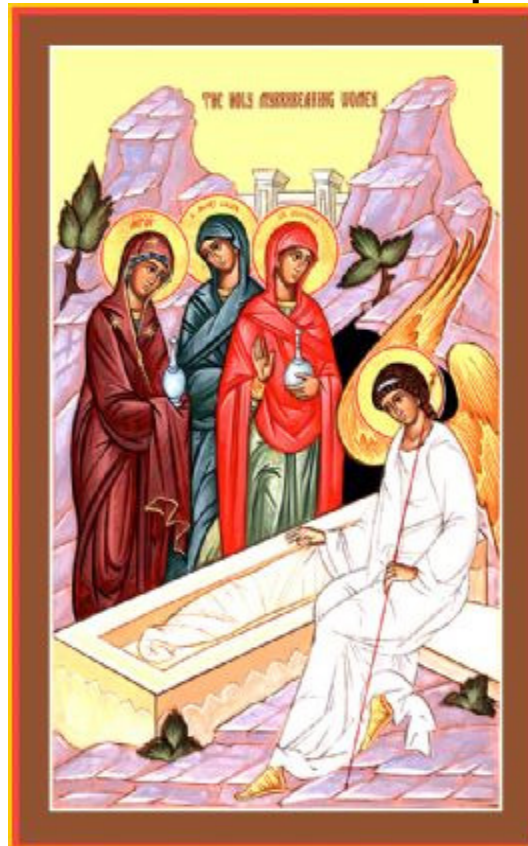
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Great Vespers  
Saturday - 4 PM  
Feast Days - 7 PM  
Divine Liturgy  
Sunday - 9:45 AM  
Feast Days - 9 AM  
Sunday Adult class 9Am  
Children's classes after liturgy

Fr. Peter Bodnar, Rector

Rev. Dn. Christopher Sarafin assigned

All services in English  
A parish of the Orthodox Church in America  
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**Tone 2 Troparion** (*Resurrection*)  
When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised  
the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out://  
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to

**Tone 2 Kontakion** (*Resurrection*)  
Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from  
the tomb. The dead arose! Creation, with  
Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, // and  
the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

#### Troparion - Tone 2

The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at  
the tomb and said:  
Myrrh is meet 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

You did command the myrrh-bearers to  
rejoice, O Christ!  
By Your Resurrection, You did stop the  
lamentation of Eve, O God!  
You did command Your apostles to preach:  
The Savior is Risen!

Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009

5/3 Acts 6:1-7

### **Seven Chosen to Serve**

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.

**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 Joses observed where He was laid.

### **Mark 16**

#### **He Is Risen**

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.

## Commemorated on May 3

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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.

Synaxis of all Saints of Thessalonica.

St Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610)

New Martyr Elias Ardunis (January 31, 1686)

New Martyr Demetrius of the Peolponnesos (April 13, 1803)

## Joseph of Arimathea from Orthodox wikipedia

St Joseph of Arimathea, who buried the crucified Christ.

The holy and righteous **Joseph of Arimathea** was a wealthy member of the Jewish Sanhedrin and a secret follower of Christ (Matt. 27:25; John 19:38).

His feast day is July 31. He is also commemorated on the Sunday of the Myrrhbearers—the second Sunday after Pascha.

Along with St. Nicodemus, St. Joseph removed Christ's body from the Cross, prepared it for burial, and placed it in his own sepulcher.

Jewish spies found out about this and told their authorities, who imprisoned St. Joseph.

However, the resurrected Christ appeared to St. Joseph in prison and convinced him of his Resurrection.

Some time later the Jews released St. Joseph from prison and banished him from Jerusalem.

He then traveled throughout the whole world preaching the Gospel, eventually sowing the seeds of salvation in Britain, where he reposed peacefully in the Lord.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY.....MAY 3 2009

**SUNDAY**      3 9am Adult class 9:45 3RD HOURS  
10am Divine Liturgy  
Church School

**SEE YOUR NEW MAY PARISH CALENDAR FOR  
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES**

**CHRIST SPECIFICALLY INVITES JAMES, JOHN, & PETER  
TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON WHICH MOUNTAINS?**

- A      MOUNTS SINAI AND MOUNT OF OLIVES
- B      MOUNT SINAI AND MOUNT ATHOS
- C      MOUNT ARAFAT AND MOUNT TABOR
- D      MOUNT OF OLIVES AND MOUNT TABOR      D

**Remember to see your monthly bulletin for other announcements**

Our 9th annual Golf Outing will be Saturday, June 6 at Indian Ridge Country Club in Hobart.  
Mark your calendars and check back for more information.  
Please help if you can, we could easily raise \$15,000 for church programs with increased participation  
**see the golf committee**

### **2nd Orthodox Women's Retreat**

Plans are underway for our second Orthodox Women's Retreat which will be September 11-13 2009 at our parish, Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church in Merrillville, IN.  
More information will be sent as the retreat gets closer, but we are asking you to please save the date in your calendar.  
If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Cynthia Bodnar at 219-730-4698.

Our parish is putting together a cookbook. Please submit recipes in these categories - Desserts, Casseroles, Salads, Breads, Meat, Fish, Poultry, Ethnic, Appetizers, Regional and Seasonal. We would also like sugar-free, low-fat/fat-free, low sodium, and lenten. Please submit your recipes to Janice Baranzyk.

**Father Deacon Chris is scheduled to be ordained into the priesthood by Bishop Job on May 16th**

As you know, a new priest needs many things to start his journey of service to the laity  
Some individuals and Parish clubs have already asked what they could donate.  
A list of some of the basic necessities will be made up and posted  
to accommodate others who have asked if they could participate in some way.  
thanks again for your generosity

## **WHAT IS THE SECOND COLLECTION THAT THE KIDS DO FOR??**



**glad you asked**



**The second collection is used to fund the PTC and Church School Programs**

Thank you for your generous contributions to PTC and our Church School program each Sunday which the children collect following communion.

Since beginning this a few years ago, we have been immeasurably blessed in what we are able to do for the youth of our parish from preschool age up through our high school students.

**Thanks again,  
Mat. Cheryl Matrona, all of the teachers, and all of the children.**

**The weekly bulletin e-mail address has changed to:**

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