

The Myrrh-Bearing Women

The Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women ... reminds us that the love and faithfulness of a few individuals shone brightly in the midst of hopeless darkness. It calls us to ensure that in this world love and faithfulness do not disappear or die out. It judges our lack of courage, our fear, our endless and servile rationalizations. The mysterious Joseph and Nicodemus, and these women who go to the grave at dawn, occupy so little space in the gospels. Precisely here, however, is where the eternal fate of each of us is decided.

Today, I think, we are especially in need of recovering this love and basic human loyalty. For we have entered a time when even these are being discredited by harmful concepts of the person and human life now prevailing in this world. For centuries, the world still had the weak, but still

flickering and shining, glow from that faithfulness, love and co-suffering which was silently present at the sufferings of the Man cast aside by all. And we need to cling, as if to a last thread, to everything in our world that still thrives on the warm light of simple, earthly, human love. Love does not ask about theories and ideologies, but speaks to the heart and soul. Human history has rumbled along, kingdoms have risen and fallen, cultures have been built and bloody wars fought, but what has remained unchanging on earth and in this troubled and tragic history is the bright image of the woman. An image of care, self-giving, love, compassion. Without this presence, without this light, our world, regardless of its successes and accomplishments, would be a world of terror.

Father Alexander Schmemmann

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



Icon of the Myrrh-bearing Women

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Sunday – April 18, 2021

Христос Воскрес – Воістину Воскрес Christ is Risen – Indeed He is Risen

The District of Columbia is at Phase 2, and our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday April 18 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers (+Michael Drabyk Sr. from Family) (For the Parish)
Wednesday April 21 9:00 a.m.	(+Roman Mac from Family)
Thursday April 22 9:00 a.m.	(+George Kinal from the Ballard Family)
Friday April 23 9:00 a.m.	(+Ellen Phillips from the Wilson Family)
Sunday April 25 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Paralytic (+Paraskevia and +Gregor Popadiuk from the Family) (For the Parish)

CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

The Mayor of the District of Columbia extended the Pandemic State of Emergency to May 20, 2021. As such, we will not be able to have our Easter Dinner. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONER

Theodore Joseph Jude Williams Sepinsky newly illumined by the Holy Mysteries, was baptized, chrismated, and received the Holy Eucharist this Sunday. God bless Theodore, his father Jeremy and his mother, Anna. *Mnohaya Lita!*

FIRST CONFESSION 2021 PREPARATION CLASSES – SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

First Confession will be celebrated in our parish for children ages 7 and older on **Saturday June 5**. In order to prepare to receive this sacrament, the children must attend the preparation classes on **Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on: Apr.: 18, 25, May: 16 and 23** Children must also attend the Divine Liturgy on these days. Please do not be late. Also, to clarify, we do not plan to hold class every Sunday. According to the planned schedule, which starts on January 31, there will be no class on major holidays or the second Sunday of the month: *i.e.*, May 2 (Old Calendar Easter), May 9 (Mother’s Day), or May 30 (Memorial Day weekend).

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Matthew Parowski, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.