

The Best Role of All

The church school was getting ready for the annual Easter pageant and all the children were asked to choose which part they wanted to play. One child chose to play Mary Magdalene, other children chose to play Saint Peter, or Joseph of Arimathea, and so forth. But, when it came time for Johnny's turn to choose, he happily wanted to be the angel who rolls away the stone that sealed the tomb of Our Lord.

After the pageant was over and Johnny was going home with his parents, his mother expressed how disappointed they were that he didn't choose a larger, more prominent role in the play. Johnny, however, was bouncing excitedly all over the back seat, obviously thrilled with his performance in the pageant. Finally, his mother turned to him and asked, "Tell me, Johnny, why are you so happy about just being

the angel who rolls away the stone from the tomb? Wouldn't you have liked to have had a bigger part to play?" Johnny replied quite innocently, "Oh, no, mom, just think! I'm the one who gets to let Jesus out! What role could be better than that?"

"The myrrh-bearing women arrived just before the dawn at the tomb of the Giver of Life and found an angel seated on the stone who spoke these words to them: 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? Why do you mourn the Incorruptible among those subject to decay? Go announce the good news to His disciples!'" (From *Resurrection Matins*) Let us continue to announce the good news and joyfully sing out: "Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!"

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



Icon of the Myrrh-bearing Women

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Sunday – May 1, 2022

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

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 May 1 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers (+Maria Popadiuk from Family) (For the Parish)
Monday May 2 9:00 a.m.	(Peace in Ukraine from the Nagurney Family)
Tuesday May 3 9:00 a.m.	(+Horace Hitchens from Family)
Wednesday May 4 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Ukraine from the Slysh Family)
Thursday May 5 9:00 a.m.	(+David and +Myron Nagurney from Family)
Friday May 6 9:00 a.m.	(+Pauline Fedak from Family)
Sunday May 8 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Mother's Day (Living and Deceased Mothers) (For the Parish)

PLEASE REMEMBER +JANE O'SHEA IN YOUR PRAYERS

+Jane O'Shea, 83, passed away on April 28 after a long illness. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please pray for +Jane and her children, Michael and Lisa, who mourn her passing. May her memory be Eternal – Vichnaya Yi Pamyat!

MOLEBEN OF THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR PEACE DURING MAY

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm to pray the Moleben of the Mother of God for Peace in Ukraine. This will begin on Wednesday May 4 at 7 pm.

MOTHER'S DAY 2022 – CHILDREN OF THE PARISH TO HONOR THE MOTHER OF GOD

As we honor our Moms this year, the children of our parish will honor the Blessed Mother in a special way. Please have your children in church on Sunday May 8 at our 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 Divine Liturgies.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, 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, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Jane O'Shea, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Cindy Turchek, 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.

God With Us Catechism

In today's Epistle and Gospel text we are introduced to eight new figures who will play a prominent role on the early church. In some ways, we can begin to speak of a "second generation" of Christians leaders. The first generation are, of course, the Apostles. But now the Apostles need help, and the seven "servants" are chosen from among the "many disciples" which now followed the Way. The eighth figure is that of Joseph of Arimathea, and in many ways he reveals to us today the meaning of the service. We know that through Baptism we are incorporated into Christ and made into his body. Each baptized Christian is called to be the hands and feet, the arms and legs, the eyes and ears of Christ. We are, through Holy Baptism, made into the revelation of Christ on earth. And each one of us is called to his ministry of salvation. Thus, when we serve each other, it is Christ who serves through us. And, when we serve each other, it is Christ himself whom we serve. Just as Joseph of Arimathea cared for the body of Christ as he took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen with spices and laid it in his own new tomb, we too, serve Christ himself in the persons of any who need our help. Each one of us who is baptized into Christ, we are called to service. For it is Christ who told us that he has come "not to be served but to serve." All of the members of Christ's body, if we are to live his life, must begin to live this life in service to others. Through this service, we will serve Christ himself.

Come to Church - Come to Confession - Come to Holy Communion

The Time Is Now

+Pray for Ukraine+