

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 19, 2026

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

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

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

Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

Saturday April 18 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday April 19 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Apolonia Knysh from the Bazarko Family)
Thursday April 23 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased of the Davis Family)
Friday April 24 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased of the Hitchens Family)
Saturday April 25 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday April 26 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(Blessings for Mitered Archpriest Mark Morozowich from a friend) (For the Parish)

LOWER CHURCH BATHROOMS RENOVATION PROJECT 2026 – STARTING IN JUNE!

At long last, we will commence with the renovation of our Lower Church Bathrooms in June. We will have a little inconvenience, but then be able to use modern, hygienic, ADA compliant, and efficient facilities. The cost of the project will amount to just under \$310,000.00. We are very hopeful that our faithful parishioners will be able to make some special donations to cover the cost of this much needed and overdue updating to our facilities. God Bless you in advance for your generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING SUNDAY APRIL 19 AT 10:30 A.M.

All members of the St. Josaphat Council of the Knights of Columbus are asked to convene in the Knight’s room this Sunday. This will be a general meeting to strategize about upcoming parish events and priorities and plans of the council.

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Robert Harnest, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Fr. Robert Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Myron Nagurney Jr, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Chris Saboe, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Fr. George Worschak, and Paul Yarrish.** 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.