



# SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

### Schedule of Services April 11—April 18

**Sunday, April 18—Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women**

9:45 a.m. Third Hour

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

**Monday, April 19**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For Jan Person*

**Tuesday, April 20**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, April 21**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, April 22**

No Divine Liturgy

**Friday, April 23—Great Martyr George the Wonder-worker**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, April 24**

No Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, April 25—Sunday of the Paralytic; feast of the holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark**

9:45 a.m. Third Hour

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church*



### WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

"In order for a sacrifice to be directed towards God, it must be free of human elements, self-love, pride and so forth. When one sacrifices himself humbly, it means he has love, and then, God is moved. When I speak of love, I am speaking of true love, authentic love, which has a noble bearing."

*Elder St Paisios*

### Please remember in your prayers:



**For health and salvation:** Fr. Chris Zugger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Brenda Washicko, Ed, Denis, Max, Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko

**For repose of the departed:** +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel,  
*Please let me know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.*

**ANSWERING GOD'S CALL:** "You seek Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen!" In the midst of sadness, the good news comes to us and tells us of the life in Christ. To share this life with vigor, Christ seeks men and women to be like the angel who shared this good news to the myrrh-bearing women. He may be calling you to do this by a life as a religious, consecrated man or woman, or to holy orders. Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

**Mayivka:** In the month of May is a special veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Moleben in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be served every Friday at 7:00 p.m. throughout the month of May. We encourage all parishioners and guests to attend these services in honor of the Theotokos, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Come yourself and invite your friends to this service in honor of the Mother of God.

**The Myrrh-bearing Women. Christ give women a new voice.**

*By Sr. Vassa*

"Women, hear the voice of gladness: 'Trampling on the tyrant Hell, I have raised the world from corruption. Run, tell my friends the good tidings, for I wish joy to shine on what I fashioned from the source from which came grief.'" (Exapostilarion of Myrrh-Bearers' Sunday)

In this hymn, Christ is addressing the Myrrh-Bearing women, and through them all women. He tells us not to walk, but to "run," and tell His "friends" the good news of the resurrection. Thus He grants women a voice we did not properly have, ever since Adam was banished from paradise, – as God says to Adam, "Because you listened to the voice of your wife." (Gen 3: 17) Now, right after His resurrection, Christ chooses to spread joy "from the source from which came grief," the female voice, employing women as His witnesses and as the first messengers of the resurrection, – not only or primarily to other women, but to His male disciples.

The "voice" of women was not well-received by the Apostles, who thought their words to be "nonsense, and they did not believe them" (Lk 24: 11). And throughout Church History even up to our time, the voice of women, on the rare occasion that it is heard at all, is received not un-problematically. Hence from apostolic times, when women first reacted to their new vocation by being afraid "and did not say a word to anyone" (Mk 16:8), it continues to be difficult, both for women to speak in the Church, and for men to hear them. Nonetheless, it happens, by the grace of the risen Lord, Who continues to call us to the perilous business of being His "witnesses," that we may overcome the brokenness of our communion with Him and one another. So let's spread His joy today, as He calls us to do, saying: "Women, hear the voice of gladness!"



**Eparchial Appeal 2021:** We are in a time of Annual collection "Eparchial Appeal 2021". Total Pledged To-Date is \$300.00 (3.94% of Goal). Our goal is \$7,607.33. Some can donate more, some less. Our goal is that

everyone in our parish takes part in this collection. Kindly give what you can to help our Eparchy and our Church. There are few ways to donate: \*You can donate online. Please go to [ephx.org](http://ephx.org), then click "Home- Eparchy of Phoenix," then click "Giving". Make sure you note that you are from St. Irene Church, Portland OR \*You can ask Father for the 2021 Eparchial Appeal brochure, Pledge / Payment form. \* Mail the check to St. Irene. Please write a check to St. Irene and put in memo "The Eparchial Appeal". Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday, May 2nd**

**Celebrating the Feast of Saint Peregrine with the Veneration of a First Class Relic**



9:45 a.m. Third Hour  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
After Divine Liturgy—

*Special prayers for healing, blessing of oil, and anointing of the sick*

*Saint Peregrine is the patron saint of people suffering from cancer, AIDS, or other life-threatening diseases*

**April 23rd through May 1st  
Novena for the sick  
through the intercession of St. Peregrine  
Send a prayer request to  
[stirenebcc@gmail.com](mailto:stirenebcc@gmail.com)**