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3RD SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA, SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH BEARING - WOMEN

Schedule of Services

APRIL 24—MAY 1, 2022

Sunday, May 1—Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

9:25 a.m. Matins

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

**Monday, May 2—Wednesday, May 4
NO DIVINE LITURGY**

Thursday, May 5—The Holy and Great Martyr Irene (feast day patroness of our church)

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors of our church and for their relatives*

Great blessing of water after Divine Liturgy

Friday, May 6

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 7

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy + *Intention for Our Departed Mothers*

After Liturgy Panachida with reading of names of Our Departed Mothers

Sunday, May 8—Sunday of the Paralytic

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For Our Living Mothers*

And they said among themselves: “Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?” This was the subject of the Myrrh-bearing Women’s conversation as they climbed up to Golgotha, looking for nothing unexpected. The women’s weak hands were not strong enough to roll the stone away from the tomb’s entrance, for it was very great. Those poor women! They did not remember that the labour to perform which they were hastening so zealously to the tomb had already been performed during the Lord’s earthly life. At Bethany, at supper in the house of Simon the Leper, a woman had poured precious spikenard over Christ’s head. The omniscient Lord said at the time about this woman: “In that she hath poured this ointment on My body, she did it for My burial” (Matthew 26:12). He had a clear foreknowledge that His body would, in death, receive no other anointing. You may ask: then why did Providence allow these devout women to be so bitterly disappointed? To buy precious myrrh, to come fearfully through the dark and sleepless night to the tomb and not to perform that loving act for which they had sacrificed so much? But did Providence not reward their efforts in an incomparably richer way, in giving – in place of the dead body – the living Lord?

St. Nikolas Velimirovicz

Please remember in your prayers:



For health and salvation: Fr. Chris Zugger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Brenda Washicko, Ed, Dennis, Max, Pani Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko, Faye, Jessica, Sophia, Diane Pierce, Vincent Carich, Tusita Docie & Scott Docie, Sarah Docie, Emily Docie, Mia Docie, Martin,
For the repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel, +Frank Sliwinski, Jr., +Lawrence & Lucille Carich, +Ivan & Matilda Carich, +Josip & Amanda Grabovac, +George Pavlakovich, +Carol Pavlakovich, +Bud & Virginia Arnold, +Israel Castillo Lara, +Jesse Gonzalez, +John

Please let Father 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 monk, a nun, or to holy orders. Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Support the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** today or next week! Over 40% of dioceses United States and its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions. Envelopes are available on back of the church, and it reads “Catholic Home Missions Appeal”. You can also send your check by specifying in the MEMO “Catholic Home Missions Appeal”. Thank you for your support.

Mother’s Day Remembrance Liturgy, We would like to remember our mothers, both living and deceased, in the Divine Liturgies, which will be celebrated on May 7 (for the deceased) and May 8 (for the living). Envelopes are available in the back of the church, and it reads “Mother’s Day Liturgy Remembrance.” Please list the names of mothers you would like to have prayed for, and return the envelopes.

A Prayer to Holy Myrrhbearers

O Jesus Christ, the Holy Myrrhbearers were blessed with a task that was both simple and great: bringing myrrh to the tomb, and risking their own wellbeing under hostile conditions. The myrrh was not needed, and they never anointed Your Body, for You had risen from the dead. Yet, their devotion and witness proclaimed the Resurrection and they were able to say to the apostles and all the world, “Christ is Risen.” We ask to become bearers of myrrh: to carry jars of goodwill to mankind, to pour out truth and righteousness to our families and loved ones, to anoint the sick and suffering with hope, to roll away the stone for those oppressed by dark powers, and to flow forth glad tidings in all that we say and do. O Holy Myrrhbearers, we thank you for your dedication to the ministry of Christ, from Galilee to Jerusalem, and we praise you for your witness of the events of Holy Friday and Holy Saturday, and of the Day of Resurrection. To those who are named and many who remain unknown, we give thanks for your loyalty and courage. Even if you are not known by name — you are known of Christ and we know the events of those days because of you. We ask to live as you lived, not dead in sin but alive in the Risen Savior and filled with faith and gratitude. Guide us to be of service if only in small ways, to unite in our love of Christ, and to process all events from the perspective of victory over sin and death. Bring us glad tidings, O Holy Myrrhbearers, that we may also declare with our hearts and souls, “Christ is Risen,” for, “Indeed He is Risen.” Amen.

Thank you for your donation!



God save you!



The annual collection for the **Eparchial Appeal 2022** has begun.

The pledge form and information for the appeal were sent directly to your home from the Bishop’s office. We are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop’s office. Our checks and credit cards must be made payable to Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix, NOT to St. Irene. Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Irene the Virgin and Great Martyr Byzantine Catholic Church cordially invites you to our Patroness feast day Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m.

●Divine Liturgy ●Great blessing of water