

**Christ is Risen!**  
**Χριστός Βοσρεπε!**  
**Χριστός ἀνέστη!**

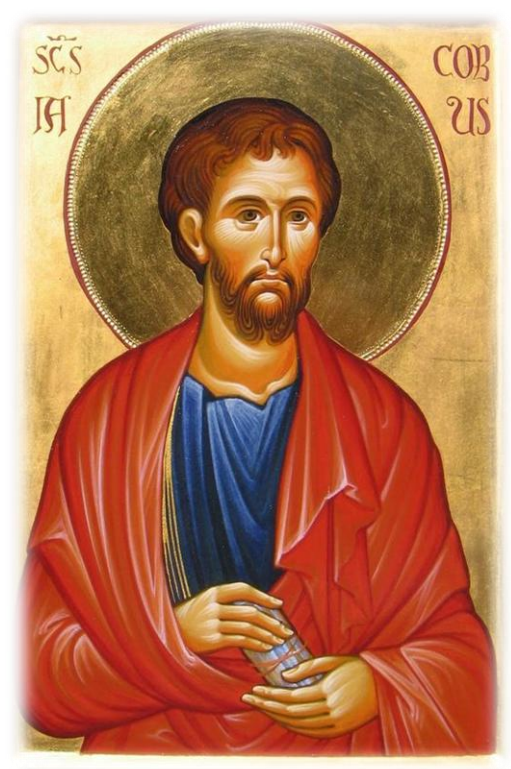
**St. Mary ~ Holy Protection**  
**Byzantine Catholic Church**  
**4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650**

**Indeed He is Risen!**  
**Βοιστινυ Βοσρεπε!**  
**Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!**

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**30 April 2017 / 7525 ~ Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women**  
*The Holy Apostle James, Brother of John the Theologian*



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:**

**Sat.**    **Apr. 29**

**17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women** *pro populo*

**Sun.**    **Apr. 30**

**10:30 Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women** Suffrages for +**Conrad Semensky** – Mary Ann Kontir; for the newly baptized **Adeline Grace Knouse**

**Sat.**    **May 06**

**17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Paralytic** Suffrages for +**Helen Krynicky** – James and Donna Fullman

**Sun.**    **May 07**

**10:30 Sunday of the Paralytic** Suffrages *pro populo*

		ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS
Sat.	Apr. 29	-----	B. Chirdon	R. Knouse, J. Basinger
Sun.	Apr. 30	E.R.A. Hess	G. Krynicky	J. Overdorff, J. Knouse
Sat.	May 06	-----	J. Krynicky	D. Mihalko, J. Snitzer
Sun.	May 07	T. M. Syphans	A. Syphan	D. Hess, G. Krynicky
04 / 23 / 2017		Adults \$850	Children \$9	Holy Days: \$115
Collection		Pascha \$360	Candles \$66	<b>Total: \$1400</b>

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**WOMEN FIRST TO HONOR THE RISEN CHRIST.** **PETER CHRYSOLOGUS:** The women were first to honor the risen Christ, the apostles first to suffer for Him. The women were ready with spices; the apostles prepared for scourges. The women entered the tomb; the apostles would soon enter the dungeon. The women hastened to express their eulogy; the apostles embraced chains for His sake. The women poured oils; the apostles poured out their blood. SERMON 79.

**You Seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who Was Crucified THE TREE AS SIGN.** **JOHN OF DAMASCUS:** When we worship the likeness of the priceless and life-giving cross, we know that it is made out of a tree. We are not honoring the tree as such (God forbid), but the likeness as a symbol of Christ. For He said to His disciples, admonishing them, “Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in Heaven,” meaning the cross. And so also the angel of the resurrection said to the woman, “*You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified.*” And the apostle said, “*We preach Christ crucified.*” For there are many named Jesus and many who may claim to be the Christ, but we worship the One crucified. He does not say pierced but crucified. It behooves us, then, to worship the sign of Christ. For wherever the sign may be, there also will He be. But it does not behoove us to worship the material of which the image of the cross is composed, even though it is gold or precious stones. THE ORTHODOX FAITH 4.11.

**He Has Risen: THE QUICKENING POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION.** **APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS:** The resurrection in which we believe is that which has already been demonstrated in the resurrection of our Lord. For it is He that raised Lazarus after he had been in the grave four days, and Jairus’ daughter, and the widow’s son. It is He that raised Himself by the command of the Father in the space of three days, Who is the pledge of our resurrection. For He says: “*I AM the resurrection and the life.*” Now the very One Who brought Jonah alive and unhurt out of the belly of the whale in the space of three days, and Who brought the three children out of the furnace of Babylon and Daniel out of the mouth of the lions, does not lack power to raise us up also. CONSTITUTIONS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 5.7.

**THE DEATH OF DEATH.** **AUGUSTINE:** He died, but He vanquished death; in Himself He put an end to what we feared; He took it upon Himself and He vanquished it, as a mighty hunter He captured and slew the lion. Where is death? Seek it in Christ, for it exists no longer; but it did exist and now it is dead. O life, O death of death! Be of good heart; it will die in us, also. What has taken place in our head will take place in His members; death will die in us also. But when? At the end of the world, at the resurrection of the dead in which we believe and concerning which we do not doubt. SERMON 233.3–4

**Next Sunday’s Readings ~ Sunday of the Paralytic**

*Acts of the Holy Apostles 9: 32 – 42 Healing of Aeneas; Dorcas Restored to Life*

*John 5: 1 - 15 The Healing at the Pool of Bethesda*

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**~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~**

- ❑ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr. & Mrs. James Knouse on the Baptism, Chrismation, and First Eucharist of their daughter Adeline Grace. May Christ our true God, Who is risen from the dead, grant His servant Adeline many blessed years of health and happiness and divine grace.



- ❑ **MOTHER’S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS** are located on the tables in the Narthex. Checks are NOT to be made out to the parish, but to Father.
- ❑ **BUILDING / MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** this Tuesday at 18:00 in the church basement.

- ❑ **THE 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS LECTURE** will be held at the St John Cathedral Centre in Munhall on **Thursday, 17 May at 19:00**, reception to follow. The speaker this year is the Very Rev. Peter Galadza, PhD; his topic is *Vatican Guidelines for Church Music: Eastern Christian Prospects and Problems*. This even is FREE, but registration is required by 28 April. Register on-line at **www.bcs.edu**, call **412-321-8383**, or email **office@bcs.edu**.