

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Βοσκρεσε!
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Indeed He is Risen!
Βοιστίνυ Βοσκρεσε!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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14 APRIL ~ THIRD PASCHAL SUNDAY SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. April 13 17:00 Vigil: **THIRD PASCHAL SUNDAY** *Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. April 14 10:30 **THIRD PASCHAL SUNDAY**
Suffrages for +John Regalla – Greg Krynicky

Sat. April 20 17:00 VIGIL: **FOURTH PASCHAL SUNDAY**
Suffrages pro populo

Sun. April 21 10:30 **FOURTH PASCHAL SUNDAY**
Suffrages for +John Regalla – Joseph & Joyce Regalla

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04 / 07 / 2024	Adults: \$1795	Pascha: \$80	Candles: \$54		
COLLECTION	Holy Day: \$50	TOTAL: \$1979			



WEEK OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN: We honor those women who served our Lord Jesus throughout His earthly ministry and who were faithful to Him even to the Cross. After His burial, they came with love to anoint His most pure body and instead became the first witnesses

and apostles of His Resurrection. As we honor them throughout this week, we also proclaim our faith in the Resurrection of Christ and we rejoice in His gift of life!

Some saints and icons are called "**Myrrh-flowing**," "**Myrrh-streaming**," "**Myrrh-gushing**" or "**Myroblete**" indicating the relics or icons exude a holy and sweet-smelling oil that is often miraculous. "This wonder of myrrh has been given to the holy relics in order to indicate that Christians are truly 'a sweet-savor of Christ unto God', sweet-smelling to God and to heaven. The truth of the Gospel is that the sin of man is a foul odor before God and every sin pleases the devil. Through the holy mysteries and holy virtues, Christians become 'a sweet-savor of Christ unto God.' For this reason, then, the holy relics of the Saints pour forth myrrh.

Our parish was recently gifted with what are called in Greek **exapteriga**, in Slavonic: **rapidia**: liturgical fans made with a representation of a six-winged Seraphim, the highest order of angel, mounted on a pole or staff for hand carrying. The seraphim, according to Isaiah's vision of God, surround the throne of God in Heaven. The image of the seraphim is often engraved on a circular, usually metal, disk on the end of the staff. The two fans are placed on either side of the artophorion or tabernacle when not in the hands of the servers. The fans are reminders that these same angels surround the throne of God on earth — the Holy Altar. During the Divine Liturgy the rapidia are used to accompany the Holy Gifts during the Great Entrance and the Gospel Book when brought out for the Gospel reading.



~ Announcements ~

- **THANK YOU, MILLE GRAZIE, MERCI BEAUCOUP** for the many beautiful Easter cards and messages, for the delicious baked goods, and for gifts received at Pascha! All is greatly appreciated. Christ is Risen! Fr. Paul-Alexander
- **PASCHAL CHORAL PROGRAMME:** The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir invites faithful and friends to an inspiring program of Paschal hymns and songs of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord. Presented at St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church (4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road) in Munhall, PA on **Sunday, April 21st**, the program begins at **3:00 p.m.**, and will feature many beloved and seldom-heard renditions of the triumphant Paschal greeting, «**Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!**» A cake-and-coffee reception will follow the program in the Church social hall.
- The **Reverend Deacon Kyprian Wojciechowski**, by the grace of the Holy Spirit at the hands of our Metropolitan William, will be ordained to the holy priesthood on Sunday, April 28th, 2024 at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Bradenville. Deacon Kyprian is related to the late Michael Skipora, Sr. and Stephen Skipora, both deceased members of our parish. Please keep Father Deacon Kyprian in your prayers as he prepares for this most special day.