

Christ is Risen!  
Χριστός воскрес!  
Χριστός ανέστη!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
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Indeed He is Risen!  
Воистинѣ воскрес!  
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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## SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

*Third Paschal Sunday ~ The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea.*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Apr. 18 17:00 **SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN**

Sun. Apr. 19 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN**

*Suffrages pro populo.*

Sat. Apr. 25 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN**

*Suffrages for +John Dusecina – Rev. Regis Dusecina*

Sun. Apr. 26 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN** *Suffrages pro populo*

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<b>04 / 12 / 2026</b>	Adult: \$565	Candles: \$68	Holy Week: \$105	
<b>COLLECTION</b>	Spec. Don.: \$260	PASCHA: \$120	<b>TOTAL: \$1118</b>	
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Sat.</b> 16	<b>Sun.</b> 26 + 10		
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**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, along with Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, throughout this week, we also proclaim our faith in the Resurrection of Christ and we rejoice in His gift of life!

**Myrrh** is a red-brown resinous material, the dried sap of the tree *Commiphora myrrha*. It is native to Somalia and the eastern parts of Ethiopia. Its name entered English through the Ancient Greek, *μύρρα*, which is probably of Semitic origin. Myrrh is a component of **perfumes** and **incense** that was highly prized in ancient times. It was widely used in the ancient world as **incense**, in **cosmetics**, in **medicine**, and as an agent during **embalming** and funerals. It was expensive, often worth more than its weight in gold. 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.

**T**he women prepared myrrh to anoint You and secretly came to Your tomb early in the morning. They feared the boldness of the Jews, and they expected the soldiers to be keeping guard. **But their weakness triumphed over manly strength, for tenderness finds favor with God.** And so they cry out: Arise, O Lord, protect us and save us for the love of Your Name.

**I**s the Life still resting among the dead? Is our Unsetting Sun still beneath the earth? asked the myrrh-bearing women as they sighed: Come, let us hasten and look within the tomb of the Holy One. There they saw a radiant angel, and they were afraid. However, he changed their sorrow into joy, saying: The Giver of Life has risen; fear not, O friends of God, the Lord reigns and grants great mercy to the world.

**B**efore the sun was up, a group of women sought the true Sun, Whom they believed had set in the tomb. To those myrrh-bearers, the radiant angel appeared and said: The resplendent Light enlightens those who sleep in the darkness. Go and announce to the radiant disciples that sorrow is now changed into joy. With a confident heart and clapping of hands, cry out with joy: The Pasch of joy now saves us. Christ is risen and grants mercy to the world.

*From the Pentecostarion*



## ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- During the 50 days of the paschal season, in Church and at your icon corner at home, there is **NO KNEELING** at any time, for standing is a sign of the RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!
- **THANK YOU** for all the many kindnesses and remembrances extended to me on the most solemn feast of Great and Holy Pascha. I am truly appreciative of them all. Father Paul-Alexander
- **THANK YOU ALSO** to David and Lisa Simko, and Rachel Simko for their generous donations to the parish in honor of Debra and Daniel Simko's 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebrated here at the church last Sunday.

- **A SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER** will take place **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 17:00 at Hopwood AMVETS.** All proceeds will go directly to the Morgan family who are members of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Uniontown. The family suffered a devastating house fire on Palm Sunday. The price of tickets is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. The dinner includes spaghetti, two meatballs (one for children), salad, bread and butter, and a dessert of your choice. To purchase tickets (dine-in or takeout), please call or text Emily Wojciechowski: 724-366-3684.

