

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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Sunday May 15th 2016

3rd Sunday of Pascha

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women



Welcome to all of our visitors! If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the *work of the people* and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women 3rd Sunday of Pascha

Tropar and Kondak—Blue Book pg 200, Red Book pg223

Anything else that is special (different than usual) for the Paschal season can be found on in the Blue Book on pages 193-196 and in the Red Book on pages 215—218.



- **ACRY Bowling Tournament/Family Weekend:** If you would like to attend any of the events for the ACRY Bowling Tournament please turn in any forms **ASAP!** This includes the Sunday Brunch at St. Elizabeth's which will be catered by Stephen Page. The costs for everything are on the forms in the atrium. If you are not interested in the brunch, everyone is welcome to stay for coffee and socialization! The dates for the weekend are May 27-30th!

Weekly Schedule of Divine Services:

Saturday 5/21 4:30 PM— Great Vespers

Sunday 5/22 10AM— Divine Liturgy

Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Milesenko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!



SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH BEARERS

Who are the Myrrh-bearers???

Last week we heard in the Gospel of John about the risen Christ appearing to the disciples. The Gospel of John 20:19) tells us that when Christ appeared to his disciples they were hidden behind close doors. They were hidden because they feared the Jews, the same mob who just days earlier had cried out for Christ's Crucifixion. This week the Orthodox Church remembers the Myrrh-Bearing Women. While the Disciples were hiding in fear, the Myrrh-Bearing Women, in spite of the hostile environment around them, openly proclaimed their love for Christ by going to His tomb to anoint His Body.

The Scriptures tells us who some of these women were. So these are the one we know! First of all, we know that Mary, the Mother of God was among them; Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, the wife of Chouza; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the rest, the scriptures are silent, but the fearless devotion of these women is truly an awe inspiring testament of faith.

There are many more Myrrh Bearing Women, in fact all of us can be just like them. But how do we act like these women? How do we become Myrrh-Bearers?

St. Paul tells us that Christ is the Head of the Church, and that Church is the Body of Christ. We must care for the Body of Christ, the Church, just like those Myrrh-Bearing Women who went to take care of Christ's Body. We must all become Myrrh-Bearers.

There are many ways for all of us to be Myrrh-Bearers for the Body of Christ. We can sing during the Divine Services of the Church. We can help with the cleaning of the Church, or the maintenance of the Church grounds. All of us can do this in both small and large ways, whether it's devoting a day to cleanup around the Church, or just pulling a few weeds, or picking up some trash. Every bit helps! We are Myrrh-Bearers when we take care of our Church—whether it be financially or through our time or talents. We are Myrrh-Bearers when we support the ministries of the Church—from supporting the Parish Youth, Ladies Society, and various Church functions and fundraisers. Anything and everything we do for the uplifting of Christ's Church on earth makes us act just like the Myrrh-Bearers.

Most importantly we are Myrrh-Bearers when we pray. We are Myrrh-bearers when we come into God's House in humility. We are Myrrh-Bearers when we follow Christ's command to love one another as he has loved us.

St. Elizabeth's mugs and car magnets are available in the Atrium! Please see Miriam for mugs and Nicole for car magnets! The sale of the mugs will support the building fund and the sale of the car magnets will support St. Elizabeth's Jr. ACRY!

We are all invited to a Pig Roast today at Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church in Roswell GA.—2030 Old Alabama Road, Roswell GA 30076

