

O who loves Nicholas the Saintly  
O who serves Nicholas the Saintly  
Him will Nicholas receive  
And give help in time of need  
Holy Father Nicholas



O kto kto Nikolaja l'ub it  
O kto kto Nikolaja služit  
Tomu svajatyj Nikolaj  
Na vsjakij čas pomahaj  
Nikolaj, Nikolaj

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**Sunday, May 4, 2014**

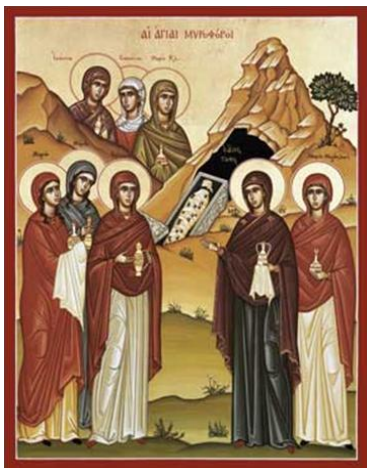
**Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women**

**Epistle Reading:** Acts 6:1-7 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 15:43-16:8 **Tone:** 2 **Troparian & Kontakian:** pp. 53-55

**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**CHRISTOS VOSKRES!  
VOISTINU VOSKRES!**

*If you are visiting today, we are delighted that you are here and we hope that you will find a spiritual home among us.*



The Holy Myrrh-bearing Women followed The Lord while he preached, and served Him and His disciples from their own possessions. For His sake, they aided the poor, the sick and the suffering. During His sufferings and death on the Cross, even when all the apostles had run away in fear, the Myrrh-bearers did not abandon their Savior. They stood at Golgatha (the place of the Crucifixion) and with their presence helped ease the unbearable pain and suffering of the All-Pure Mother of God. The Myrrh-bearers did not abandon The Lord even after His death and burial. Very early in the morning they came with myrrh (very expensive oil) according to the Jewish tradition, to anoint The Lord's most precious body and render Him their final respects. There, The Lord rewarded to the women for all their undying love and devoted care. The Myrrh-bearers worthily became the first witnesses to the Resurrection of Christ, having found the empty tomb and having heard the joyful news from the angel. Then Holy and Equal to the Apostles, Myrrh-bearer Mary

Magdalene, was the first to meet and worship the Risen Savior and to go and tell of this to His Apostles. There were many myrrh bearing women that served Christ during His life on earth, but from the Holy Gospel we know only the names of seven; Mary Magdalene, Mary, the wife of Cleopas, Salome, Joanna, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus and Susanna. The Holy Orthodox Church always celebrates their common memory on the third Sunday after Pascha.

Let the Holy Myrrh-bearers serve as an example to us as a saintly example of the true Christian woman, with their ardent, constant and unwavering love for The Lord. Their selfless service to Him, to the poor and to the suffering is what we should seek for ourselves and for our loved ones. Comfort at the Tomb and Cross of Our Savior. Only then will each one of us be able, according to our strength and ability, to serve Him quietly, without complaint and most importantly without fear. Let us bring our good deeds and our singing praise to Christ, like those women who carried myrrh to the Tomb, so that the All Most Merciful Savior may reward us with the ultimate joy of his Resurrection.

O Holy Myrrh-bearing women, pray to God for us sinners!

**COMMUNION REQUEST:** Please state your name as you approach the Chalice for communion. Since we understand "Communion" to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, the reception of the Holy Eucharist is RESERVED only to those who are baptized and chrismated members of the Orthodox Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, a recent confession, fasted from all food/ drink from midnight and arrived on time for Liturgy. Those who are not fully prepared to receive the Holy Gifts, or those who are non-Orthodox, may approach the chalice to receive a blessing only. Please advise the priest or deacon of your intention.

### **SERVICES**

Today: There will be a 40-Day Parastas for Seman (Sam) Kovalcik after Liturgy. A komašna will follow.

Next Week: A Panachida for all of our deceased mothers will be held before dismissal on Mother's Day.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

#### **Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita**

Let us all wish John Ceselka, John Ceselka Jr, Danuta Horbal, Peter Husinko, Jr, Michael Strenk and Kathleen Tutler many happy and blessed years!

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita**

Let us all wish Gary and Diane Heidenfelder many happy and blessed years as they celebrate their Anniversary.

**PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR:** Mary Fackovec, Steven Gaydos, Ann Gaydos, Justine Gidicsin, Marge Hildebrant, Deacon Joseph Hotrovich, Neil Ingenito Helen Karpiak, Mike Kormanik, Deacon Michael Kozar, Mary Lichvarik, Olga Petrick, Joyce Rusinak, Mary Strenk, Miron Timoshuk, Peter Tymus, Lorraine Vira and Victoria Vislocky. Please contact Kim Busel to add and/or remove names: k.busel@att.net

### **CHRISTOS VOSKRES! VOISTINU VOSKRES! CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

\*\*\*\*\*No Kneeling until Pentecost!\*\*\*\*\*

The reason why there is no kneeling between Pascha and Pentecost is that we do this in honor of the Resurrection. As Christ has Risen, we also rise in prayer.

### **2014 FLEA MARKET CHANGE**

The Annual Flea Market is being rescheduled from June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be announcing the new date shortly!

**NO ENVELOPES TO REMEMBER!** Have your donation charged to your credit card once a month and you will never have to worry about writing a check or remembering an envelope. Sign-up in the office.

### **YOUR HELP CAN GO A LONG WAY**

#### **Sponsor an Orphan**

St. Michaels Orthodox Church, Binghamton NY has a program to "Sponsor an Orphan" for \$10 at orphanages in Slovakia and the Ukraine as part of their International Children's Classic Mission Outreach Program. You can also sponsor an orphan for \$10. Forms are on the bulletin board in the Main Hall. Make the check payable to St. Michaels and mail to: Dr. Nick Seketa, 1104 Tamara Lane, Johnson City, NY 13790.



**BAPTISM** We warmly welcome Luke Michael Stack to the Orthodox Faith. He received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on April 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Nicholas Church. May God Grant baby Luke and his parents, Nicole and Matt, many years!

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For the 2nd year, Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Fund will be presenting a \$1,000 Scholarship Award to a student selected (in the event of a tie, the award will be split). Applications are available outside the church office. **The due date for application receipt is May 20<sup>th</sup>.** The Scholarship Selection Committee will announce the recipient of the scholarship by June 16<sup>th</sup>. Selection will be based on the application content only. The selection committee is not affiliated with St. Nicholas Church (and does not include Diane, Gary or Michele).

## UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

### May 6<sup>th</sup> - Praying With Icons

Time: Tuesday, May 06 at 7:00 pm Location: Parish House; The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028  
Renowned Romanian Orthodox iconographer Sr. Eliseea Papacioc will present her recent icons and discuss her process, the language of icons, and the practice of praying with icons.

### May 10<sup>th</sup> – Golf Tournament

St. Michaels Orthodox Church, Binghamton, NY will be holding its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Children's Classic Golf Tournament to benefit two orphanages and a children's hospital wing in Slovakia & the Ukraine. The cost is \$400 per team. For more info, contact Dr. Nick Seketa at [NFSeketa@gmail.com](mailto:NFSeketa@gmail.com). Registration is by April 28<sup>th</sup>. Information is posted on the bulletin board in the Main Hall.

### June 7- 8<sup>th</sup> – First Confession/Communion

Practice & First Holy Confession on June 7<sup>th</sup>  
First Holy Communion on June 8<sup>th</sup>

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – Fathers' Day Celebration** All fathers, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers and all of the men of St. Nicholas Church are invited to a very special, kids-served luncheon honoring YOU!

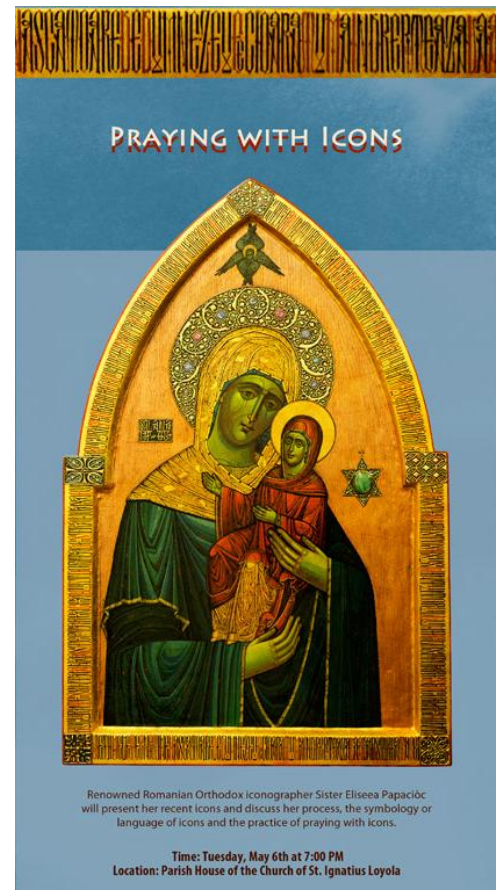
## The Myrrh Bearing Women Sunday

By Father Alexander Schmemmann

This is what the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women means. It reminds us that the love and faithfulness of a few individuals shone brightly in the midst of hopeless darkness. It calls us to ensure that in this world love and faithfulness do not disappear or die out. It judges our lack of courage, our fear, our endless and servile rationalizations. The mysterious Nicodemus and Joseph, and these women who go to the grave at dawn, occupy so little space in the gospels. Precisely here is where the eternal fate of each of us is decided.

Today, I think, we are especially in need of recovering this love and basic human loyalty. For we have entered a time when even these are being discredited by harmful concepts of the person and human life now prevailing in this world. For centuries, the world still had the weak, but still flickering and shining, glow from that faithfulness, love and co-suffering which was silently present at the sufferings of the Man cast aside by all. And we need to cling, as if to a last thread, to everything in our world that still thrives on the warm light of simple, earthly, human love. Love

does not ask about theories and ideologies, but speaks to the heart and soul. Human history has rumbled along, kingdoms have risen and fallen, cultures have been built and bloody wars fought, but what has remained unchanging on earth and in this troubled and tragic history is the bright image of the woman. An image of care, self-giving, love, compassion. Without this presence, without this light, our world, regardless of its successes and accomplishments, would be a world of terror. It can be said without exaggeration that the humanity of the human race was, and is, being preserved, saved, by woman—preserved not by words or ideas, but by her silent, caring, loving presence. And if, despite all the evil that dominates the world, the mysterious feast of life still continues, if it is still celebrated in a poverty-stricken room, at a barren table, just as joyously as in a palace, then the joy and light of this feast is in her, in woman, in her never-fading love and faithfulness. "The wine gave out..." (Jn 2:3), but while she is here—mother, wife, bride—there is enough wine, enough love, enough light for everyone ...



# MAY - JUNE 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
4 Sammy Kovalcik 40-Day Parastas and Komašna	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mothers' Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Team Black & White	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Team Kitchen Cousins	26	27	28	29 Ascension of our Lord	30	31
JUNE 1 Team 8 Days a Week	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Pentecost First Holy Confession/ Communion	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Fathers' Day	16 Apostles Fast Begins	17	18	19	20	21
22 Team 2	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Last Coffee Hour Team BQE	30					

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