

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!!!

**Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women
with the Noble Joseph**

**Epistle: Acts 6:1-7
Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8**

Troparion – Tone 2

The comely Joseph, / when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree, / wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, / and placed it in a new tomb. / But You rose on the third day, O Lord, / granting the world great mercy.

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Joseph, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery and Halyna (Klima). Amen!

***** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski*****

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**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN WITH THE
NOBLE JOSEPH -**

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikódēmos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb. According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10). Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikódēmos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38). The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women. On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610), the New Martyr Elias Ardunis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:45am Sundays

Divine Liturgy: 10:00am Sundays

Confessions: Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 18th of May

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 19th of May

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 20th of May

Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm via ZOOM

Friday 24th of May

HSOC Yard Sale from 9 am – 5 pm

Saturday 25th of May

HSOC Yard Sale from 9 am – 3 pm

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 26th of May

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Visitors Welcome

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us at Holy Spirit Church and to experience the beauty of Vespers each Saturday at 5 pm and/or Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am. Fellowship and light refreshments follow Divine Liturgy.

Memory Eternal

On Friday May 10th, we had a funeral service to our dear Helen Schweizer. After the funeral she was buried at Russian Orthodox Convent Cemetery. Please pray for Helen's soul as well as her surviving family: son Wallace and his wife Christine; her brother Dimitri and granddaughters Amanda and Alexa. May Helen's memory be eternal!

Thank you

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who participated and contributed to the beauty of our Holy Spirit Orthodox Church during Lenten season, Holy Week and Pascha! We are most grateful for our choir, director, singers, readers, altar servers, cleaners, food preparers, grave watchers, Pascha flower donors, and to all who attended services and worshipped with us. Bless you and God Grant you Many Years!

Save the Date – HSOC Annual Garage Sale

Friday, May 24th from 9 am – 5 pm and Saturday May 25th, from 9 am – 3 pm. Start cleaning out your closets! Please bring your items to the Church before May 24th. Setting up will be Thursday evening, May 23rd, after 3pm. Help is needed on Friday and Saturday. There will be food available for sale, as well as the garage sale items. To volunteer or more information regarding donations, please speak with Matushka JoAnne Kedala.

Lawnmowing possibilities

Starting this Sunday we will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please consider signing your name and dedicating some time to keep our property beautiful. If you need training, you will be trained how to operate the lawnmower.

Parish Development Forum

Registration is now open for 2024 Parish Development Forum in Broadview Heights, Ohio. Please follow the link to learn more: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/registration-opens-for-2024-parish-development-forum-in-broadview-hts-oh>

Holy Spirit Day

Dear brothers and sisters this year we will celebrate Holy Spirit Day on June 24th, 2024. As always Archbishop Michael will be serving the Divine Liturgy. Furthermore, on this day our Mark Benda will be ordained to the rank of sub deacon. This is very joyous occasion. If possible, please plan to attend and support Mark and celebrate Feast of our Parish. More information will be available soon.

Have an item for the bulletin?

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