

TODAY'S FEAST: Reading from the Synaxarion for the Third Paschal Sunday

Jesus frequently came to Galilee, (northern Palestine), preaching, teaching, and performing miracles. Many women left their homes then and followed Him, ministering to Him out of their own means, even when He was on the Cross and in the tomb. Finally, they went with ointment which they had prepared to anoint His Body. From this, they are now known as the Ointment-Bearing Women. We know the names of only seven of these: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph who was the wife of Cleophas, Joanna the wife of Chuza who was King Herod Antipas' steward, Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Suzanna (See Matthew 27:26; Luke 8:2+3; & John 19:25), Mary, and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. As for the rest, the Evangelists are silent concerning their names.

Along with these we also celebrate in honor Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, who secretly at the beginning were two disciples of Christ. It is probable that Nicodemus was a Jerusalemite, one of the leaders of the Jews, of the sect of Pharisees, and well versed in the Law and the Hebrew scriptures. Early in Christ's preaching of salvation Nicodemus believed in Him having come to visit Him at night (John 3:1-21). And at His Burial he also came carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes, a hundred pounds in weight. for the purpose of scenting and embalming, and as a gesture of reverence and love to the Divine Master. Joseph, on the other hand, was a rich and noble man of the city of Ramah, or Arimathea, and one of the Privy Council of Jerusalem. At the death of Jesus, he ventured forth to approach Pilate and ask for the undefiled Body of Christ, and he and Nicodemus accompanied it to the tomb and buried it there. It was said that the garden where Jesus was buried was one of the possessions of Joseph, and that he had prepared there a tomb for himself hewn out of the rock. Because time did not permit the digging out of another tomb and preparing it, he placed the Body of Jesus in his own tomb. That seems to be the meaning of Matthew the Evangelist when he stated, And laid it in his own tomb, which he had hewn out of the rock (Matthew 27:60).



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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

May 2025

Khristos Voskres!
Христос Воскрес!
Al Maseeh Qam!
Christos Anesti!

Voistinu Voskres!
Воістину Воскрес!
Hakan Qam!
Alithos Anesti!

Schedule of Services

(May 4—June 5)

Sunday, May 4

The Third Sunday of Pascha, Commemoration of the Holy Ointment-Bearing Women, Joseph of Arimathea, & the Righteous Nicodemus, Resurrectional Tone 2; Virgin-Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus in Asia Minor; St. Monica, the mother of Blessed Augustine of Hippo

9:30 a.m.—The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions

10:00 a.m. - Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, May 11

The Fourth Sunday of Pascha, the Fourth Sunday of Pascha, Sunday of the Paralyzed Man By The Sheep's Pool, Resurrectional Tone 3; the Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Cyril (869) and Methodius (885), First Teachers of the Slavic People

10:00 a.m. - Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

NO SERVICES AT ST. NICHOLAS ON SUNDAY, MAY 18

Sunday, May 25

The Sixth Sunday of Pascha, Sunday of the Man Born Blind, Resurrectional Tone 5; The Third Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptizer John (ca. 850)

Thursday, May 29

10:00 a.m.— Removal of the Shroud of Christ from the Holy Table
The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
Holy Anointing Мированіє

Saturday, May 31

The Holy Apostle Hermes of the Seventy (1st c.)

11:30 A.M.— Marriage of Nathaniel Michael Cvelbar & Cami Renee Price

Sunday, June 1

The Seventh Sunday of Pascha in which the 318 Holy and God-Bearing Fathers Who Participated in the First Ecumenical Council Held in Nicea in 325 A.D. are Commemorated; The Fourth Day of the Ascension of our Lord; The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him at Rome (166)

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May Milestones - Birthdays: 19, Amelia Kristof; 24, Joshua Walsh. **Anniversaries:** 9, Craig & Shelly Hejnal; 17, Lillian & James Valli; 26, Ilarion & Rita Julia; 27, Joshua & Natalie Largent Walsh; 30, Maria & Michael Dormer. May our Good God grant them and their families peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many blessed years, на многая і благая літа!

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Please remember during the Divine Liturgy on Mother's Day, the special intention of my mother[s]:

Mothers Name(s):

Requested By:**Offering:**

If mother is deceased, please indicate by putting a cross[+] before her name

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