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APRIL 30, 2023

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRHBEARING WOMEN**  
**SAINTS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA AND NICODEMUS**  
THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Epistle Reading  
Acts 6:1-7

Gospel Reading  
Mark 15:43-16:8

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH,  
AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!**

**Troparion** (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

**Troparion** (Pentecostarion)

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

**Troparion** (Myrrhbearing Women)

The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: Myrrh is meet for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! Go proclaim: The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy!

**Kontakion** (Pentecostarion)

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles: "The Savior is risen from the tomb!"

**Kontakion** (Pascha)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death! In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming "Rejoice" to the myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**Welcome** to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to join us at Coffee Hour and get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

**Memory Eternal**

We offer prayers for Nenad Markovic on the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his falling asleep and for Barbara Lane's mother, Lillian, on her 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Grant blessed repose, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants. Memory eternal + Večnaja pamjat +

**Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, May 3 at 7PM on Zoom**

The Orthodoxy 201 discussion group will meet this week on Zoom featuring a new book: "The Gospel of John: Beholding the Glory" (Orthodox Bible Study Companion) by Fr. Lawrence Farley. Fr. John will email his review notes and the Zoom link. Join us!

**An Orthodox-Centric Discussion on Fentanyl - Thursday, May 4 at 7PM**

Pre-teens, teens, their families and all interested are invited to a presentation and discussion on Fentanyl awareness, May 4 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 7701 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Thalia Dimopoulos, M.A. U. Penn School of Medicine, will facilitate.

**First-Sunday-of-the-Month Food for the Needy – Sunday, May 7**

Our parish supports the C-CAP Food Pantry in Winchester, VA through monetary gifts and donations of canned and boxed nutritious foods on the first Sunday of each month. Remember the hungry and donate next Sunday or online at [www.ccapwinchester.org](http://www.ccapwinchester.org).

**Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, May 13 at 9AM**

Schedule Change: All men of the parish are welcomed to the May Prayer Breakfast coming up in two weeks on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 9AM for faith discussions and fellowship.

**2023 Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St. Tikhon's Monastery – Friday-Monday, May 26-29**

The annual [St. Tikhon's Pilgrimage](http://www.sttikhon.org) will take place over Memorial Day weekend at the monastery and seminary in Waymart, PA. Metropolitan Tikhon, other bishops and clergy will serve a full liturgical schedule with the beautiful choir. Also coming are guest speakers and the Myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon for prayers and anointing of all gathered.

**Oriente Lumen Conference – June 19-21**

The Oriente Lumen XXVII Conference will be June 19-21 in-person at their Retreat House in DC and also virtual on the "Teachings of Kallistos of Diokleia." There will be videos of Met. Kallistos and speakers on Patristics, Liturgy, Theology, Spirituality and Ecumenism. Special Offer: Those registering by May 1 will receive a free 3-month subscription to OLTV streaming video website. Go to <https://olfoundation.net/conferences/ol-xxvii/>

**God Grant You Many Years!**

God bless Val and Wynne Maksimovic on their wedding anniversary, and also Milića Whitestone, Rick Costello, Dina Vasileva and Jan Zicha on their birthdays. Mnogaja ljeta!