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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

MAY 4, 2025

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Myrrhbearing Women

Virgin Martyr Pelagía of Tarsus in
Asia Minor

New Martyr Vasily

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 Arduinis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Larissa, Bob, David, Zondra, Art, Jerry, Davide

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Daniel, Robert

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

DEPARTED: Tom, Anton

NEWBORN: Winona Laura

BIRTHDAY: Luke Garber

NAMEDAY: Irina Dolgopolov

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL & ADULT ED.: Please note that Church School & Adult Ed. resumes today, Sunday, May 4.

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE ROVENTA-SCHMITT FAMILY: Andra and Frank Schmitt welcomed their daughter, Winona Laura, on April 4, 2025. Please sign up to provide meals for the new parents (and visiting grandparents) using the Meal Train link:

<https://mealtrain.com/gv6ev8>

Lory Easton (312-401-5993) is happy to help with coordination.

CONSECRATION OF ST LUKE'S NEW TEMPLE: Attached you will find the flyer about the consecration of St. Luke's new temple in McLean, VA on May 9-10. All are invited to attend this joyous celebration.

21st ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL: The 21st All-American Council will take place in Phoenix, AZ on July 14-18. As in the past, there will be a youth program that week. For more information and to register, please visit oca.org/aac.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

May 3, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
May 4, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM	Church School & Adult Ed. Divine Liturgy
May 10, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
May 11, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM	Church School & Adult Ed. Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	May 4	May 11
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Garber	Margheritino
<i>Reader:</i>	Barr	Hughes
<i>Cleaning:</i>	Easton	Class
<i>Communion Cloth:</i>	Mikhalevsky/Easton	Terezi/Class

Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment