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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 19, 2024

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Myrrhbearing Women

Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of
Prussa, and his companions

Saint Dimitry Donskoy

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 cloth 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Robert, the Ries family, Jackson, John, Michelle, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Davide, Andra and her unborn child

NEWBORN: Everett James

DEPARTED: Child of God Daniel, Edward, Tom, Glory

CATECHUMEN: Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

BIRTHDAYS: Nicolas Margheritino

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRIES LEADERS: As we continue to grow as a parish and, God willing, prepare ourselves to relocate to a larger facility when time comes, our community needs to grow on many fronts. One of these is a greater level of shared responsibilities that will require commitments on all of our parts. The first step which has become urgent is the need to find somebody who would oversee the facility and its needs. I will offer more details later, but, in short, this is somebody who will not have to do all the cleaning him/herself or be in charge of executing everything, but she/he would still be a person in charge of ensuring our small church is maintained clean and stocked with the supplies we need, while coordinating with others who can help accomplish this. Please speak with Fr. Alessandro or James Class if you can serve in this capacity.

NO SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS NEXT WEEKEND: Please note that Fr. Alessandro will be traveling with His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon to St. Tikhon's Monastery next weekend and liturgical services on Saturday and Sunday will not be served at our parish. Fr. Alessandro encourages our parishioners to attend services at St. Nicholas Cathedral.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Choir members, please note that our next rehearsalS scheduled for May 18 after Vespers (6-7).

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men from the parish will get together for breakfast on Saturday, June 1, 8:30a at The Executive Diner (1400 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314).

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

May 19, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
June 1, Sat 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Men's Breakfast Great Vespers
June 2, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM	Church School Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	May 19	June 2
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Class	Barr
<i>Reader:</i>	Hughes	TBA

Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment