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Mary the Myrrhbearer

May 23

The great and holy myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, equal of the apostles, was a disciple of Jesus named Mary from Magdala, a town in Galilee. Her feast is celebrated on July 22, and she is also remembered on the Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women. She has an Akathist hymn dedicated to her.

Some of her titles include: Apostle to the Apostles - "The apostles proclaimed the resurrection of Christ to the whole world. But Mary proclaimed the resurrection of Christ to the apostles themselves: she was an apostle to the apostles!

She purchased myrrh and spices to anoint the body of the buried Christ, and to accord Him, following Jewish custom, as much honor as possible. This undertaking, which is the reason for which Mary Magdalen has come to be known as a myrrh-bearer, was fitting for her, since two of the evangelists again place her as first among several other women who followed her in doing likewise, and a third identifies only her as performing that noble deed.

She is often confused with other women. She is not Mary of Bethany (a city south of Jerusalem), the sister of Martha and Lazarus, who anointed Jesus' head. She is not the prostitute who anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. These two understandably get confused, and historically in the West all three women are lumped together under Mary Magdalene's name, a confusion continued in the *Last Temptation of Christ*, *The DaVinci Code*, and other works."

In Matthew 27: 55-61, we read, "And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar,⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.⁵⁷ Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.⁵⁸ This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.⁵⁹ When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,⁶⁰ and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock, and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.⁶¹ And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

According to tradition, during a dinner with the emperor Tiberius Caesar, Mary Magdalene was speaking about Christ's Resurrection. Caesar scoffed at her, saying that a man could rise from the dead no more than the egg in her hand could turn red. Immediately, the egg turned red. Because of this, icons of Mary Magdalene sometimes depict her holding a red egg. Also, this is believed to be an explanation for dyeing eggs red at Pascha.

In Ephesus, according to the tradition and testimony of many of the holy Fathers and ecclesiastical writers, the holy Mary Magdalen assisted the holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian in his evangelical labors, remaining there until she herself reposed in peace and was buried in that city.



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May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Christ is Risen!

One thing we always do in May is celebrate our mothers. We set aside a day to recognize the women in our lives, the ones who

brought us into this world, guiding and loving us even into our adulthood. It really is a special day to consider all of the things mothers do in the world. And they do so much!

We've come to associate so many positive traits with mothers. It's our mothers who taught us gentleness, compassion, and tenderness. They stand as a timeless example to us of duty and thinking outside of oneself.

When we fell at the playground who was it we ran to? When we're out of sorts who is the one we can trust will listen? Who still worries about us when we're in our 40s? Usually, it's mama.


The Church also uses "mother" language. The Church is the 'Mother', the bride of Christ, and we come to know it as the place where everyone is welcome, as a place where we all experience the warm embrace of Christ's love. Even Christ himself tells the Jews that he would, like a mother hen gathering her chicks under her wings, gather them to safety.

It makes sense to me then that we as a Church also recognize and celebrate our mothers on Mother's Day. We celebrate their love, we celebrate their sacrifice, and we thank God for their example in our lives.

Thank you to all the women, mothers or not, who have loved and guided us, who have "mothered" us through this life.

Fr. Matthew

Holy Trinity Adult Education



Living Biblically

The Sermon on the Mount in a Modern Era

What does the Sermon on the Mount mean for you today? Is it a set of quaint and irrelevant guidelines from a by-gone era or a radical and refreshing way to live your life? We'll explore some key concepts of the Sermon of the Mount, and how we can still apply them today.

Week 1: God's Grace to Stay The Course
Week 2: Obedience is Fulfilment
Week 3: Anger in Context
Week 4: Desert Living in an Urban Setting

Wednesdays in May from 7pm-8pm
Location TBA - Zoom or at Holy Trinity

If we meet via Zoom, please call 740-282-9835 to get the Zoom meeting ID and password.

The President's Page

May 2020



PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Beloved Parishioners of Holy Trinity, Xristos Anesti!

Welcome to May and the continuance of unprecedented and unique times in our lives. I want to start by thanking all of you for your patience and obedience during this difficult time. It's very hard to be away from our beloved Holy Trinity and we've all done remarkably well. I want to also thank all who have helped Fr. Matthew with services leading up to and during Holy Week. For those who were able to watch live streaming at www.holytrinitystb.org/live I know you'll agree how beautiful it was to listen and see our church even though from a distance.

As always, thank you to all of our volunteers as work continues behind the scenes in planning for this year's festival which is now moved to October 7,8,9, 2020. Without all of you, this extraordinary fundraising event could never occur and this year is more important than ever!

Our church is not unique but similar to many other small parishes that over the years have gotten smaller through the loss of members and others relocating away making it more challenging to make ends meet. As I've always said we may be small in numbers but we are jumbo size in spirit and passion and that's why we are strong and continue to flourish.

Your volunteerism and stewardship is invaluable in keeping Holy Trinity alive and well and your efforts never go un-noticed, so again, thank you!

If you have any questions regarding the festival please contact myself or Angela Mastros and we will be glad to assist you in the best manner possible.

Thank you also for your kitchen fund donations as they continue to come in. We have such a wonderful state of the art area now and your help is greatly appreciated! God Bless each and everyone of you for your help!


Due to Covid19 and the Festival changing it's dates the 75th Anniversary Dinner/Dance is now postponed into 2021 at a date we will release in the coming months. Chairs Rana Mahfood and Tara Dzvonic will need your help when the time arrives so please volunteer.

Work will soon begin on the bell tower as we will be resurfacing the roof above. As previously stated, It has deteriorated over the years and has caused some damage. Once the weather breaks, contractors will begin this process. If you would like to donate to this improvement please see myself or Nick Riley.

I also want to again acknowledge and congratulate our St. Photios award winners for this year, Kaliopé Diniaco and Steve Markis! This year's Metropolitan event was cancelled due to distancing rules. There will be a plan to honor both of these extraordinary stewards once we are all back together. Kaliopé and Steve have worked tirelessly for our beloved Holy Trinity for many many years. In growing up here, both have greatly influenced me as a youngster and I am extremely appreciative of them both. May God grant them continued health and happiness.

Committees are building and we need and want you! If you have not volunteered for a committee please do so and contact myself or Fr. Matthew to sign up. Be a part of the solution and volunteer, we are all in this together and we need everyone! We soon will be meeting virtually for the stewardship and outreach committee's and you're welcome to be a part!

Please remind family and friends from near and a far who cannot come to church can view services live from anywhere around the globe at: www.holytrinitystb.org/live and you can also go to our Facebook page at @holytrinitystb. Thank you for all that you do in making Holy Trinity great! It takes a village and each and everyone of you makes an enormous difference.

In closing I want to enclose a prayer that I shared this last week with my work team and I felt that it also important to share with you. Much love and continued blessings Tony 

Let's bow our heads and pray:

Eternal Father, You made the whole World stop spinning for awhile. You silenced the noise that we all have created. You made us bend our knees again and ask for a Miracle. You closed Your Churches so we will realize how dark our World is without You in it.

You humbled the proud and powerful. The economy is crashing, businesses are closing.

We were very proud, we thought that everything we have, everything we possess, was the result of our hard work.


We have forgotten that it was always Your grace and mercy that made us who we are. We're running in circles looking for some cure to this disease, when in fact we need to humble ourselves and ask You for guidance and wisdom.

We've been living our lives like we will be here on Earth forever, like there's no Heaven. Maybe these trials are Your mercy in disguise.

Maybe this virus is actually Your way of purifying us, & cleansing our soul, bringing us back to YOU.

Today as these words travel the internet, may all who see them join their hearts and hands together in prayer! Asking for forgiveness & asking for healing & protection from this virus...GOD just wipe it from the Earth!

Father You have been patiently waiting for us. We're so sorry for ignoring Your voice... and in our selfish ways, we've sometimes forgotten that YOU are GOD!

You only need to say the words and our souls shall all be healed. We ask these things in Jesus name!...Amen 

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following people will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of May:

May

Luciana Petrides	5-01	Alexandria Caras	5-14
Nicholas Kirsch	5-02	Faye Christ	5-14
Gage Strickler	5-02	Vasso Espinosa	5-15
Richard Mahfood	5-03	Sophia Panagis	5-21
Spiro Alexander	5-04	Marie Economos	5-22
Alan Locasio	5-05	Charles Rebon	5-23
Stella Parikakis	5-05	James Rebon	5-23
Pete Atsalis	5-10	Dimitri Panagis	5-24
Thomas Apesos	5-12	Mark Al Kaed	5-24
Luke Zorne	5-12	John Tressler	5-24
Connie Sergakis	5-13	Enza Anderson	5-26
		Erik Van Dijk	5-26

NEW FESTIVAL DATES

The festival committee would like to announce the new dates for the festival: October 7-9. More details to follow. We would also like to thank the people that have sent in ads for the festival and we are still accepting ads for the book, placemat and banners. We would appreciate your support.

FESTIVAL MONETARY DONATIONS

As many of you are aware, we rely heavily on the festival to sustain the operations of our parish. We are asking our membership to cover some of our expenses by sponsoring items purchased thus far:

- Walnuts \$ 780.00
- Registers \$2,000.00

Any donation is appreciated and will allow us to help keep our treasury positive! Please list how you would like your

Christ is Risen!

Truly He is Risen!



Χριστός Ανέστη!

Αληθώς Ανέστη!

HOW TO ATTEND CHURCH ONLINE

GET OUT OF BED AND GET DRESSED

it will put you in the right mindset for worship

GO THROUGH YOUR NORMAL SUNDAY ROUTINE

minus the "hurry up, we're late" part

GATHER TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

no multitasking; worship is a family activity

STREAM TO YOUR LARGEST SCREEN IF POSSIBLE

it will feel like you are really "there"

SING ALONG LOUD AND PROUD

it may feel weird, but it also feels weird to the people leading worship in an empty room

PREACH WITH THE PREACHER

say amen, clap, shout and take notes; have a time of prayer at the end; make your home a sanctuary



Mother's Day

Every year on Mother's Day, we remember our mothers, whether living or departed, by some token of gratitude for the great sacrifices they made for us. In the Orthodox Church we do no different.

Please list the names of all mothers you wish to remember and give them to

Father Matthew by Mother's Day (May 10, 2020). They will be commemorated

directly after the Liturgy.

Names of the Living

Names of the Departed



Memorial Day Memorial



Please list the names of all departed loved ones you wish to be commemorated after

Liturgy on Sunday, May 24.

Names of the Departed

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See Angie Mahfood or Joanne McCraley to Join

May 2020

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<p>NOTE: No Orthros before any Liturgy this month</p>					1	2
3	4	5	6 Adult Education 7:00PM	7	8	9
<p>10 <i>Sunday of the Paralytic</i></p> <p>Mothers' Day</p> <p>Memorial for Helen Satiropoulis</p>	<p>11 Parish Council 7:00PM</p>	12	<p>13 <i>Mid-Pentecost</i></p> <p><i>Divine Liturgy</i> 10:00AM</p> <p>Adult Education 7:00PM</p>	14	15	16
<p>17 <i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</i></p>	18	19	<p>20 Adult Education 7:00PM</p>	21	22	23
<p>24 <i>Sunday of the Blind Man</i></p>	<p>25 Memorial Day Offices Closed</p>	26	<p>27 <i>Apodosis of Pascha</i></p> <p>Adult Education 7:00PM</p>	<p>28 <i>Holy Ascension</i></p> <p>Divine Liturgy 10:00AM</p>	29	30
<p>31 <i>Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council</i></p>						

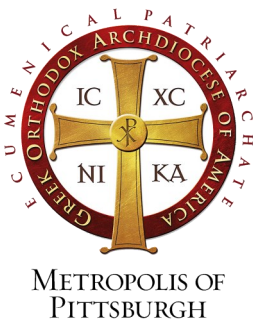


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