



**Sunday April 22, 2018 3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA —  
Tone 2. Myrrhbearing Women.** *St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis (613). Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Vsévolod (in Baptism Gabriel), Prince of Pskov (1834). Apostles Nathaniel, Luke and Clement (1st c.). Ven. Vitalis (Vitalii) of Gaza (6th-7th c.).*

**This Week's Schedule**

***Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!***

*Saturday 4/28 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday 4/29 Hours 8:40 a.m.*

*Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

*followed by Coffee Hour & Church School*

**Reader Schedule**

| <b><u>DATE</u></b> | <b><u>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</u></b> | <b><u>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</u></b> | <b><u>EPISTLE</u></b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Apr-22             | RILEY                             | RILEY                             | RILEY                 |
| Apr-29             | SOUDER                            | SULPIZI                           | CAREY                 |
| May-6              | LEWIS                             | PECK                              | PECK                  |
| May-13             | BUNITSKY                          | BUNITSKY                          | FINCK                 |

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 2 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!”

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(from the 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.

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(from the Pentecostarion)*

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said:  
“Myrrh is fitting for the dead;  
but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption!  
So proclaim: ‘The Lord is risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.’”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(from the 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!”

### **Tone 8 Kontakion**      *(Pascha)*

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,  
Thou didst destroy the power of death.  
In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God,  
proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women,//

granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing  
Resurrection on the fallen.

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon** (*Resurrection*)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! (*Ps 27/28:9*)

*v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)*

**Epistle** Acts 6:1-7

*Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.*

*Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.*

*Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."*

*And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.*

*Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.*

**Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. (Ps 84/85:1)*

*v: Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Ps 84/85:10)*

**Gospel** Mark 15:43-16:8

*Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.*

*Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

*The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:  
"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,  
thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!  
With Himself He has raised all the dead."  
Rejoice, O ye people!*

*Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!  
The glory of the Lord has shone on thee.  
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!  
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,  
in the Resurrection of thy Son!*

### **Communion Hymns**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Priest: "In the fear of God ..."*

*Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord ..."*

*Priest: "O Lord, save Thy people ..."*

*Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead ..."* (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light ...")

*Priest: "Always, now and ever ..."*

*Choir: "Let our mouths be filled ..."*

(At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to Thee, O Christ....," and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead...." (thrice).

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day.)

### **This Week's Announcement**

***Parish Council Meeting*** Just a reminder that our parish council will meet on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Please see Jeff Kendall if you are unable to attend.

***Mother's Day Dinner*** There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for all who is are willing to help with our annual Mother's Day Luncheon on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up today. If you have any questions, please see Tom Sulpizi or Rasheed Elia.

***Vacation Church School Meeting*** We will have a Vacation Church School Meeting on Sunday May 13th during the coffee hour. We are asking all parents who are interested in VCS to attend and share in this work.

***Study Group*** Our Study group will continue this Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am with "Courage to Pray" by Met. Anthony Bloom. All are welcome to join us.

***Parking at the Church*** We continue to ask individuals to please park in the designated areas. The parish council realizes that parking close to the church is limited, however for safety sake please do not park in the fire/ambulance lanes. We need to keep these areas open in case of any

emergency. We ask that if the parking lot is full please park on the street and be sure not to block anyone in. Thank you!

***Greeters Ministry*** In response to the Paschal season and after discussions with the parish council we would like to, once again, start a greeter's ministry. St. Michael's has been blessed with several guests and visitors and what a better way to respond to those who are sent to us than offering a formal welcome. We are looking for at least two people willing to volunteer to lead and organize this ministry. Please consider your calling to be a greeter and see Fr. Barnabas or Jeff Kendall for more details.

### ***Finding Courage***

*On this Sunday we remember the Myrrhbearing Women, and also read about Joseph of Arimathea, who asked for and buried the body of Jesus Christ. Risk and courage are the outstanding elements of their stories. Picture the women on the way to the tomb of Christ that very early, still-dark morning. It wasn't the safest time of day for unaccompanied females to be on the road under any circumstances. But on this particular morning the Jewish authorities were hyper-vigilant and suspicious, and a detail of guards had been posted at the tomb. There were plenty of reasons for the women simply to be too afraid to go and anoint the Lord's body.*

*Yet the Gospels tell us that they expressed only one concern: "Who will roll away the stone?" They were intent on doing what was proper for a beloved person who had died, and so they found their courage. Nor did they run away from the angel at the tomb, of whom they were indeed afraid, as Mark 16:8 tells us. They stayed, heard the angel's command, and rushed to carry it out by giving the apostles the good news of the resurrection (Luke 24:9).*

*Joseph of Arimathea was a disciple of the Lord, but a secret one. The Gospels give us a few facts about him. He was a rich man, prominent in the community, and a member of the Sanhedrin, the council of Jewish leaders. It was due to his public visibility and his position as a council member that he kept his discipleship secret.*

*So Joseph was probably not a person of great courage. Like many people with much to lose, he was not going to risk his place and possessions readily. Yet, while the disciples fled and hid, Joseph stepped forward and declared himself a loving friend of the Lord at the moment when it was most dangerous to do so.*

*Pontius Pilate had just condemned Jesus Christ to death. There had been no public outcry of protest; His followers were demoralized, fearful, and silent. Even Pilate—perhaps especially Pilate, with his self-protective and hesitant nature—must have been impressed by the bravery of this man coming forward, alone, to ask for the body of the executed preacher.*

*The Gospels tell us that Joseph was a good and just man, and had not consented to the Sanhedrin's decision to condemn Jesus. This was an act of fortitude. But asking for the body was even more of a risk, because it brought him to the notice of the Romans and of his fellow Jewish leaders, most of whom had wanted Jesus to die. Only by "taking courage," as Luke writes, could Joseph make such a request.*

*The danger faced by the Myrrhbearing Women as they walked to the tomb was real. So was the fear of loss of position and security faced by Joseph. But they all found their courage, because they were "waiting for the Kingdom of God" (Mark 15:45). They saw that Kingdom in Jesus Christ, and fear could never really hold them back again.*

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### **Wisdom from the Holy Fathers**

*"The soul and body have natural necessities and instincts, and unless we satisfy them all, they will take revenge against us. Therefore it is better to direct all your necessities towards Christ. He is the only one who can satisfy them all."*

+ *St Isaac The Syrian*

*"My own talents are small. But I still have the duty of investing the divine word in the minds of the people. I fear the day when I shall be asked to show the interest accruing."*

+ *Saint Ambrose of Milan*

**Prayers for the Departed:** Archpriest JohnNehrebecki, Matuska Mary Perez, Matushka Barbara Kucynda, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, Anthony Greer

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle, Alfred Mokhiber, Stephanie Hojnicky, Leah Reed, Jameson Edward Reed, George & Anastacia Sarmousakis

**Prayers for Women and the Child to be born:** Maria Peck, Rachel Facaros, Jacquelyn Marie Wham, Rachael Irene Shatley, Stephanie Riley

| <b>Date</b>   | <b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b> | <b><u>Service Duty</u></b> | <b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b> | <b><u>Library</u></b> |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>22-Apr</b> | Whalen/ Clause/ Gabriel   | Bunitsky/Lewis             | Skomorucha/Lewis             | Maloney               |
| <b>29-Apr</b> | O. Arshinova and Julia    | Elia/Morjana               | Peck/Peck                    | Lewis                 |
| <b>6-May</b>  | POT LUCK - Bunitsky       | Riley/Riley                | Baldychev/Shatley/           | Gundersen             |
| <b>13-May</b> | MOTHERS DAY               | Sulpizi/Finck              | Suplizi                      | Farrell               |

**Church School Reminder**

April 22 Class  
 April 29 Class  
 May 6 Sunday School Wrap up