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**Sunday May 16, 2021 3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA –**  
Tone 2. Myrrhbearing Women. Ven. Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Ven. Pachomius the Great (368). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Perekop (Novgorod, 1545), Ven. Cassian (1537) and Lavrentii (Laurence) (1548), Abbots of Konel' (Vologda). St. Alexander, Archbishop of Jerusalem (213-250). Martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia, at Lucania (ca. 303). Bl. Child Musa of Rome (5th c.). St. George, Bishop of Mitylene (9th c.). New Martyr Nicholas of Metsovo (17th c.). Saint Brendan the Navigator (577).

### **This Week's Schedule**

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

Thursday 5/20 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 5/22 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 5/23 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Coffee Hour

*\*Please Note Services will also stream Online\**

### **Reader Schedule**

<u><b>DATE</b></u>	<u><b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b></u>	<u><b>6<sup>th</sup> Hour</b></u>	<u><b>EPISTLE</b></u>
May-16	DORAZIO	WJCIECHOWSKI	WALES
May-23	SKOMORUCHA	VOJACSEK	CAREY
May-30	LEWIS	DORAZIO	LEWIS
Jun-6	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

## Hymns and Prayers

*Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."*

*Choir: "Amen."*

*Priest: "Christ is risen... " (2 ½ times)*

*Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"*

*(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)*

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

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

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

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(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.'"

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(Pentecostarion)*

You commanded the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God.  
By Your Resurrection, You stopped the lamentation of Eve, the first  
mother.  
You commanded them to preach to Your Apostles://  
"The Savior is risen from the tomb!"

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

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal,  
You destroyed the power of death.  
In victory You arose, O Christ God,  
proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women,//  
granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the  
fallen.

## **Tone 6 Prokeimenon**   *(Pentecostarion)*

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

*V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

### **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, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob. (Ps. 84:1)*

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

### **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.*

***(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing:)***

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:  
“Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,  
your 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 you.  
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!  
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,  
in the Resurrection of your Son!

### **Communion Hymn**

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 God, save Your 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 You, O Christ..." and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead..." (thrice).*

*And unto us He has given eternal life...*

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

**Study Group** Our study group continued this past week with six of us reading and discussing the gospel of St. Matthew chapter 22. We will continue our study this Thursday morning at 10 a.m. on Zoom. Join us!

**Coffee Hour** We are having a modified coffee hour for any who wish to participate. Participation is entirely voluntary; and participants should understand that it is impossible to eliminate all risks with respect to Covid. Therefore, each coffee hour participant assumes their own risk in deciding to participate. However, with that said, we are taking common sense steps to make fellowship safer, and would ask that participants please observe the following: **1)** maintain social distancing at

all times when in the fellowship hall, whether standing or seated; **2)** continue to wear masks when not actively eating or drinking; **3)** sanitize hands before using the coffee pot; **4)** wash or sanitize hands before eating; **5)** initially food will not be provided but you may bring your own; **6)** please use the Clorox wipes on the table to sanitize your spot at table, and your chair before leaving. We would also ask that **all participants be gracious when reminded of these rules.**

**FAMILY PROMISE** - St. Michael's parish family members have another opportunity to serve by providing simple meals for families who are in need and who are being helped by Family Promise.

We have committed to prepare and deliver a meal on the following days:

1. Monday, May 24
2. Tuesday, May 25
3. Thursday, May 27

If you would like to sign up as an individual or in a group and prepare a simple dinner meal on any of the above days, please respond back with your date selection to either Ellen Gundersen

at [ellengundersen5@gmail.com](mailto:ellengundersen5@gmail.com) or Susan Skomorucha

at [skomorucha@aol.com](mailto:skomorucha@aol.com). Please RSVP your interest by 05/09/21. More information for those who sign up to make and deliver meals will follow.

Thank you for your consideration and for your help with this ministry.

### **Questions Everyone Should ask themselves Before coming to In-**

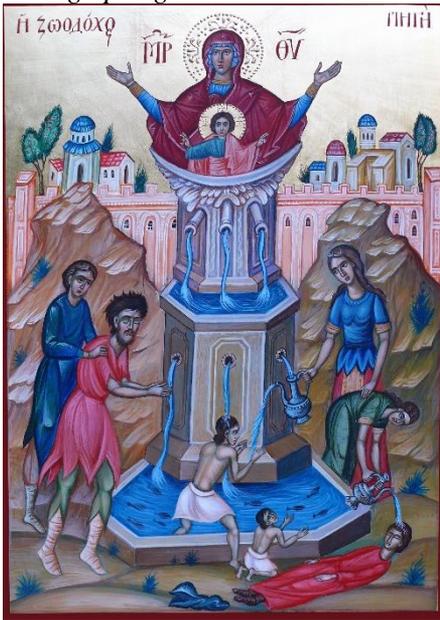
**Person Worship:** Do you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, and or trouble breathing? Persistent pain, pressure or tightness in chest? Any recent loss of taste/smell or gastrointestinal upset? Any contact with anyone with C-19? **If you answer YES to any of these questions you should stay at home.**

### **Christ is Risen!**

*Across the world, in countless churches and in many languages, Orthodox Christians proclaim the greeting of Pascha and its confident response, "Indeed He is Risen!" This day also marks the beginning of the period during which we sing joyous words to the Mother of God: "The angel cried to the Lady full of grace, 'Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say, rejoice. Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice all ye people!' "*

*These words of the hymn establish the communion between Christ, His mother the Theotokos, and us His people. They remind us that Mary rejoices in a special way: as a loving mother. After the anguish of seeing her Son suffer and die, He has risen in triumph over death. We, His people, rejoice because as He rose He raised us all from the final power of death. Of course, Mary too is one of "the people" because like the rest of us she stands in need of salvation. But she is also the one and only Birthgiver of God.*

*In the centuries following the Resurrection, the Orthodox Church acknowledged this communion between Christ, His mother, and us in many ways. One example is the commemoration of the Icon of the Life-Giving Spring.*



*In a grove of cypress trees near Constantinople was a garden dedicated to the Mother of God. The garden contained a miracle-working spring. As years went by, the area became overgrown and the spring water got muddy. One day, in the fifth century, a soldier named Leo came upon an exhausted blind man who had lost his way. Wanting to help, Leo looked around for water but could find none. He heard a gentle voice directing him to the nearby spring and telling him not only to give the man water but to apply some of the spring's mud to the man's eyes. He did so, and the*

*man regained his sight.*

*When Leo later became Emperor, he remembered the loving voice of the Theotokos and the miracle of healing. He had the spring and its surroundings cleaned, and built a chapel there. Over the following centuries, the chapel would be destroyed more than once (its bricks one time being used to build a mosque), and the spring would be filled in with earth. But each time, local Christians repaired the site and continued to draw water.*

*The icon of the Life-Giving Spring shows the Mother of God standing with her Son in a large chalice, from whose sides healing water pours. She is once again with her beloved Son, now risen, and that is why we*

sing to her, "Rejoice, O Pure Virgin." The Son and the Mother of God together bless us with healing and grace. And that is why we sing to each other and to the whole world, "Rejoice, all ye people."

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***Prayers for the Departed:*** Archbishop David, Mitred Archpriest Eugene Pianovich, Mitred Archpriest Daniel Ressetar

***Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:*** Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke Wales, Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, Stephanie Hojnicky, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause, Jamie Clause, David Telep, Ned Minnich

***Prayers for Catechmens*** Kristin Mackenzie, John Hill

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>
<b>16-May</b>	Telep/Baldychev	Riley
<b>23-May</b>	Bunitsky/Morjana	Bunitsky/Finck
<b>30-May</b>	Riley/Riley	Farrell
<b>6-Jun</b>	Sulpizi	Clause/Whalen

**Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind**

***Ascension.....June 10th***

***Pentecost.....June 20<sup>th</sup>***

***Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.....June 29th***