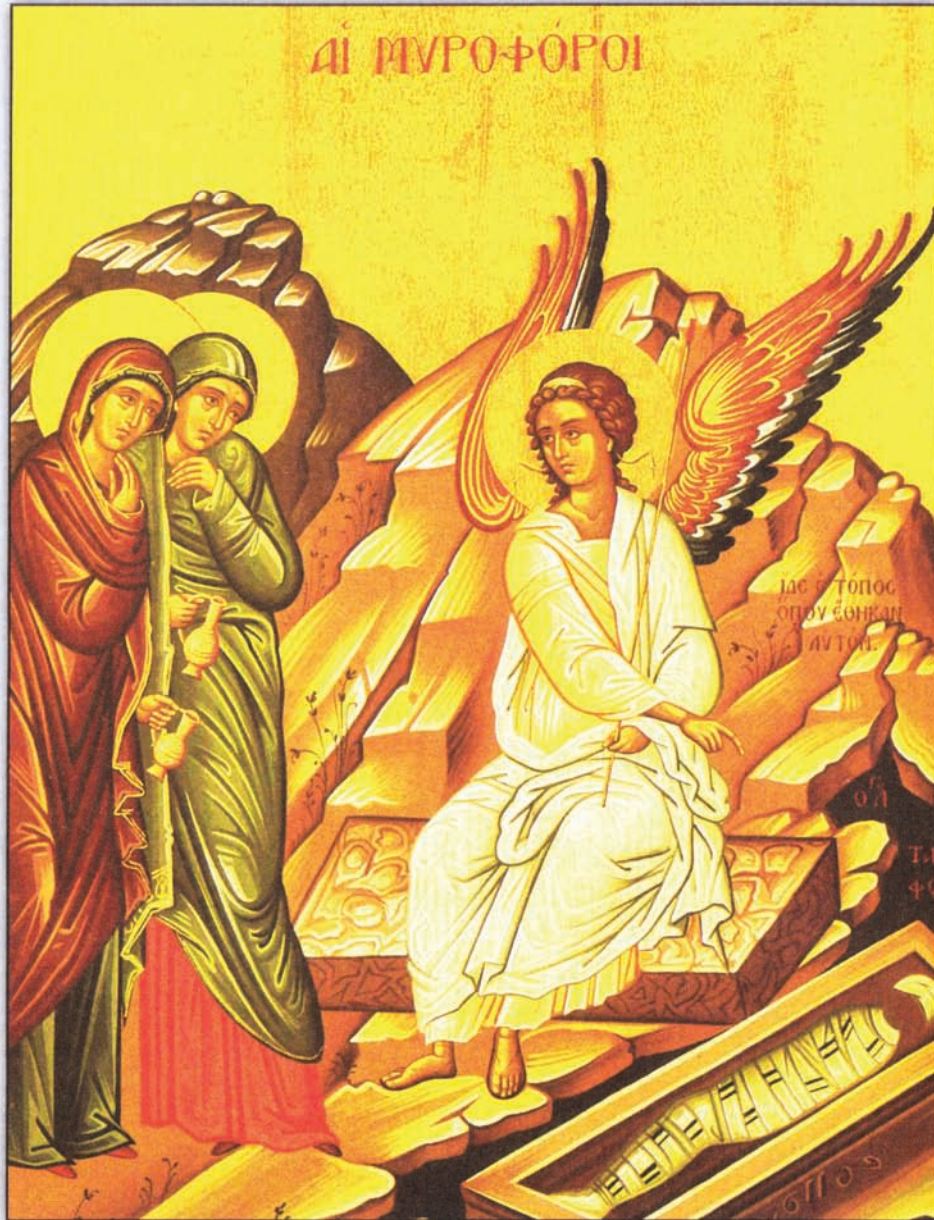


## SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



*Icon of the Myrrh-bearing Women*

**April 22, 2012**

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRHBEARING WOMEN**

**OUR VENERABLE FATHER THEODORE THE SYKIOT, BISHOP OF ANASTASIOPOLIS**

**FESTAL TONE**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23 – APRIL 29**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 – *THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MARK*

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy      ✙ Mary Hojsan - 40th Day; Req: Steven Hojsan

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 – *SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC; THE NINE HOLY MARTYRS OF CYZICUS; OUR VENERABLE FATHER MEMNON THE WONDERWORKER*

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy      For All Parishioners

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***Eternal Memory!***



On April 14th, Helen Davis, the mother of Lee Clark and mother-in-law of Yaroslav Pikolycky fell asleep in the Lord. A local service is being planned and details will be announced. Please keep Helen as well as her family in your prayers.

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**Contemplate the Risen Lord**

- ❖ How during the 40 days after the Resurrection He showed Himself to the disciples, confirming them in the Faith;
- ❖ How His Resurrection brought great joy to those who loved Him, but unspeakable bitterness to those who hated Him;
- ❖ How His Second Coming into the world, in glory and power, will evoke different feelings among different people – either joy or bitterness.
- ❖ How by His Resurrection, He destroyed the fear of death in the faithful, confirming the ancient hope of immortality.

**Parish Rummage Sale**

There will be a rummage sale on May 5 to benefit the parish. We are now accepting donations. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Olena Bankston at (619) 567-6967.

During a period of unrest in Constantinople in the time of Emperor Constantine, some embittered men knocked the nose and ears off the statute of the Emperor of the city. Some hurried to the Emperor and, as though with great disgust, informed him of how rebels had done this thing, asking the Emperor to punish the miscreants with the harshest punishments. But this great Emperor touched his nose and ears, and then said to the petitioners: “I can feel my nose and ears whole and untouched.” The petitioners were shamed and removed themselves. With such kingly greatness of soul must we endure insults from others. And more: to listen with particular care to criticism from others, passed on to us by those who flatter us. It is always essential to confess before God and ourselves that, because of our sins, we deserve much greater insult from others than we do, in fact, receive.

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**If You Are Hospitalized**

please be sure to let your priest know. Even if you do not want a visit, prayers (private and/or communal) should be offered on your behalf. Your priest is not clairvoyant and will not know that you are in the hospital unless you tell him. When you check into the hospital, be sure to put yourself in the hands of the Divine Physician as well as an earthly one!

## Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them a call. See how they are doing. Let them know that you not only miss them but also care enough to see if everything is okay. A kind word can go a long way.

## Дуже Дякую! Thank You!

to all those who baked, cooked, set up, served and cleaned up or in other ways made last week's Sviachenne meal a success. God bless you!

## Sunday offering for April 15

Amount	Number
\$5.00	1
\$10.00	2
\$15.00	2
\$25.00	4
\$40.00	2
\$50.00	4
\$59.00	1 (loose)
\$60.00	1
\$75.00	3
\$80.00	1
\$125.00	1
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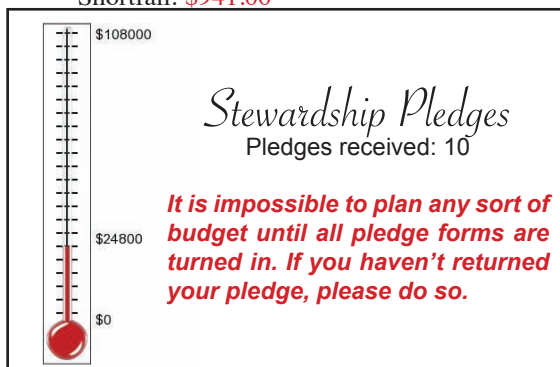
Parishioner Total: \$1184.00

Visitor Total: 620.00

Average / parish household (39): \$30.36

Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00

Shortfall: **\$941.00**



## Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available in the church hall, or on our website, [stjohnthebaptizer.org](http://stjohnthebaptizer.org).

Пригадуємо що стоїмо підчас Служби Божої кожної Неділі року і кожного дня від Великодня до Неділі П'ятдесятниці

Це не є нова вигадка а виразне повторення стародавнього звичаю і повчання стародавньої Церкви про праведне додержування Господнього Дня (Неділя). Це повчання ще із Собору Нікеї (325р). Були різні звичаї в різних місцевостях і Церква рішила наголосити Христове Воскресення кожної Неділі. Ця справа була така важлива що Церковні Отці рішили надати закон. Канон 20 (яке ніколи небуло заперечене) каже: *Тому що є деякі громади що ще клякають в Неділю і в дні П'ятдесятниці, цей Святий Собор проголошує що в спільній молитві (Служба Божа) молимося Богові стоячи.*

Вияснюємо – Цей Канон Нікеї стосується кожної Неділі в році! Не клякаємо під час неділішньої Служби Божої (не залежно від особистого звичаю ані Римо-Католицької традиції.)

## A Reminder about Standing on all Sundays and from Pascha to Pentecost

This is not an innovation, rather it is the explicit reiteration of a long tradition and teaching of the early church about the nature of the celebration of the Lord's Day (i.e. Sunday.) This proscription of the church dates from the time of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325 AD.) There was a divergence in practice in various places and the church identified the need to emphasize the resurrectional character of the Lord's Day. The fact that an Ecumenical Council discussed and eventually issued a Canon (rule) on this subject shows the importance in the eyes of the church fathers. Canon 20 of the Council (which has never been negated) states: *Since there are some communities that still bend their knees on the Lord's Day (Sunday) and on the days of Pentecost, this Holy Council decrees that the common prayers (i.e., at Liturgy) are to be rendered to God standing.*

To be very clear – This canon of the First Ecumenical Council applies to Every Sunday of the Year! One should NOT kneel during Divine Services on ANY Sunday (personal custom nor the practice of the Latin Church notwithstanding).





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***Myrrh-Bearing Women Sunday***

Mary Magdalen who loved the Lord more dearly, for she had remained at the sepulchre weeping, saw the Lord first of all of them, and told the Apostles. For the Evangelist John says: But Mary Magdalen coming tells the disciples: I have seen the Lord. Through this we are counseled that we should come seeking the Lord laden with sweet spices, that is, with the spices of virtue and good works.

There are some. Dearly Beloved, who seem to be seeking the Lord, but since they are slothful, and strangers to virtue, they do not deserve to find Him; nor, when found, to see Him. What however were these holy women seeking at the tomb, if not the Body of the Lord Jesus? And you, what is it you are seeking in the Church if not Jesus, that is, the Savior? But if you wish to find Him, the sun being now risen, then come as these women came; that is, let there be no darkness of evil in your hearts; for the desires of the flesh, and works that are evil, are darkness. They in whose hearts there is darkness of this

kind see not the light, and understand not Christ; for Christ is the Light. Therefore, drive the darkness from you, brethren; that is, all sinful desires, and all evil works, and provide yourselves with sweet spices, that is, earnest prayer, saying with the psalmist: Let my prayer, O Lord, be directed as incense in thy sight (Ps 140.2).

Now since you are celebrating the holy Pasch, you should know, brethren, what the Pasch is. Pasch means, the crossing-over; and so the Festival is called by this name. For it was on this day that the Children of Israel crossed over out of Egypt, and the Son of God crossed over from this world to His Father. What gain is it to celebrate the Pasch unless you imitate Him Whom you worship; that is, unless you cross over from Egypt, that is, from the darkness of evildoing to the light of virtue, and from the love of this world to the love of your heavenly home?

*St. Ambrose of Milan*