

O Christ
Who are covered with light as though with a garment,
Who for my sake stood naked in front of Pilate,
Clothe me with that might
Which You caused to overshadow the saints,
Whereby they conquered this world of struggle.
May Your divinity, Lord,
Take pleasure in me,
And lead me above the world
To be with You.

O Christ,
Upon whom the many-eyed cherubim
Are unable to look
Because of the glory of Your face
Yet out of Your love
You received spit upon Your face:
Remove the shame from my face,
And grant me an open face before You
At the time of prayer.

St. Isaac of Nineveh



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THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Holy Myrrhbearing Women

*St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis;
Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Vsevolod, Prince of Pskov;
Apostles Nathaniel, Luke and Clement; Ven. Vitalis of Gaza*

“Listen, women, to the voice of gladness, for hell, the tormentor, I have crushed once and for all, lifting the world from the mire of corruption. Hurry, then, and tell the news to My friends, that joy may break forth upon this creation, wherein grief and sorrow first appeared.”
Exapostilarion, Tone I

“From your youth, the hallmark of your life was holiness, and the grace that attended you from on high was obvious to all. You generously dispensed your wondrous help to all without exception, forcing demons of every kind to retire in terror. So now, O holy father, Theodore, pray to the Lord for us as well.”

Troparion, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ACTS 6:1-7

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MARK 15:43-16:8

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, April 22
Saturday, April 28

11:30 a.m. 40th Day Prayer Service for John Krafcik
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, April 23
Tuesday, April 24

Acts 12:1-11
Acts 6:8-7:5,47-60
Acts 8:5-17

John 15:17-16:2
John 4:46-54
John 6:27-33

Wednesday, April 25
Thursday, April 26

I Peter 5:6-14
Acts 8:18-25
Acts 8:26-39

Mark 6:7-13
John 6:35-39
John 6:40-44

Friday, April 27
Saturday, April 28

Acts 8:40-9:19
Acts 9:20-31

John 6:48-54
John 15:17-16:2

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL:

23, Monday Cooking for St. Herman’s House
25, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman’s House

MAY:

5, Saturday Spring Cleaning at HTOC

SPRING CLEANING:

Save Saturday, May 5, to help clean our church! More details will be posted in upcoming weeks. Any amount of time and effort you can give will be appreciated; there will be jobs appropriate for all abilities.

PARISHIONER SUNSHINE:

If you know of a parishioner who could use a “thinking of you” message, please contact Dianna Kall at 216-741-2888 or dkall@ameritech.net. Please include name, address, city and zip code, as well as the need, so an appropriate card can be sent.

TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:

The covers and flowers today are offered by Jewelann Stefanar in memory of Andrew and Julia Yankovich.

COFFEE HOUR:

Many thanks to our recent donors for weekly Coffee Hour: Carol Bohurjak, Ron and Barbara Chandler, Alex Cundik, Eric and Marjorie Evanoff, the First Confession Class, Jared and Katie Griebel, the Goson Family, the Howe Family, Pat and Harvey Schwartz, Karen Sherwood, Jewelann Stefanar, the Stoyka Family, Mark and Grace Svilar, and Table of Eight.

SPECIAL IOCC COLLECTION

During the next several weeks, we will be participating in our annual parish collection for the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). For over two decades, the IOCC has been a well-established and pro-active charitable agency that helps Orthodox, Christians and people in need throughout the world. The local Cleveland Chapter of the IOCC has actively supported the agency almost from the very beginning. Our collection here at Holy Trinity will be our parish’s donation to their upcoming Annual Benefit Dinner on June 3.

“True freedom is the freedom of Christians – internal freedom and not external – moral and spiritual, and not physical – always doing good and never rebelling – which can dwell in a hut as comfortably as in a mansion or palace – through which those in authority, without ceasing to be under authority, can have all the advantages of the person in authority – which even in bonds and in prison remains indestructible, as can be observed in the Christian martyrs.”

Met. Philaret of Moscow

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

	APRIL 8	APRIL 15
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$ 5660.00	\$ 4694.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	275.00	268.00
BUILDING FUND	280.00	195.00
MORTGAGE FUND	95.00	130.00
CANDLES	320.00	108.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	30.00	

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**THE SAINTS AMONG US -
THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS**

As the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in the New Testament and in Christian faith, it is not surprising that the Myrrhbearing Women are given special attention in the Church's celebration of Pascha. They are mentioned frequently in several of the Paschal hymns, and they are also given the privileged place of being commemorated on the Third Sunday of Pascha. The Church thus acknowledges their key role in the Resurrection story. The Myrrhbearing Women are given the "top billing," but with them the Church also commemorates Saints Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. The latter two figure prominently in the initial actions of the deposition from the Cross and entombment of Christ, but it was the women alone who went to anoint the body of the dead Jesus. The anointing was normally done very soon after death, but as Christ died and was buried on the eve of a Sabbath, which that year was also the Passover, they were obliged to observe religious restrictions of the holy day and waited until early morning of the "first day of the week" to anoint Christ. They worried as they neared the tomb that the stone covering the entrance was too large for them to move but were surprised and amazed to find that it was rolled away. On entering, they found that Jesus' body was gone, and instead an angelic presence was in the tomb.

Among the four evangelists there are somewhat different accounts of just who and how many of the women went to the tomb, and the exact details of what occurred at the empty tomb also differ. The important fact is that a group of faithful women who had known and loved Jesus during His life were committed to fulfill the pious tradition of anointing Christ's body. Based on the gospel traditions, there were seven Myrrhbearers: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Martha and Mary – the two sisters of Lazarus, Salome – the mother of James and John, and Johanna. The most notable of the Myrrhbearers is Mary Magdalene, whose name appears in all four of the Gospels. St. John's Gospel has the touching story of Mary seeing the Risen Lord and thinking that He was the gardener. In this account she becomes the first person to witness the Resurrected Lord. Although the Gospels say nothing of Mary the Theotokos being with the Myrrhbearing Women, she is frequently depicted in Orthodox icons of the Myrrbearers at the Empty Tomb. According to St. Gregory Palamas, the Theotokos would certainly have also accompanied the others to anoint her dead Son, but preferred to be simply included in with the "other women" because of her humility. In addition to group commemoration on the Third Sunday of Pascha, St. Mary Magdalene and the other Myrrhbearers also have individual days of commemoration.

Where are they in our church? We do have the icon of the Myrrhbearers at the Empty Tomb for veneration on the tetrapod in the middle of the church; but we do not have them as a group on our walls. However, the most notable Myrrhbearer, Mary Magdalene, is there standing next to the Theotokos at the foot of the Cross on the Icon of the Crucifixion on the front left side, just over the Confessional.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus