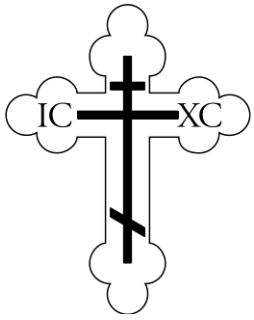


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Welcome visitors!
Please join us in the
parish hall after Divine
Liturgy for coffee hour.

May 8, 2022

Third Sunday of Pascha

The Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Sts Joseph and Nicodemus

St John the Evangelist and Theologian

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 2 – Resurrectional Troparion

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life!

Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God.

Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,//

by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Tone 2 – Troparion for Sts Joseph and Nicodemus

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 for St John

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,
hasten to deliver a defenseless people!
He Who allowed you to recline on His breast,
receives you as you bow before Him.
Implore Him, O John the Theologian,
to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens, //
entreating for us peace and great mercy!

Tone 2 – Kontakion for St. John

Who shall declare your greatness,
O virgin disciple,
for you pour forth wonders and are a source of healings, //
and pray for our souls as theologian and friend of Christ.

Tone 2 – Kontakion for the Myrrhbearers

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!”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Tone 6 – Sunday Prokeimenon (Psalm 27)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance!

Tone 8 – Prokeimenon for St. John (Psalm 18)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the universe!

Epistle: Acts 6.1-7 (Sunday)

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.

1 John 1.1-7 (St John)

Beloved: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life – the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us – that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Gospel: Mark 15.43 – 16.8 (Sunday)

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 Jesus 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 Joseph 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.

John 19.25-27; 21.24-25 (St John)

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"

Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!"

And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

New Dep. Archbishop Paul
Ronald Birch

Ev.Mem. Timofey Mihalik ('52)
Kateryna Gruszyk (2012)

Health & Salv.

Andrew

Jovan

Archpr. Peter

Gideon

Tom

Mat. Anne

Kevin

Jennifer

Pr. Christopher

Jon

Larry

Mat. Jennifer

Tanya

Rollie

Joseph	William	Vadim
Nadia	Wanda	Hanna
Mark	Ivanka	Helen Maria
Jerry	Aaron	Alex
Joseph	Karen	Carl
Linda	Sandra	Laura
Claudia	Linda	Chrisan
Carol	Jim	Janice
Snezana	John	Gerald
Ryan	Martha	Olga
Nathan	Mark	Janie
Kara	Michelle	David
Djuro	Irene	Sharon
Dominic	Michelle	Tanya
Declan	Erika	Renee
Hudson	Luke	Carissa
Ayden	Jo	Ashton
Hyland	Stephanie	Matthew
Jason	Mary Ann	Doris
Ted	Robb	Laura
James	Desiree	Duane
Pamela	Hanna	Elizabeth
Alexander	Jaroslava	Karen
Ronald	Andrew	Alexa
Ken	Andrew	

*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

Special Petitions for Ukraine at the Augmented Litany:

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially for the victims in Ukraine. We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Your people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of the Church, so that by Your goodness, peace may return to all peoples; O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

We also pray You, O Lord our God, to remember and have mercy on our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Russia and Ukraine, who are involved in violent conflict. Remove from their midst all hostility, confusion and hatred. Lead everyone along the path of reconciliation and peace, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

Paschal Theotokion (*Instead of "It is Truly Meet..."*)

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 you 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After venerating the cross, we will serve the **10-year Memorial for Kateryna Gruszyk**.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual **Spring Grounds Clean-up!**

For **Bible Study** this week, read **1 Maccabees 13-16**.

This Thursday evening at 6pm, a group of men from the parish are meeting for dinner at Maxim’s Restaurant and Lounge in Merrillville for a **Guys’ Night Out**. Other parishioners are welcome to join!

The Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church **Jan Hughes Memorial Golf Outing** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 4**, at Indian Ridge Country Club in Hobart. This is a major fundraiser for us. The proceeds will be used for the continuation, support, and development of various Church projects, which reach out to the community. Hole sponsors (\$125) or other monetary or prize donations will be greatly appreciated. Those wishing to help in any way (including making desserts or appetizers), or to purchase banquet tickets (\$20 each), please see Rich or Linda Svihra or Lara Richards. Thanks in advance, The Golf Committee.

Mark your calendars:

May 10: **Moleben for Peace in Ukraine @ 10am**

May 11: **Bible Study @ 7pm**

May 12: **Faith Enrichment @ 10am**

Guys’ Night Out at Maxim’s Lounge @ 6pm

May 27: **Blood Drive**, 12p - 6p

May 30: **Memorial Day Grave Blessings** starting at St. Mary's cemetery @ 9pm

June 4: **Annual Golf Outing**

Last week's (Pascha) gifts to the Lord: \$3,806

In Memorium: Archbishop Paul

On the Feasts of Feasts, Great and Holy Pascha, Sunday, April 24, His Eminence, the Most Reverend Paul (Gassios), Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest, fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 69, after a grave illness. Paul Nicholas Gassios was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 6, 1953 to Nicholas and Georgia Gassios, natives of Castanea, Greece. As an infant, he was baptized with the name Apostolos, in honor of the holy Apostle Paul, at Sts Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Detroit, MI – his home parish for the first 28 years of his life.

He graduated from Detroit's Cooley High School in 1971, where he was a member of the National Honor Society, after which he enrolled at Wayne State University as a history and psychology major. After graduating in 1976, he worked with emotionally and physically abused children. He received an MSW degree from WSU in 1980, and continued to work in his chosen field.

In the mid-1980s, he became a member of Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, MI. He began theological studies in September 1991 at Saint Vladimir's Seminary, Yonkers, NY, from which he received his M.Div. summa cum laude and served as valedictorian in 1994. He was ordained to the priesthood by His Eminence, the late Archbishop Job of Chicago and the Midwest on June 25, 1994. After ordination, he was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St Thomas the Apostle Church, Kokomo, IN, which he served until June 2005, after which he resided at St Gregory Palamas Monastery, Hayesville, OH until May 2006. He briefly served as Rector of Archangel Michael Church, St. Louis, MO and the Nativity of the Holy Virgin Church, Desloge, MO before his transfer to the OCA's Bulgarian Diocese and assignment as Dean of St George Cathedral, Rossford, OH in 2007.

In August 2014, he was named Administrator of the Diocese of the Midwest and relocated to Chicago. On October 20, 2014, he was tonsured to monastic rank with the name Paul, in honor of St Paul

the Confessor of Constantinople. On October 21, 2014, the Holy Synod elected him to fill the vacant Episcopal See of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest. Archimandrite Paul was consecrated to the Episcopacy and enthroned as Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest at Chicago's historic Holy Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, December 27, 2014. On Thursday, May 28, 2020, he was elevated to the rank of Archbishop.

His archpastoral tenure in the Midwest was only seven years but filled with great progress and accomplishment for the diocese. From an administrative perspective, he was known for prompt replies and calls when his clergy contacted him. He was very organized and thoroughly followed the established procedures with attentiveness. He actively attended diocesan, deanery, and parish meetings guiding the progress of the discussed topics. He established new ministries within the diocese that focused on building up the communities within the diocese which include: the Mother Maria of Paris Ministry – Department of Charitable Efforts, Department of Family Life, St. Andrew of Crete Music Ministry, and the Department of Youth. These were four areas he saw to be important pillars to building up the Body of Christ.

With a prioritization of pastoral visits, he was often on the road traveling each weekend to visit a different community within his vast diocese. He often reflected that this was the most enjoyable part of his ministry and gave him something to look forward to each week. In addition to leading the services when making his visits, he would make time to be with clergy and their families to hear about their life and struggles. He would gather with youth and parish councils to lead discussions on the faith and other topics of interest. He made annual visits to the seminaries to visit with the diocesan seminarians and their families and actively encouraged vocation within his parishes.

His genuineness is unforgettable, and his smile brought joy to those around him. His sermons were impactful and memorable for those who were blessed to hear them. He is fondly remembered throughout the diocese as a loving shepherd for his flock. May his memory be eternal!

Glory to God for all things!