

04 MAY 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARERS 5/4/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✕ Joe and ✕ Annette Komisarski (req. by John & Luke MacKenzie)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Reginald and ✕ Ann Exley (req. by Paula & Larry Reinhart)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN 5/11/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✕ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Anna Marie Dowd)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Glenn Simkovitch (req. by Andrew C. Simkovitch)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

04/27/25 \$1078.00

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD MAY COLLECTION – Cake Mixes

Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”

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Prayer for God’s Assistance

Almighty God, Father of mercy and God of all consolation,

Come to my aid and deliver me from all adversity.

For I believe, O Lord, that all trials of this life are under your care,

and that all things work for the good of those who love You.

Take away from me fear, anxiety, and distress.

Help me to face and endure my difficulties with faith, courage, and wisdom.

You are my strength and refuge, my comfort and hope, my delight and joy.

I place my trust in Your love and compassion.

For blessed is Your name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirt,

Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!

PASCHAL TROPARION: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled death; and to those in the tombs he granted life.

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARERS

The word “gospel” means “Good News.” This is the good news of the incarnation announced by the archangel Gabriel, the good news of the Kingdom of Heaven preached by Jesus, the good news of the resurrection proclaimed by the luminous angels to the women.

Mary Magdalene was the last one to remain at the cross and the first at the tomb. This is why she was not only the first to hear the proclamation by the angel, but why she was the first to meet the resurrected Christ. Jesus knew in advance that this woman was ready to receive the good news, since, during his life, he accepted her offering and her anointing him with precious ointment, as a token of love, in view of his burial.

Mary Magdalene received from the angels, then from Christ Himself, the task of announcing the good news to the apostles. The word apostle means “sent”; Jesus chose his apostles in order to send them out to bring the good news to the world, to evangelize the nations. The apostles define themselves as the witnesses of the resurrection (Acts 1:22). Yet, Mary Magdalene beat them all; she becomes the apostle to the apostles, for she is the first witness of the resurrection.

Protect & Nourish Your Soul

What are we doing in this life to protect our immortal souls? Are they not far more valuable than our human bodies? While the sea creature can use a physical shell to protect themselves, only God’s grace and mercy can protect our souls, whose immortality was won by the shedding of Christ’s triumph over sin and death at the glorious Resurrection!

Just as an earthly body must be nourished by the food it eats, so too, must the Lord, Who is the source of its life, nourish the spiritual soul. This nourishment is three-fold: the Eucharistic food of Christ’s Body and Blood, the Word of God (the Sacred Scriptures), and prayer. All three are necessary to feed the soul and protect it from the enemy’s assaults.

All of this takes hard work on our part. It is not something that is automatic, but rather something that we need to nurture. It means that we need to take the time to desire to be with the Lord throughout our busy days and turn to Him as the only true nourishment that will satisfy our souls. When the soul is strengthened by these practices, it will be protected from the ravages of the Devil and instead seek the union with Christ for which it was created.

JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner