



St. Mary Orthodox Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN | APRIL 30, 2023

Tone 2 • 3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA: Myrrhbearing Women • The Apostle James

Today's Schedule

9am — Matins

10am — Divine Liturgy

Following the service:

Coffee Hour, as an **All-Parish Hootenanny**
Church School

This Week at St. Mary's

3rd & 6th Hours (Online) | weekday mornings @ 7:15am–7:45am

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Vespers | 7pm–7:30pm

Adult Education | 7:45pm–9pm

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Philokalia Book Group | 12pm–1pm

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Great Vespers | 5pm–6:00pm

SUNDAY, MAY 7

9am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour, hosted by Group A-D

Church School | 11:45pm–1pm

UPCOMING *Services, holidays, and other events farther down the calendar*

Liturgy for the Midfeast of Pentecost | Wednesday, May 10, 7am–8am

Newly-Planted Fellowship | Saturday, May 13, following vespers

May Parish Council | Monday, May 15, 7pm-9pm

St. Mary's Nats Game Outing | Sunday, May 21

Orthodox Young Professionals Gala | Saturday, June 24

Visit stmaryorthodox.org/calendar to stay updated on parish events and service times.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY*Tone 2. Troparion of the Resurrection*

WHEN Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, * Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. * And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, * all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Tone 2. Troparion of the Feast

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 8. Troparion of St. James

YOU were called to be a disciple and warrior of Christ, one of the exalted choir of Apostles. * With your brother John, you abandoned all to follow the Master, O James; * you were filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed Him to all. * You

bowed your head to the sword, the first of the twelve to shed your blood! // We celebrate your memory, O blessed one!

Gloria. *Tone 4. Kontakion of St. James*

O JAMES, when you heard the voice of the Word calling you, * you abandoned your father’s love and ran to Christ, together with your brother John. * With him you were accounted worthy // to behold the divine Transfiguration of Christ.

Both now. *Tone 2. Kontakion of the Feast*

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!”

PROKEIMENON

In the sixth tone: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

∩ To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

EPISTLE Acts 6:1–7

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.

Alleluia in the eighth tone:

∩ Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.

∩ Mercy and truth have met, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

GOSPEL Mark 15:43–16:8

At that time, 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 Jesus 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”

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, 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 O ye people. Shine, shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shown on you. Exult now, exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Parish News & Announcements



Birthdays James T., Anastasia D., Alex J., Kevin R.

Namedays James T.

Anniversaries Glenn & Toni P., Mark & Julia H.

Shop for Mom at the Gift Shop during the Mother's Day Gift Sale (April 30–May 7):

Mother's Day is just around the corner on May 14. Surprise her with a gift from St. Mary's gift shop, which contains a plethora of options, including jewelry. In honor of Mother's Day, all items in the gift shop are 50% off from April 30 through May 7.

Items in the Lost & Found will be donated soon — Please check the Lost & Found for your items. Everything will be donated in early May.

Connect with the parish at the Connections Corner — Stop by the Connections Corner in the fellowship hall during coffee hour to check out our ministries, newsletter, or meet a couple friendly faces. Great for visitors, inquirers, or if you just want to get more involved at church.



Next week's coffee hour host (May 7): **Group A-D**



Are you visiting? Welcome to St. Mary's!

We're delighted that you've joined us! Please feel free to watch, participate, or ask the person next to you if you have any questions. Here are a few things you can do to get acquainted with us:

- sign the **visitor's log** at the entrance of the church (called the "narthex")
- check out the **Connections Corner** in the fellowship hall to learn more about us, Orthodoxy, pick up a copy of our **newsletter** and **ministry brochure**, and meet a few friendly faces

We try to avoid entering or exiting the nave during readings, processions, or the sermon. Please note that to receive Holy Communion in our church, one must be baptized Orthodox, recently-confessed, and at peace with one's fellows. At the end of the service, everyone is welcome to come up to kiss the Cross, greet the priest, and receive blessed bread.

Please join us for coffee hour downstairs in the fellowship hall after liturgy. We'd love to meet you!