Christ is Risen! Christos Anesti! Christos Voskrece! Al-Maseeho Qam! Hristos a Inviat!

April 22, 2018

Epistle Reading: Acts 6:1-7 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 15:43-16:8

Next Week: Acts 9:32-42 **Gospel Reading:** John 5:1-15

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Services

Sun., Apr. 22nd — ***Paschal Grave Blessings (Weather Permitting)***

Grandview Cemetery	**1 pm**
Mon Valley Memorial Park	**2 pm**
Monongahela Cemetery	**3 pm**
West Newton Cemetery	**4 pm**

Sat., Apr. 28th — **Great Vespers**
(Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow) **7 pm**

Sun., Apr. 29th — **Sunday of the Paralytic (4th Sunday of Pascha)**

Church School	**9:15 am**
Hours	**9:45 am**
Divine Liturgy	**10 am**

Paschal Grave Blessings (Weather Permitting, if needed)

Announcements:

TODAY -- weather permitting – Fr. Stephan will proceed to the above mentioned cemeteries to continue the Paschal Grave Blessings: **starting at 1 pm** at Grandview Cemetery and concluding at West Newton Cemetery. **PLEASE NOTE ~~ *The times above are only approximations.***

Our Dorothy Karbowsky Has Moved! Niece Sylvia wanted to pass along an update to everyone that Aunt Dorothy is doing fine, continuing her therapy at TLC Adult Care Center and will be returning to church soon. Dorothy wanted to thank Fr. Stephan and Rose Janus for their lovely visit and to everyone for the candles, cards, and prayers and to let her church family know that she's moved to a personal care home. She loves receiving cards from her church family, especially from our church schoolers. Her new address is: Dorothy Karbowsky, TLC Adult Care Center, 9 Rio Vista Street, West Newton, PA 15089

We have another Missionary in our Midst! After nearly a 20-year absence from the mission field, Fr. Sam, with God's help and the blessing of Archbishop MELCHISEDEK, is offering his services to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center as a Team Member of a ***Mission to Pilot Station, Alaska*** in July 2018. The Pilot Station Mission on the Yukon River will participate in the Annual Deanery Youth Camp for young people from rural villages in remote areas of Orthodox Alaska. You can support 'our Missionary' by logging onto the OCMC link that specifies Fr. Sam's trip, missions@ocmc.org, and the clicking on Open Mission Teams. The Pilot Station Mission is at the very bottom of the list. Be sure you check Fr. Sam's name box on the donation form so that your donation will be credited to his account. **Fr. Sam and the youth of Orthodox Alaska thank you in advance for your support!**

Collection: April 15th: $2,108.00

MYRRH-BEARERS SUNDAY

The Myrrh-Bearers were the individuals who were directly involved in the burial or who witnessed the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. The term traditionally refers to the women with myrrh who came to the tomb of Christ early in the morning and were the first witnesses of the Resurrection of Jesus. This refers to the three Marys – Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Cleopas; and Mary, the mother of James and Joses. Also included as myrrh bearers are Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus who took the body of Jesus down from the cross, embalmed it with myrrh and aloes, wrapped it in clean linen, and placed it in a new tomb donated by Joseph.

The women followed Jesus during his earthly ministry in Galilee providing for Him and His followers out of their own means. They remained faithful to Him even during the most dangerous time of His arrest and execution, and not only stood by the cross, but accompanied Him to his burial, noticing where the tomb was located. Because of the impending Sabbath, it was necessary for the burial preparations to be brief. Jewish custom at the time dictated that mourners return to the tomb every day for three days. Once the Sabbath had passed, the women returned at the earliest possible moment, bringing myrrh to anoint the body. It was at this point that the Resurrection was revealed to them and they were commissioned to go and tell the Apostles. They were in effect the apostles to the Apostles. For this reason, the myrrh-bearing women are sometimes referred to as "Equal to the Apostles."