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*Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Church*

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May 19, 2024
Sunday of the
Myrrh-Bearing Women

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

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| Services | Sun., May 19 th | Memorial at Cross & Grave Blessings at Belle Vernon Cemetery (Weather Permitting) | 2 pm |
| | Sat., May 25 th | Great Vespers with Confession HOLY TRINITY, CHARLEROI | 6 pm |
| | Sun., May 26 th | Sunday of the Paralytic Hours Divine Liturgy HOLY TRINITY, CHARLEROI | 9:45 am 10 am |

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

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-15

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| <p>Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)</p> <p>When <u>Thou</u> didst descend to death, O Life <u>immortal</u>, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy <u>Godhead</u>.</p> <p>And <u>when</u> from the depths Thou didst <u>raise</u> the dead, all the powers of <u>heaven</u> cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our <u>God</u>, <u>glory</u> to Thee!”</p> <p>Tone 2 Troparion (Pentecostarion)</p> <p>The <u>noble</u> <u>Joseph</u>, when he had taken down Thy most pure <u>Body</u> from the Tree, <u>wrapped</u> it in fine linen and anointed it with <u>spices</u>, and placed it in a <u>new</u> tomb.</p> <p>But <u>Thou</u> didst arise on the <u>third</u> day, O Lord, granting the <u>world</u> great <u>mercy</u>.</p> <p>Tone 2 Troparion (Pentecostarion)</p> <p>The <u>Angel</u> came to the myrrhbearing women at the <u>tomb</u> and said: “Myrrh is <u>fitting</u> for the dead; but <u>Christ</u> has shown Himself a stranger to <u>corruption</u>!</p> <p>So proclaim: ‘The Lord is <u>risen</u>, granting the <u>world</u> great <u>mercy</u>.’”</p> | <p>Tone 2 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)</p> <p>Thou didst <u>command</u> the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O <u>Christ</u> God.</p> <p>By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first <u>mother</u>.</p> <p>Thou didst <u>command</u> them to preach to Thine <u>Apostles</u>: “The <u>Savior</u> is <u>risen</u> from the tomb!”</p> <p>Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)</p> <p>Thou didst descend <u>into</u> the <u>tomb</u>, O <u>Immortal</u>, Thou didst <u>destroy</u> the <u>power</u> of death.</p> <p>In victory didst <u>Thou</u> <u>arise</u>, O <u>Christ</u> God, proclaiming, “Rejoice!” <u>to</u> the Myrrhbearing <u>Women</u>, granting peace to <u>Thine</u> <u>Apostles</u>, and bestowing Resurrection on the <u>fallen</u>.</p> | <p>Tone 6 Prokeimenon</p> <p>O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)</p> <p><i>V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)</i></p> |
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Epistle (Resurrection)

(Acts 6:1-7)

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.

Gospel (*Resurrection*)

(Mark 15:43-16:8)

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 James 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.

Announcements:

Please remember to extend your Paschal greetings to everyone!

*“As many as have been baptized into Christ,
have put on Christ. Alleluia.”*

Congratulations to the newly baptized handmaiden of God, **Alice Joy**, her parents, Godparents and Grandparents, Fr. Stephan and Matushka Denise. May God grant them many blessed years!

Important Notes from Council:

- ❖ We will be transitioning to our **summer start time of 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 9th**.
- ❖ The bathroom renovations will be starting on Monday, 5/20! During the renovations of the restroom facilities, **our services will be held at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH in CHARLEROI:**
 - Saturday, May 25 – Vespers at 6 pm
 - Sunday, May 26th – Hours 9:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am
 - Saturday, June 1st – Vespers at 6 pm
 - Sunday, June 2nd – Hours 9:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am

Weather permitting, Grave Blessing Schedule for May 26th:

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| West Newton Cemetery | 2 pm |
| Monongahela Cemetery | 3:15 pm |
| Sacred Heart Cemetery | 4:30 pm |
| Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora | 5:15 pm |
| Grandview Cemetery, Monessen | 6 pm |

April 2024 financial information:

Total Income – \$12,553.69 Total Expenses - \$9,057.34

Note from Council: There is an open position on Parish Council. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the Parish officers: Tim Laciak, Joe Niro or Michelle Meisner.

National Orthodox Baby Shower

Did you know that pregnancy resource centers across the country provide free consultations, medical services, and material resources to help women in crisis pregnancies? Our parish is joining with Orthodox parishes across the country to hold a “baby shower” to support mothers who choose life for their unborn children! Join us in collecting supplies to be donated to New Life Options in Monongahela, our local pregnancy resource center. Babies use an average of 2,500 - 3,000 diapers in the first year of life. That’s a lot of diapers!

New Life Options has provided us with a list of needs:

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| Wipes | Baby Wash | Shampoo (unscented) |
| Diaper Cream | Diapers -Newborn, 4 & 5 | Hooded baby towels, wash cloth |
| Crib sheets | Pacifiers | Nail clippers |
| Teething rings | Nasal aspirated | Comb/brush set |
| Sippy cups | Seasonal clothing (new) Boys needed most | Gently used clothing-babies & children's |

If interested in participating, we will be collecting the much needed items through **Saturday, June 8th**. Deacon David Rostcheck will pick up the collected items and deliver to New Life Options on our behalf.

“He restores my soul, He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” (Psalm 23:3)

The Paths of Righteousness, the hiking group launched in 2020 at St. Michael’s in Greensburg under the leadership of Fr. Sam is eagerly planning to embark on wilderness hikes of 5-7 miles in length on Saturdays on established trails in Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset, Indiana and Cambria counties of which Fr. Sam is familiar with. Adult hikers of both genders are welcome, with the only requirement being that they be fit enough and able to do the hike. The hikes will take place approximately once every 6 weeks. See the flyer on the vestibule bulletin.

Save the Date: The Tamburitzans invite you to their 87th Season Finale Performance & Fundraiser Reception on **Saturday, June 1st beginning at 5 pm** at the newly renovated Point Park University’s Pittsburgh Playhouse at 350 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh. There will be a Reception with buffet dinner and live music immediately following the show on site. Please see the Tamburitzans’ website for more information <https://www.thetamburitzans.org/events/special>