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Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

**April 22, 2018
Holy Myrrhbearing Women**

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Sunday, April 22nd, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 28th, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. Confession 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 29th, Obednitsa 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Hospitality a La Russe IX featuring Traditional Russian Cuisine, & Kauriga Balalaika Ensemble will be held on Sunday, May 6th, 2018 at St. Michael's Center, 403 Delaware St., Jermyn, Pa. Appetizers: potato pancakes, eggplant caviar, stuffed grape leaves, piroshky, marinated mushrooms, and herring. Dinner: homemade cabbage rolls, chicken Marsala, eggplant parmesan, massed potatoes, pasta, vegetables & desert. Magnificent Theme Basket Raffle, Free Door Prizes for tickets please call Mary Sernak at 570-357-7109. **This is being sponsored by St. Tikhon's Seminary Century Association, Sub-deacon John Lasichak President.** Please call Mary Sernak at 570-357-7109. **This is being sponsored by St. Tikhon's Seminary Century Association, Sub-deacon John Lasichak President.**

Heat & Air Special Collection will be held next Sunday, during the 2nd offering. Please use the envelopes distributed this morning. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

Mother's Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, May 13th. Please submit the names of your mothers departed and living to be remembered during the Divine Liturgy by Saturday, May 12th. Pro-Life carnations will be sold for Pennsylvanians for Human Life.

Monthly Parish Meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar of events and plan to attend the meeting. We will be planning the summer events for our Church and setting the agenda for our annual parish meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 20th following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Please mark this date on your calendar of events and be prepared to stay for the meeting. A Budget will be prepared for the operation of our Church.

Church Dues are being collected. If you are in the arrears, please make every effort to send in your dues. If you are interested in knowing the balance of your Church dues, please contact Gloria Shaw at 570-876-5506.

Church School will be held this Sunday, April 22nd, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are the teachers. **Please plan to bring your children to Church School!**

Please remember in your prayers: Peter & Helen Senio who are guests at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, Rm. #101, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. Marie Derkash is a guest at the Mid-Valley Health Care Centre, 81 Sturges Rd, Peckville, Pa. 18452, **Ann Butler** Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507 **Michael Klaptach** who is guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. **Mary Slenska**, Allied Rehab, and **Irene Kiehart** is a guest at the Atria at Farmington, 111 Scott Swamp Rd, and Rm.14B Farmington, CT 06032.

Sunday, April 22nd, Ann Narcoonis, Karen Wanas, Marilyn Petorak, April 29th, Maryann Serafini, Matushka Dolores, and Mildred Telep.

Thought for the Day: Holy Myrrhbearing Women: followed Jesus during his earthly ministry in Galilee, providing for him and his followers out of their own means (Mark 15:41). 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 myrrhbearing women, especially Mary Magdalene, are sometimes referred to as "Equal to the Apostles."