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**Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8**

**Epistle: Acts 6:1-7**

**May 12, 2019  
Myrrhbearing Sunday & Mother's Day**

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

**Sunday, May 12**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & special prayers offered for the celebration of Mother's Day.

**Wednesday, May 15**, Service of Intercession 6:00 p.m. to the Mother of God, followed by anointing with Holy Myrrh, at St. George's Orthodox Church, Taylor, Pa.

**Saturday, May 18**, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 19**, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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**Annual Meeting of St. Michael's Center will** be held next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. A financial report will be presented for 2018. Please make every effort to attend!

**The Mother's Day Corsages** given out this morning are sponsored by St. Mary's Altar Society. May our Lord continue to bless our Altar Society for Many Years!

**Pro-Life Carnations are on sale this morning.** This is the annual fund-raising activity of the Scranton Chapter for Human Life. Please show support by making an offering. We thank you for your support!

**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, May 12, 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:** **Annabel Franchak** who is guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. **Peter & Helen Senio** who are guests at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, Rm. #101, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa., **Marie Derkash & Ann Butler** are guests at the Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507 **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.

**The World Premiere performance of Benedict Sheehan's Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (2018)** will showcase a major new work of Orthodox choral music by an American composer. Commissioned in 2015 by the PaTRAM Institute, Sheehan's *Liturgy* is among the first complete settings of the Orthodox Liturgy ever to be composed for the English language. The performance is part of the festivities of St. Tikhon's Monastery's 115th Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage, and it will be held in the visually rich and acoustically stunning atmosphere of St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Sunday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday Hostesses:** **May 12,** Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen & Kay Fedirko, **May 19,** Maryann Dube, Matushka Delores & Matushka Kathy, **May 26,** Ruth Lasichak, Joanne Lasichak, Charette Radionoff.

**Thought for the Day:** The women disciples of the Lord and the pious Joseph had courage because they loved; they trusted Jesus as God and they feared God more than they feared man. They loved God more than they feared whatever man might do to them if they went to the Lord, if they went forth proclaiming the truth of His resurrection. St. John Chrysostom writes, that Joseph, who was a member of the Council of the Jews, "exposed himself to death" in order to bury Jesus (St. John Chrysostom in The Bible and the Orthodox Fathers for Orthodox, Johanna Manley, p. 52). The women disciples, ventured all to go to anoint Christ, risking persecution by their fellow unbelieving Jews. When the disciples fled, the women drew near with their love. The question for us is, will we be like those who flee or succumb to the culture out of fear, or will we be humbly courageous like the Myrrh-bearing women and Joseph of Arimathea, who loved God more than they feared the condemnation of man.

