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Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

**May 8, Holy Myrrhbearing Women Sunday,
& Happy Mother's Day!**

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Sunday, May 8, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Annual Parastas for Alex Hockin, offered lovingly by John Hockin & family. Parastas (9th Day) for Kay Fedirko, offered lovingly by her family.

Saturday, May 14, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. Please note change of time

Sunday, May 15, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas for Alex & Mary Meholic and Antoinette & John Petorak offered lovingly by George & Marilyn Petorak. Parastas for Robert (R.A.) Furiosi offered lovingly by Melanie Furiosi.

We extend our love & sympathy to the Fedirko family on the falling asleep of Kay Fedirko. May her memory be eternal!

Chicken & Rib Dinner will be held this Saturday, May 14 from 11: a.m. - 4 p.m. at St. Michael's Center. **Eat in or take out.** This is being co-sponsored by St. Michael's Center & Windsor Inn. Tickets: Chicken BBQ Dinner \$14.00, BBQ Dinner \$15.00 **For tickets please call Ruth Lasichak at 876-1456.**

Mother's Day Commemoration will be held this Sunday, May 8 and special prayers will be said for the living and departed Mothers of our Parish. A Special Thank you to St. Mary's Altar Society for providing the Mother's Day Carnations.

Archbishop Mark will be making his Archpastoral visitation to our Church on Sunday, May 22, for the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. A Pot-Luck Luncheon in leu of Coffee hour will be held at 11:00 a.m. underneath the Church. Please see Matushka Kathy or Marilyn Petorak if you are interested in bringing a dish. Please make every effort to attend both the liturgy and the meal to follow.

Organizational Parish Festival Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Center. Please make every effort to attend!

Relief items for the Ukraine continues: On Sunday, April 10 following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy a special blessing was offered by Fr. John Kowalczyk and Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak for the huge number of items collected, the items were transported by parishioners in trucks, on April 12, Tuesday evening to Scranton, and all was sent to the Ukraine in time for Pascha. In addition, \$3,000.00 has been wired to the displaced orphans in the Ukraine. Susan Schlasta is still collecting monetary donations for the orphans. If you are still interested in helping, please contact Susan at Susan Schlasta at 570-840-9544. **The monetary deadline is Sunday, May 15.**

In order to meet our growing financial obligations, we are asking all our parishioners, when not in Church to send in their weekly offering envelopes. **We thank you in advance!**

If your Church Dues are in arrears, please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

Please remember in your prayers; Alexander Wanas who is recuperating at home; 604 Scranton-Carbondale Highway, Childs, Pa. 18433. Please send him a get-well card. **Irene Leschak** who is home receiving rehab;.229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. **Peter Senio is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge,** 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. **Please remember in your prayers; John Drutarosky,** who is a patient at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 10 Heart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407 **Please send him a get-well card!**

Coffee Hour for Sunday: May 8, Millie Telep & Dorothy Allen, **May 15,** Pot-Luck Luncheon in honor of Archbishop Mark, **May 22,** Ruth Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts, **May 29,** Vicky Kravetsky & Charette Radionoff.

“The Myrrhbearing Women, at the break of dawn, Drew near to the tomb of the Life-giver. There they found an angel sitting upon the stone. He greeted them with these words: “Why do you seek the living among the dead? Why do you mourn the incorrupt amid corruption? Go, proclaim the glad tidings to His disciples.”

On this day we remember the women who went to Jesus' tomb to anoint His body, only to discover it empty. The Myrrhbearing Women did not mysteriously disappear following the Resurrection of Christ. There were many of them, and we have the names: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Joseph the Little and Jose, Salome, Mary of Clopas, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, Susanna, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. Our Holy Fathers also include Mary the “mother of Jesus,” as she is referred to in John 19:25, who we see and know was at the foot of the Cross. They ministered unto Him with their own possessions, even during His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the tomb, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers.