

April 19, 2015



Myrrh Bearers



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**SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday:**

Rosary 8:30 am

Matins 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Tuesday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Wednesday, Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

Friday, Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

**Saturday:** Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

OLPH Devotions Wednesday 5:30 pm

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday & Evenings by appointment.

**Parish Advisory Board Members:**

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,

Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap

**Parish Finance Council Members:**

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

**Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):**

9:30-9:50 am on Sundays, after weekday Liturgies, or  
by appointment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:**

Must be arranged three months in advance.

(Pre-Jordan requirement)

**Mystery of Crowning (Matrimony):**

Must be arranged six months in advance

(Pre-Cana requirement)

**Anointing of the Sick** on Sundays before  
hospitalization

*For emergencies, call immediately.*

**Eastern Christian Formation Program:**

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for  
45 minutes

**Theosis:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

6 pm Potluck Dinner

7 pm Bible Study

**Knights of Columbus** meet the first Monday of the  
month at 7:00 pm

April 19, 2015  
Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers  
Epistle: Acts 6:1-7; Gospel: Mark 15:43-16

**Today**  
8:30 am           Rosary  
9:00 am           Matins  
10:00 am          Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends  
Eternal Lamp      Health of Father Chris

**Monday**  
April 20  
***Theodore the Hairshirt Wearer Venerable***  
***Epistle: Acts 6:8-7:5 & 47-60; Gospel: John 4:46-54***  
9:00 am           Divine Liturgy  
                          Vito Tamburello by Christy & Lorcan MacMurchadha

**Tuesday**  
April 21  
***Januarius & Others Bishop-Martyr***  
***Epistle: Acts 8:5-17; Gospel: John 6:27-33***  
9:00 am           Divine Liturgy  
                          Intention of Dawn Ford  
6:15 pm           CAFE meeting at UNM

**Wednesday**  
April 22  
***Theodore Skyiot Venerable***  
***Epistle: Acts 8:18-25; Gospel: John 6:35-39***  
5:30 pm           OLPH Devotions  
**6:00 pm           Vesperal Divine Liturgy with Litija**  
                          Intention of Dawn Ford

**Thursday**  
April 23  
***St. George Great-Martyr/Simple Holy Day***  
***Epistle: Acts 12:1-11; Gospel: John 15:17-16:2***  
6:00 pm           Pot luck dinner  
7:00 pm           THEOSIS Bible Study

**Friday**  
April 24  
Abstinence  
***Sabbas Martyr***  
***Epistle: Acts 8:40-9:19; Gospel: John 6:48-54***  
6:00 pm           Divine Liturgy  
                          +Alicia Quintana by Irene Bradley

**Saturday**  
April 25  
***Mark Apostle - Evangelist***  
***Epistle: Acts 8:40-9:19; Gospel: John 6:48-54***  
5:00 pm           Great Vespers  
6:00 pm           Divine Liturgy  
                          Intention of Dawn Ford

**Sunday**  
April 26  
***Sunday of the Paralytic Man***  
***Epistle: Acts 9:32-42; Gospel: John 5:1-15***  
8:30 am           Rosary  
9:00 am           Matins  
9:30 am           Confessions  
10:00 am          Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends  
Eternal Lamp      Open

***Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm;  
O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those  
who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their  
Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine!***

Fr. Julian Gnall  
Fr. Anthony Romero

Roy Smith  
Sven & Barbara Svensson  
Michele Koetter  
Abraham Haddad  
Lillian Murphy  
Stephen Horner  
Demetrius Yackanich  
Jenny Ford  
Marilyn Fore  
Robert Hasaka  
Frank & Martha Arden  
Pricilla Hughes  
Sharif Rabadi  
Katrina Anderson

Paola Terlaza  
Henry Zugger  
John & Margie Disque  
Phillip Fall  
Walter Jakymiw  
Olga Bodnar  
Frances Brannan  
John Deflice  
Kristoff Rajala  
Jordan Smith  
Marge Merrills  
Theresa Doherty  
Maggie Batsel

Carla Matthes  
Laura Dominguez  
Robert Zadel  
Joseph Koetter  
Mary Nell Preisler  
Jackie De Paolis  
Donny Terry  
Mary Murphy  
Lorraine Hubbell  
Quintin Santamaria & Family  
Heather Mattax  
Larry Bennett  
William Frank



*Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon  
against sin, and for healing.*

**The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary are now said every day through  
All Saints' Sunday (June 3 this year).** As we sing in the Easter Irmos:  
"Rejoice in the Resurrection of your Son!"

*If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us  
on Sunday at 8:30 am.*



### ***Intentions of the Rosary***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve  
the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

### ***Holy Father's Intentions for April***

**Universal:** Creation—That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.  
**Evangelization:** Persecuted Christians—That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence  
of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church

*Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when  
they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group*

## VOCATION ICON

Today: Brewer

Next Sunday: Block

*In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.*

## Byzantine Book Store

*Praying the Jesus Prayer*

by Frederica Mathewes-Green, \$6

*American Eastern Catholics*

by Fred J. Saato, \$18.95

*The Holy Pentekostarion*

by Robert F. Slesinski, \$15

## THEOSIS

Thursday, April 23

6 pm--potluck dinner

7 pm--Bible Study



**Fr. Chris had surgery** on Friday at UNMH. In addition to his neurological issues, he has developed both obstructive and central sleep apnea, which means that he never has restful sleep. This surgery is expected to improve the obstructive sleep apnea - your prayers for a quick recovery and successful outcome are appreciated.

Date	Reader	Trojca	Greeter	Counter	Host
4/26	Sven Svensson	Soriah Chavez	Irene Bradley Luba Kmetyk	Cindy Loescher Barbara DeLap	Cindy Loescher Carla Sankel

### Barbara's Hall Report:

On Thomas Sunday, I guess everyone was taking a break, so there was no food. Wonder if Mr. Nobody was lurking around somewhere. You know he is notorious for bringing no food!

We got a great donation of tables for the hall and chairs for the offices through the mediation of Brian Fitzpatrick. Please treat these like they were in your own home and keep them clean and in good condition!

**The Myrrh-Bearing Women Icon can have from three to seven women depicted.** They are shown as either an assembly by themselves, holding the jars of spices used to anoint the dead, or at the tomb where they are met by the angel who announces the Resurrection. The central figure is always St Mary Magdalene, Mary of Magdala, from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons, and to whom He first appears. She is shown by her bright red robes.

Saint Luke writes that **there were “many” women** who followed Jesus during His preaching ministry, and that they supported Him “*out of their own substance*”, or from their own money. These were women who came not only from lives of content, and even privilege – Joanna being from a palace – but who also had the courage to break out of the traditional semi-enclosure of Jewish women in that time and publicly follow this rabbi, without their male relatives to chaperone them.

**We don’t always realize just how radical Jesus’ preaching and ministry was in Galilee.**

Men were never supposed to be alone with women to whom they were not related by marriage or blood. But Jesus defies that barrier, along with other barriers. His family is composed of those who “hear the word of God and act upon it.”

The disciples included married and single people, young and elderly, former public sinners and upright citizens. And they were a mixed company in gender – even today such things would be considered unusual in most of the Asian world, and Jesus and his fellow Jews were indeed Asians.

Those **who push for women’s ordination** and claim that the early Church responded to patriarchal pressures forget that that same early Church was a radical community, which kept up Jesus’ other radical practices.

The liturgical tradition also remembers **Saint Joseph of Arimathea** and sometimes **Saint Nicodemus** as well, since they were the ones who went to Pontius Pilate to retrieve Jesus’ body from the Cross and arranged for the burial in the new grave owned by Joseph. But today’s **emphasis is properly on these holy women.** While it was their religious obligation to finish the anointing and wrapping of the body of Jesus, they came at dawn, as early as possible after the Sabbath, a sign of their great love for Christ, and they came in grief. Mary Magdalene’s plaintive conversation with Jesus, when she thinks that He is the gardener, shows us how much she wishes to care for the sacred Body.

**These women can teach us many things.** For starters, they teach us **to be faithful** despite personal fear or disappointment – out of love, they came to care for Jesus’ wounded body. For another, they represent us, **the ordinary folks** of God’s Church who are not ordained or consecrated or called to be killed as martyrs, but who, while walking through daily life, find God and serve Him. Next, **they teach us to be brave** and take our inspiration from our faith in God, even in the face of what looks like human disaster. Finally, they **show us the path to holiness**, through obedience, joy, and love – if we obey God, are happy in God, and love God, then all else falls into place. The prejudices of the world and the problems of the fallen world can not interfere with God’s divine plan as long as we trust in Him, as these women did on that fateful Sunday dawn.

## Saint of the Week St. George



One of the most popular saints ever, his feast day of April 23rd is celebrated across the Christian world, from the ancient Churches to Anglicans and Lutherans. He reflects universal Christian values, ones that many men in the western world would do well to emulate: constancy, strength, fidelity, love of God and neighbor, self-sacrifice, upholding a true military code of chivalry and honor.

**A saint like George, who inspired others both in life and death, and whose heavenly protection has been felt for over 1,700 years, is one who can move Christian men forward in their faith lives.**

Too often the gifts of Christian men are spurned in pseudo-feminist dialogues of the western world, missing the point of what a solid Christian man offers to the world, and how badly the world needs Christian men!

The basics of the St. George icon are the bold warrior astride a white stallion, raising his spear to pierce the dragon in its open throat, while a woman stands in the distance waiting to be rescued. Out of that icon, comes the legend of George slaying a dragon who was fed with an annual tribute of a virgin from a besieged town.

**But the icon has nothing to do with such a legend at all. Rather, the woman is Ekklesia, the Church.** The warrior is indeed George, who we know was an officer in the Roman army and is one of many who died rather than sacrifice incense to a statue of the emperor. We also know that this George suffered a great deal in his martyrdom, probably because of both his high rank and own personal popularity among the troops, in order to frighten other Christian soldiers to convert to paganism.

The dragon is the force of Evil – and the righteous George plunges the spear, which is topped with the Cross of the Savior, right into the jaws of hell. Thus Satan is destroyed, the Church's victory won, and souls are inspired to follow George in his righteous behavior. **St George is the patron saint of the military -- in these times, let us say a special prayer for his intercession** for their Christian life and protection.