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Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

May 7, 2006

Holy Myrrhbearing Women

The Noble Joseph

Christ is Risen!

Troparion - Tone 2

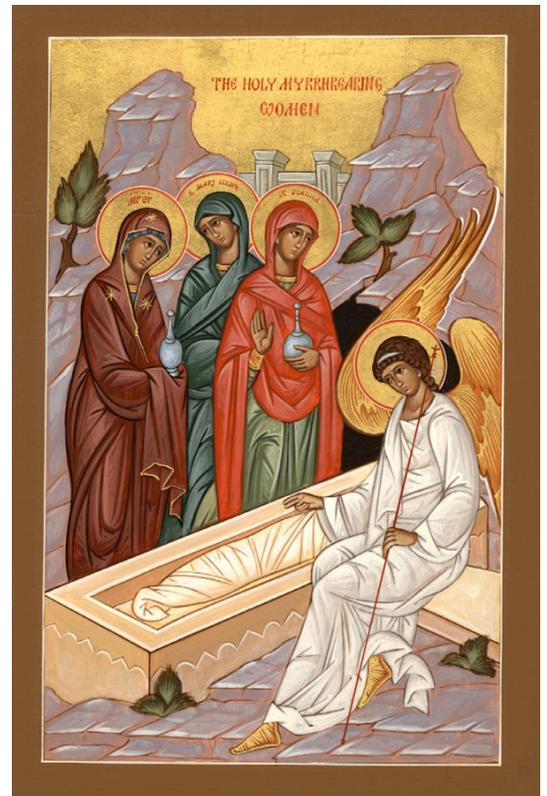
The Noble Joseph,
When he had taken down Your most pure
Body from the tree,
Wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with
spices,
And placed it in a new tomb.
But You did rise on the third day, O Lord,
Granting the world great mercy.

Troparion - Tone 2

The angel came to the myrrhbearing women
at the tomb and said:
Myrrh is meet for the dead;
But Christ has shown Himself a stranger to
corruption!
So proclaim: the Lord is risen,
Granting the world great mercy!

Kontakion - Tone 2

You did command the myrrh-bearers to re-
joice, O Christ!
By Your Resurrection, You did stop the lam-
entation of Eve, O God!
You did command Your apostles to preach:
The Savior is Risen!



Indeed He is Risen!

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Prayer Requests

Departed:

Joseph Schreck
Julie Macko

Ill-afflicted:

Helen Baldner
Mary Marhefka
Eva Dudich
John Clements
John Conrad
Alex Dobay
Eileen Eschuk
Janet Franks
Gayle & Joyce Franks
Henry & Julia Grabowski
Sergei Kluchnik & Family
Mary Ann Mishko
John & Ann Shuleva
Jan Tkacz
Jeanne Twitchell
Alexander Kuzminec
Billy J Spurlock
James Sheehan
Stephanie Fong

Michelle & Kiplan Frampton &
Unborn Child

Wedding Anniversary
John & Ann Shuleva 64 Years

Upcoming Events

-  May 13, 2006 - Corsage Class 11:00AM - Noon, Saturday May 13th at the Parish Hall. Lunch and all Supplies provided.
-  May 14, 2006 - Mother's Day Brunch @ Parish Hall
-  May 17, 2006 - 55+ Club Memorial service @ Cemetery Chapel, 11:00 AM
-  May 21, 2006 - "Ladies Tea @ Ridge Manor All Ladies of the Parish are Welcome. See Jean Homik or Virginia Medvec for information.
-  August 20, 2006 - Parish Picnic
-  September 9-10, 2006 St. Theodosius Feast Day and 110th Parish Anniversary Banquet on September 10, 2006

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 14TH

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

PARISH HALL

Coffee Hour & Greeters Schedules

Coffee Hour Hosts:

5/7 Maca Tyler & Judy Schwind
5/14 Joyce Tabeling
5/21 Wojnicz Family
5/28 Mary Swit/Tammy Ponomarenko
6/4 Mat. Cindy & Mat. Jeanne
6/11 Patti Sankovic/Natalia Pricinovskis
6/18 Maca Tyler & Judy Schwind

Greeters:

D. Pinta/D. Pinta
P. Pangrace/Pangrace
Steve & Eileen Bondor
Mike & Joyce Tabeling
P. Ginlesberger/L. Smotzer
Paul Pangrace
Steve & Eileen Bondor

Parish Council News

 The next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday May 24, 2006. Any parish member is welcome.

PARISH NEWS

Information for the AMBO

should be emailed to

ambo@sttheodosius.org

2006 Dues are \$250.00 per

Adult member (18 and older)

Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC
21 May 2000

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

How tragic today's story of the life of Christ is. A man had been paralysed for years. He had lain at a short distance from healing, but he himself had no strength to merge into the waters of ablution. And no one - no one in the course of all these years - had had compassion on him.

The ones rushed to be the first in order to be healed. Others who were attached to them by love, by friendship, helped them to be healed. But no one cast a glance at this man, who for years had longed for healing and was not in himself able to find strength to become whole.

If only one person had been there, if only one heart had responded with compassion, this man might have been whole years and years earlier. As no one, not one person, had compassion on him, all that was left to him - and I say all that was left to him with a sense of horror - was the direct intervention of God.

We are surrounded by people who are in need. It is not only people who are physically paralysed who need help. There are so many people who are paralysed in themselves, and need to meet someone who would help them. Paralysed in themselves are those who are terrified of life, because life has been an object of terror for them since they were born: insensitive parents, heartless, brutal surroundings. How many are those who hoped, when they were still small, that there would be something for them in life. But no. There wasn't. There was no compassion. There was no friendliness. There was nothing. And when they tried to receive comfort and support, they did not receive it. Whenever they thought they could do something they were told, 'Don't try. Don't you understand that you are incapable of this?' And they felt lower and lower.

How many were unable to fulfil their lives because they were physically ill, and not sufficiently strong... But did they find someone to give them a supporting hand? Did they find anyone who felt so deeply for them and about them that they went out of their way to help? And how many those who are terrified of life, lived in circumstances of fear, of violence, of brutality... But all this could not have taken them if there had been someone who have stood by them and not abandoned them.

So we are surrounded, all of us, by people who are in the situation of this paralytic man. If we think of ourselves we will see that many of us are paralysed, incapable of fulfilling all their aspirations; incapable of being what they longed for, incapable of serving others the way their heart speaks; incapable of doing anything they longed for because fear, brokenness has come into them.

And all of us, all of us were responsible for each of them. We are responsible, mutually, for one another; because when we look right and left at the people who stand by us, what do we know about them? Do we know how broken they are? How much pain there is in their hearts? How much agony there has been in their lives? How many broken hopes, how much fear and rejection and contempt that has made them contemptuous of themselves and unable even to respect themselves - not to speak of having the courage of making a move towards wholeness, that wholeness of which the Gospel speaks in this passage and in so many other places?

Let us reflect on this. Let us look at each other and ask ourselves, 'How much frailty is there in him or her? How much pain has accumulated in his or her heart? How much fear of life - but life expressed by my neighbour, the people whom I should be able to count for life - has come in to my existence?'

Let us look at one another with understanding, with attention. Christ is there. He can heal; yes. But we will be answerable for each other, because there are so many ways in which we should be the eyes of Christ who sees the needs, the ears of Christ who hears the cry, the hands of Christ who supports and heals or makes it possible for the person to be healed.

Let us look at this parable of the paralytic with new eyes; not thinking of this poor man two thousand years ago who was so lucky that Christ happened to be near him and in the end did what every neighbour should have done. Let us look at each other and have compassion, active compassion; insight; love if we can. And then this parable will not have been spoken or this event will not have been related to us in vain. Amen.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday May 7, Myrrhbearing Women

9:00 Am Divine Liturgy

Monday May 8

Tuesday May 9

Wednesday May 10

Thursday May 11

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Enlighteners of the Slavs

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

11:00 AM Faith Enrichment

Friday May 5

Saturday May 6

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday May 7, Sunday of the Paralytic

9:00 Am Divine Liturgy

Mothers Day Brunch



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