



WEEKLY BULLETIN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH
May 12, 2019

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

Christ is Risen! Indeed he is Risen!

Happy Mother's Day!

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

Weekly Schedule of Services/Events

Sunday, May 12

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Jennifer Morrison

+ by the Semanchik/Hritz Families

Rescue Mission

Monday, May 13

5:00PM Prospect House

Tuesday, May 14

12:00PM St. John's Seniors

Thursday, May 16

9:00AM + By Ann Louis

9:00AM Monthly Pirohi 9am

7:00PM Officers Meeting

Friday, May 17

9:00AM Monthly Pirohi

Saturday, May 18

9:00AM Monthly Memorial and Confessions

Sunday, May 19

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Gregory Morrison

Coffee: Adzima

+ Duranko Family

10:30AM Church School

Service Schedule

Divine Liturgy 9am

Weekday Eve Service 7pm

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Weekly Announcements

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY: Happy Mothers Day to all of our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers. God grant you many blessed years!!

CAMP NAZARETH FAMILY DAY: Family Day at Camp Nazareth is June 2 this year. The Camp is once again holding the Family Day Raffle to raise money to support the Camp. Tickets are \$20 for a chance to win the \$10,000 grand prize. Please see Eleanor Adzima to purchase your tickets.

R CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: Information about this years William T Soltis Memorial Scholarship offered by the R Club is in the bulletin. Please see Holly Mesavage for an application.

MONTHLY PIROHI: We will be holding our Monthly Pirohi Sale this Week. Help is needed Thursday and Friday at 9am. Please get your orders in today.

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP: Please see the bulletin for info on registering for Camp Nazareth. Early Bird Discount ends this Wednesday. Please see Fr. David for Camperships and the code to register online.

Scripture Readings for Sunday

Epistle Reading

Acts 6:1-7

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:43-16:8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead;

and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Wisdom of the Fathers

And these [the women] first see Jesus; and the sex that was most condemned, this first enjoys the sight of the blessings, this most shows its courage. And when the disciples had fled, these were present. They [the women] had followed Him ministering to Him, and were present even unto the time of the dangers. Wherefore also they saw all; how He cried, how He gave up the ghost, how the rocks were rent, and all the rest.

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 12 on Acts IV, 4th Century

On Stewardship: #119 Why Am I Here? Part 3

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2: 10 RSV)

God has showered us with gifts all our life! Have you opened your gifts? Are you using those gifts for the glory of God and the service of your neighbors? Have you realized what your calling is?

We have discussed the ways to discover your calling: acknowledge God is in

control, listen for his messages and messengers, prayerfully consider the messages (discernment). Your journey begins with humility. You must submit yourself to God, lest your judgment be clouded. In the latter case you may never know what God has called you to do. He has given you gifts use them wisely and lovingly for His service. The gifts are His unique calling to you - for you.

I have heard people say, "I am too old to serve!" As long as you are alive, your mission on earth is not finished. A slight change in the direction you are going can put you on a new path that may have dramatic effects on your life as well as the lives of countless others.

Use your time and talents to serve others and God. Help others find salvation through Christ our Savior. "...let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins" (James 5:20 RSV).

"I therefore, a prisoner of the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4: 1-3 RSV)

This weekly series of brief thoughts on stewardship and Orthodox life is brought to you by your Diocesan Stewardship Commission.

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until 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 sepulchre, 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. Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Saviour, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Saviour's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counsellors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).

William T. Soltis Memorial R Club Scholarship

The 47th Annual St. John's Sr. R Club/William T. Soltis Memorial Scholarship applications are now available. Applicants must meet the following requirements: (1) Be a member and communicant of our church; (2) Attend undergraduate college, technical or nursing school; and (3) Are considered full time students in their respective institutions. Awards are limited to four per person.

Deadline date for applications is May 24, 2019. No electronic submissions
- please submit a hard copy.

Applications can be obtained from Mrs. Holly Mesavage, 125 Kings Row, Stratford, CT 06614. Tel. (203) 377-2831 or on the church's website: <http://stjohnsmill-hill.com/2.html>

Basis of judging: The Scholarship Award Committee is anonymous to the club membership. It uses a point system decided upon by the committee which encompasses church, school and community activities and answers to questions written by the applicant. Outside impartial judges are also members of the committee. Family financial status is not intruded upon nor requested.

The scholarship awards are funded by individual donations, Memorial donations and the sale of religious items

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2019

The time for Summer Camp is Rapidly Approaching!!! The clock is ticking!!
REGISTER ONLINE STARTING MAR. 1, 2019!!!

Dates for the Summer Camping Program

Week 1: July 14-20, 2019

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

Week 2: July 21-27, 2019

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Week 3: July 28-August 3, 2019

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

Register Online Starting March 1, 2019 - Register at campnazareth.org

From the Home Page, From the 2019 Summer Camp Icon, or From the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for Camper Registration.

If you are Clergy or a Volunteer go to the 2019 Summer Camp Icon on the Home Page or the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for the paper forms under Clergy/Volunteers.

\$20 Early Bird Discount Per Child!!!! (one-time only, not per week)

Register & pay by May 15, 2019!!!!

Online Registration **MUST** be complete **AND** payment must be submitted by May 15 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount. Registrations after June 15 will incur an additional \$20 late fee.

When you register online please note that you will still need to submit a paper copy of the Medical Examination Form (i.e. Camper Physical) which must be filled out and signed by a licensed medical professional (licensed physician or physician's assistant). This form will be emailed to you after you complete the online registration process.

Payment by check, money order, or credit card is accepted. Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to Camp Nazareth and sent to Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137.

SCIENCE AND NATURE CAMP

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CAMP NAZARETH

MERCER, PA

AUGUST 4 – 10, 2019

“WONDER – EXPLORE – DISCOVER”

COME AND EXPLORE DIFFERENT FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND NATURE: ASTRONOMY, EARTH SCIENCE, BIOLOGY, GEOLOGY AND METEOROLOGY

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EMAIL CAMPNAZARETH@ACROD.ORG OR CALL 724-662-4840 FOR MORE INFORMATION

CAMP NAZARETH FAMILY CAMP

MAY 31 – JUNE 2, 2019

“BEING A BELIEVING FAMILY”

**“...BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS, AND YOU WILL BE
SAVED, YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD...AND HE REJOICED
WITH ALL HIS HOUSEHOLD THAT HE HAD BELIEVED IN
GOD.”**

ACTS 16:31-34

**BELIEVING IN GOD AS A FAMILY SEEMS TO GET MORE AND
MORE DIFFICULT THESE DAYS.**

**THERE ARE EXAMPLES OF FAMILIES THAT KEPT BELIEVING
EVEN WHEN IT WAS DIFFICULT. COME AND LEARN ABOUT
THEM AND HELP YOUR FAMILY BELIEVE AND REJOICE IN
GOD.**

**COME ENJOY TIME AT CAMP WITH YOUR FAMILY! ENJOY THE CAMP'S
PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT, HAVE SOME FUN AND BE REJUVENATED AS A
FAMILY!**

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