

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*May 16, 2021*

*Holy Myrrhbearing Women*

- 9:10 am - Hours
- 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy followed by Panikhida  
Acts 6:1-7 Mark 15:43-16:8

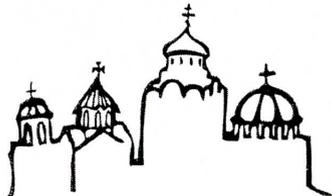
*Schedule of Services*

**Saturday, May 22**

- 5:00 pm – Great Vespers

**Sunday, May 23**  
*Sunday of Paralytic*

- 9:10 am - Hours
- 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy



## WEEKLY BIBLE MESSAG

Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikodemos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10). Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikodemos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610), the New Martyr Elias Ardunis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).

## 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 rose 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 commanded the myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ! / By Your Resurrection, You stopped the lamentation of Eve, the first mother! / You commanded them to preach to Your apostles: \*  
The Savior is Risen from the tomb!



## *Intercessory Prayers*

We pray for all our fellow parishioners, and we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Please keep in your prayers our Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Genevieve Bobenko, Barbara Bogart, Michael Bzik, Mary Ann Dolak, Barbara Kary, Margaret Kovalycsik, Kathleen Lazarczyk, Dennis Maixner, Marian Nagel, Helen Rahnefeld, Anna Rozanovich, Maryann Sytgen, Patricia Galley.

## *Announcement*

♦ **Panikhida service:** today following the Divine Liturgy in memory of: **Archpriest Peter Kohanik**, on the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his repose. And **Michael Shaker**, father of Andrea Shaker, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his repose.

♦ **Memory Eternal.** Our Sister in Christ **Dorothy Fabian**, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, May 15, 2021. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday May 18, at 10.00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Passaic. Interment to follow at East Ridge lawn Cemetery, Clifton NJ.

♦ **It's time to celebrate!** 2021 With the blessing of Archbishop MICHAEL, the **Department of Youth Ministry would like to honor all high school and college graduates from our diocese by featuring their accomplishments in Jacob's Well**, the official magazine of our diocese. In order for this to happen, we need your help! Read on Diocese website: [www.njnyoca.org](http://www.njnyoca.org)

♦ With open arms and hearts, we welcome all of our visitors and guests: we are delighted you have joined us to worship the Lord this day. Contact Father Maryan or either one will gladly provide you with any info. Thanks for being here: we look forward to seeing you again. Until then, may Christ bless you always.

