



St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral

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Special Intentions: If you have a need for prayers for any intention, please send them to me (call, email or text a message – contact info in this Bulletin). I will include these in my personal prayers and as the Liturgy is celebrated. Contact me about this via phone or email.

Epistle: Acts. 6:1-7;

Gospel: Mk.15:43-16:8;

Myrrh Bearing Women Sunday Tone -2

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!

TODAY'S SERVICES:

Sunday, April 26th 2026 – Myrrh Bearing Women Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

Services for the week:

May 3rd – 4th Sunday of Pascha (of the Paralytic)

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

Coffee hour served by parishioners in the Church's social room

Wednesday, April 29th – Parish Board meeting 6:30 p.m. in PAVILION

Altar Servers: Sub deacon Qorey Carter, Bryce Buitrago, Ryan Fealy.

Readers: Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar, Brandon Banko.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Alice, Kathy B, Catherine Shaffer, Joyce and Raymond Wizna, Diane (Decibus) Morgan, Michael Hrycuna, Richard Hrycuna, John Decibus, John Zelenak, Veronica Deli, Nancy Grabie, Sarah Rowland and the children of God: Sophia Mazan plus Jacob, Jonathan and Sofia. Also remember all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the men and women in the US Military who serve all of us and our country. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

Happy Birthday! – Our Parish Congregation sincerely expresses greetings to our Brothers and Sisters of **St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral** who celebrate Birthdays in the following week of April: **LEIGH BUITRAGO, MARIA DECIBUS.** May the Lord God Almighty send upon you His Blessings for many blessed years!

If you would like to have a birthday or special event announced in the bulletin for upcoming week for a family member or friend not on our Church roster, please consider making a donation to the building fund in their honor.

Thank you!

To all our Parishioners and people of St. Demetrius Family, we express our sincere thankfulness for your generous donations toward Flowers that make our Temple beautiful. **May God bless!**



MAY 1ST

Patricia & William Buchan

MANY BLESSED YEARS!

SAVE THE DATE!

THE 2ND ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES PICNIC TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 23RD. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN AND ON FACEBOOK.

DONATION FOR COFFEE HOUR

BELOVED BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE LORD, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION FOR THE COFFEE HOUR THAT IS SERVED IN THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL ROOM PLEASE CONTACT (BEFORE FRIDAY) JENNIFER DELI AT (848) 250-4786



LET US HELP TOGETHER

Altar server Qorey Carter is doing a service project titled "Pennies for Peace". He is collecting your unwanted pennies and loose pocket change with all monies collected going to **Kind Deeds to be used to help our wounded Ukrainian soldiers.** *The jar is in the back of the church.*

ALL EMERGENCIES: PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL FATHER IHOR FOR ANY AND ALL EMERGENCIES – FOR HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR HOME VISITATIONS. PLEASE CALL HIS CELL NUMBER 732-209-5994, IF NECESSARY, PLEASE LEAVE A VOICE MESSAGE, FATHER WILL RETURN YOUR CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



BIBLICAL HISTORY

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 His sepulcher, 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 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 (Matthew 21:55-56; 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 Savior, 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 Savior'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 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 counselors who were in Jerusalem. He went bodily 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 (Matthew 27:60).

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