

## May 19, 2013: THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (Of the Myrrh-bearing women)

### Epistle: Acts, 6:1-7:

*Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.*

### Gospel: Mark, 15:43-47:

*Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus observed where He was laid.*

### Christ is Risen!

The Scripture readings of this Sunday present to us events from two different times: The Epistle reading (from the Acts of the Apostles) allows us to catch a glimpse into the liturgical life of the first Christian community. It talks about the agapae, the fellowship meals that used to follow the Divine Liturgy (the Breaking of Bread) and also about the ordination, by the Apostles, of the first 7 deacons, who were assigned to organize and oversee this charitable work of the primitive Church.

The Gospel reading takes us back, on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing women, to the event of Christ's burial, to which they were eyewitnesses.

Both of these Scripture readings are about the ministry of serving, which our Lord and Savior emphasized when he washed the feet of His disciples at the Last Supper.

May the risen Lord bless us with wisdom and humility so that we can serve one another and together, our loving God, as liturgical beings!

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**THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY**

**1948 – 2013**

**MAY 26, 2013**

**10:00: HIERARCHICAL LITURGY  
(H. G. IOAN CASIAN – Vicar Bishop)**

**11:30: MEMORIAL FOR FOUNDERS  
1:00 PM: ANNIVERSARY BANQUET**

**Tickets: \$50/adults; \$15/children (7-14)  
Contact Viorel Ciocan: 780-994-2304**

**SEE YOU THEN!**



# **GARAGE AND BAKE SALE**

**The Romanian Orthodox Church will be hosting a Garage/Bake sale on:**

- Friday, May 31, 2013: 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
- Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013: 12:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

***This is a fundraising event with proceeds going towards the renovation of the kitchen.***

***To make this event a success, we NEED your help!***

## **ITEMS NEEDED :**

- CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (IN GOOD CONDITION).
- ADULT CLOTHING (IN GOOD CONDITION).
- TOYS /ELECTRONIC GAMES/OTHER ELECTRONICS.
- SPORTS EQUIPMENT.
- SMALL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND FURNITURE.
- TOOLS.
- GARDEN ITEMS.
- MISCELLANEOUS (BOOKS, CHINA, DECORATIVE ITEMS, JEWELERY, PURSES, VASES, etc.).

**Donations for the garage sale will be accepted between May 12 - May 28**

(Sundays from 10:00 PM to 1:00 PM or call to make other arrangements).

**Donation for the bake sale will be accepted on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>,**

**between 6:00 and 8:00 PM at the church Hall.**

**NOTE: *This event requires a large number of volunteers to sort, price and advertise so.... please let us know if you can lend a hand.***

**For further information, to make a donation or to volunteer, please contact:**

- MARIA BAZGAN: (780) 473-0029.
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**Thank you very much!**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**At the Annual General Meeting, held on February 24, 2013, the decision was made to keep the membership unchanged, at \$100/person (\$200/couple).**

**We encourage all our members and supporters to pay their membership as soon as possible so we can complete the various projects during the warm season and also to be able to assist the Archdiocese with the annual dues.**

**Keep in mind that \$35 of each membership goes to the Archdiocese.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## **KITCHEN RENOVATION**

**Our kitchen is in dire need for expansion and renovation.**

**In the fall of 2012 we launched a campaign to fundraise for this important project.**

**The last estimate for the project came at around \$80,000.**

**We appeal to all of our members, supporters and friends to give generously towards this major project and support our fundraising events!**

**All donors will receive a tax-deductible receipt and our heartfelt appreciation.**

**THANK YOU AND MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS YOU!**