

May 4, 2014: THE 3RD 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 Joseph 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!

Fr. George Bazgan

Sunday Fellowship

The following families are scheduled to look after
this Sunday's fellowship:

**Corbu Adriana & Maria
Cobuz Viorel & Muşa
Diaconu C-tin. & Mariana**

Thank you all very much!

Note: We kindly ask all participants in this program to bring cooked food only, which can be warmed up using the stove in the small fellowship hall.

Thank you!

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On May the 18th, we will celebrate our Church Anniversary:

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy.

11:45 AM: Memorial service for church founders.

12:30 PM: ANNIVERSARY BANQUET.

Tickets: \$40/adults and \$15/children (7-14).

Contact Liviu Sasu: 780-489-5381

SEE YOU THEN!

GARAGE SALE

The Romanian Orthodox Church will be hosting a Garage Sale:

- Friday, May 30, 2014: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
- Saturday, May 31st, 2014: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- Sunday, June 1 2014: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

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

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, JEWELRY,
PURSES, VASES, etc.).**

Donations will be accepted between May 4 - May 29, every Sunday

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

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:

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Thank you very much!