

May 12, 2019: 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 Agape, the fellowship meals that used to follow the Divine Liturgy (the Breaking of Bread) and also about the ordination of the first 7 deacons (*whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them*), by the Apostles, who were assigned to organize and oversee this charitable work of the primitive Church.

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

In order to dispel any doubt about the reality of Christ's death, St. Mark tells us that, before he released the body of Jesus to Joseph of Arimathea, Pilate summoned *the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time*. Only after he was convinced that Christ had died did Pilate gave the body of Jesus to Joseph: *So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph*.

It is also worth noting the special care and piety with which Joseph handled the body of Jesus in spite of the fact that things had to be done quickly: *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*.

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

**On this Sunday, as we observe Mother's Day,
a special fellowship lunch will be offered
by the gentlemen of our parish**

Many thanks to all volunteers!

Altar boys for this Sunday:

**Matthew Cotfasa
Arsenie Gavriş**

MOTHER'S DAY

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to extend, to all mothers of our parish, best wishes for many years filled with good health, peace and joy!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Church Anniversary

Our Church Anniversary will be celebrated on May 26, 2019, in the presence of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae and His Grace Bishop Ioan Casian. The stained glass windows will be blessed and our church will be elevated to the rank of Cathedral.

For tickets (\$75.00/person), contact Mariana Diaconu: 780-473-6711 or 780-660-4748 (texting only).

No refunds after May 12.

The number of seats is limited.

ANIVERSARY IN BOIAN

On Sunday, June 9, St. Mary of Boian parish will be celebrating Fr. Mircea Panciuk's 50 year anniversary of uninterrupted service (1969-2019).

PROGRAM:

9:30, Divine Liturgy;

1:30, Anniversary Banquet in Willingdon.

For tickets (\$50/person), contact DARLINE SHELEMEY at la 780 – 908 - 4806 sau prin email: dshelemey@hotmail.com

Church Directory

To all members, supporters and friends:

In honor of our Church being elevated to Cathedral status (May 26, 2019), the Church Board is planning a Church Directory, containing color pictures of Church members and supporters who wish to participate.

A professional photographer will be at our Hall every day, beginning Tuesday, April 30 – May 4, between 2:00 - 8:30 PM and 10:00 - 4:00 PM on Saturday. Everyone is fervently requested to, please, make an appointment to have their free family picture taken (done in 15 minutes).

The photographers will be at the Hall for one more week, Tuesday, May 14 – through Friday, May 17 (2:00 -8:30 PM) and Saturday, May 18 (10:00-4:00). Those who participate will receive a free Church Directory.

Our expert, Darline Shelemey, volunteered to spearhead this very Special 2019 Directory and needs your help so no one is overlooked. Please, contact Darline as soon as possible to schedule your 15 minute appointment at your convenience, at 780 – 908 - 4806) or email: dshelemey@hotmail.com

It is very important that everyone participate in this event.

Your support is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU ALL!

MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors extends a warm appeal to all supporters of our parish, asking them to pay their membership as soon as possible.

This way we can ensure that we have the necessary funds to fulfill our financial obligations during the Summer months and for the rest of the year as well.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



HERITAGE 2019

- July 4 ● Bucharest
- July 5-8 ● Valea Plopului
volunteering at orphanage
- July 8-14 ● Putna Monastery
- July 14-18 ● Road Trip
- July 19-29 ● Oasa Monastery
International Camp
- July 29 ● Bucharest
late at night

ages **16-30**

725USD
not including airfare

30 spots

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