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Sunday, April 26, 2026

Reader Hours: Mat. Lisa
Reader Epistle: Edward Pierson



Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christos Voskres! Voistnue Voskres!

We welcome all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall for fellowship. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our parish family.

Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through strict Fasting on the morning of the Liturgy, recent Confession and at peace with each other may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.

Services

Saturday, April 25	4:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, April 25	4:30 PM: Parastas: Jennie Harb offered by Jeanne & John Cannon
Saturday, April 25	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, April 26	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy (Holy Myrrhbearers) Church School, Fellowship
Saturday, May 2	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, May 3	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, (Paralytic) Church School, Parish Council Meeting , Fellowship
Saturday, May 9	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, May 10	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, (Samaritan Woman) Church School, Fellowship
Saturday, May 16	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, May 17	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, (Blind Man) Church School, Fellowship

Prayer List*:

Robert Boguski, Elizabeth Brennan, Bob Brunda, Jeanne Cannon, Todd Cleary, William Evetushick, Julia Forte, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy Macenka, Paul Macenka, Olga Martsyniv, Dave Mazaika, Tom McCarthy, Ron Pierce, Millie O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Altheia Rosahac Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Jolie Skelton, Amanda Skripnek, SD James Weremedic, Jr.

* Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days. You may request to have your name or the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

Our Indoor/ Outdoor Spring Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 9th from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Your donations would be greatly appreciated and accepted on the following dates and times: Tuesday, April 28th and Thursday, April 30th between the hours of 11:00 A.M. - 2:00P.M. Tuesday, May 5th and Thursday, May 7th from 12:00 - 3:00. Donations may also be brought to the church basement immediately following Liturgy.

If you are able to volunteer a few hours of your time on the day of the sale, we would love to have you join us. 🙏❤️

If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Father James Weremedic at 570-764-4323.

Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call (570-764-4323) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Candles April 26

7/Day Vigils-Altar: In Memory of Odess Remington offered by Claire & Family
 Altar Candles: In Memory of Odess Remington offered by Claire & Family
 Eternal Lamp: In Memory of Odess Remington offered by Claire & Family
 7/Day Tetrapod: In Memory of Odess Remington offered by Claire & Family
 Decorated Candles: In Health of Paul Macenka Sr. offered by Rick & Mary Hertzog
 Vigil Crosses: In Memory of Helen & George Ostrosky offered by Marie Kalavritinos & Anne Ostrosky
 Bulletin Sponsor: Remington Family

April Birthdays: Paul Macenka, 10- Jacqueline Babinetz, 16- Mary Evetushick, 17- Anastasia Babinetz, Julie McHugh, 22- Thomas Terry, 24- Dennis Vavra, 25- Paul Macenka, Sr.

May Birthdays: 1-Daniel Herbert, 5- Gabriel Melber, Sal Herbert, 10- Thomas Herbert, 11- Stephanie Melber, 17- Julia Forte, Russell King, 21- Lindsey Ruch,

May Anniversaries: 9- Richard & Julie McHugh

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King.

Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

Financials 4/19/2026: Envelopes \$ 1,635, Non-Envelope \$ 60, Holy Days \$ 100, Candles \$ 57, Donations:\$ 1,100, F.U.E.L. \$ 85

How much is my tithe?!

Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10
\$750	\$75	\$38	\$30	\$15
\$1,000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20
\$1,500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40

We are not required to bring a tenth of our income to the Church; we can bring twenty, thirty, or even one-hundred percent, as did the poor widow (*Mark 12:42-43*). But we can start with a small step. We can at least bring as much as the Old Testament Hebrews, at least the ten percent that rightly belongs to God and not us. But if we don't have as much zeal for the temple of God as the Old Testament people had, then the Lord will accept and bless even seven or five percent or any other amount offered with a pure heart. **We must begin somewhere!**
[On Tithing | A Russian Orthodox Church Website \(pravmir.com\)](http://pravmir.com)

Date	Hours	Epistle	Fellowship Hour
April 26	Mat. Lisa	Edward Pierson	Sal Herbert
May 3	Gloria Bench	Chad Snyder	John Evetushick
May 10	Curtis Wetzel	Michael Ropitsky	Mother's Day

April 26, 2026 Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Mark 16:9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)

Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen..." (2 1/2 times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

Tone 2 Troparion (Pentecostarion)

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.

Tone 2 Troparion (Pentecostarion)

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, // granting the world great mercy.'"

Tone 2 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

You commanded the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. 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!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, You destroyed the power of death.

In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance!

V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Acts 6:1-7 (Epistle)

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.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. O Lord, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob.
V. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Mark 15:43-16:8 (Gospel)

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 Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Priest: "In the fear of God..."

Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord... "

Priest: "O God, save Your people... "

Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead... " (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light...)

Priest: "Always, now and ever..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled..."

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to You, O Christ..." and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead..." (thrice).

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!