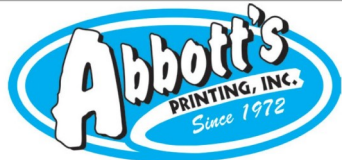




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Services for the week of April 18, 2021

Monday (19)

Online Book Club 2 7 p.m.

Tuesday (20)

No Services

Wednesday (21)

No Services

Thursday (22)

No Services

Friday (23) George the Great Martyr

Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.

Health and Salvation of Jerry and Ann Chicvara

Saturday (24)

Great Vespers 4 p.m.

Sunday (25) Sunday of the Paralytic

Third Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

For our Parish Family

After Communion Prayers and Rosary Follow

**Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!**

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Vespers, 4 p.m.

Sunday:

3rd Hour 9:45 a.m.

Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

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Saturday after Vespers,
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✠ Community News ✠

Online & In-Person Book Club

The Romzha Brotherhood will be organizing a book study for the Paschal season. We will be studying the book “It is the Day of Resurrection” by Fr. Jack Custer of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic.

In the Introduction Fr. Custer writes: “Paradoxically, then, for many people, Lent proves to be more spiritually beneficial than Pascha: there’s more to do, more to consider, specific milestones, challenges, goals. I have heard parishioners and friends who have made the Lenten journey with me ask the same question: ‘Christ is Risen. Now what?’ We need to discover a Paschal lifestyle that can bloom and grow in the ground so well prepared by the Great Fast.”

The study will take place on Monday nights from 7pm-8pm during the Paschal Season via Zoom and an in-person version at 9 a.m. Sunday in the choir loft.

Baking Day

Our Next Baking day will be Saturday, April 24 beginning at 8 a.m. It would be helpful to have some people doing a couple shifts. We need at least 5 or so in the morning 8-1 to do the baking. Another group can come at 1 to help with cleaning. Another group can come at 3 to help pack. We need nuts!

✠ Tithes and Offerings ✠

Pascha and Thomas Sunday

Total:

\$7,286.57

Please consider a tithe increase for working families of at least \$25 this year.

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Financial Peace University

Eight families followed our Financial Peace University class this past Lent and learned how to get out of debt, live with generosity and build wealth for retirement God’s way. After our 9-week class, these families paid \$17,159 of debt and saved \$29,846. St. Mary’s is pleased to offer this program that teaches biblical finance principles about money management, saving and giving to its parishioners and friends twice a year. Please ask Laura for information about our next class.



Scriptural Patrons of the Lay Apostolate

The Biblical figures commemorated on this Sunday point to a principal way of exercising: using one’s resources to build up the Kingdom of God. Two of them made sizeable contributions in accordance with their stations in life. Joseph of Arimathea, described in the Gospel as “a rich man” (Mt 27:57) and “a prominent member of the Sanhedrin” (Mk 15:43) used his influence with Pilate to obtain the crucified body of the Lord Jesus and donated his own tomb that the Lord might be buried, as St John Chrysostom said, “not as a criminal, but magnificently, after the Jewish fashion, as some great and admirable one” (Hom. on Matthew). Along with “the noble Joseph,” as our troparion calls him, Nicodemus, “a ruler of the Jews” brought a one-hundred-pound mixture of myrrh and aloes - worth thousands, by some estimations. Both these men made significant donations to cover the cost of Jesus’ burial.

In the history of the Eastern Churches there have been many people who gave significant donations to the Church, building churches, schools, hospitals or clinics for the poor. The countryside in places like Greece or Lebanon is dotted with small chapels build by donors to honor their patron saints or in thanksgiving for favors received. In our society, the equivalent is often an endowment given to the Church. The investments generated by such endowments contribute over the years to the cause specified by the donor. An endowment by the late Father Allen Maloof has helped make possible the publication of Sophia, the journal of the Eparchy of Newton, for over forty years. Others remembered today contributed lesser amounts, but over an ongoing period of time.

The myrrh-bearing women are those who provided for Jesus’ everyday needs out of their own resources: Mary Magdalene, Joanna and other women whose ordinary contributions helped sustain Him during His ministry. While Joanna’s husband was the steward of King Herod’s household, there is no evidence that any of these women were wealthy. They were the equivalent of today’s middle-class parishioners, many of whom continually underwrite the expenses of a church or ministry to the needy.