

SAVE THE DATE

- **Camp Emmanuel Registration is Open!** Camp will be June 23-29, 2024. Join the GOYA OneChurch Group, or visit the Metropolis website and click on the Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministries page to access the registration. Contact Maja Buck with any questions, maja@stcatherinechurch.org.
- **Men's Retreat** at the Denver Metropolis Retreat Center-August 18-21st.
- **St. Catherine's 40th Anniversary**, October 5 - 6, 2024!

THANK YOU PROSPHORA MINISTRY

A HUGE thank you to the Prospora Ministry members. Thank you to our Prospora Ministry Leaders Joyce Paich and Kathy Preonas for all of the hard work and effort over the last few months and especially during Holy Week. We appreciate all of the bakers and your time, talent and effort. During Holy Week the ministry baked over 20 loaves. The ministry is revitalized and successful. Continue the great work!

Contribute to Coffee Hour - Where the Body of Christ Connects!

Select a Sunday on the SignUp Genius, then choose one or two of the listed items to bring. When everyone takes a turn, the work and expense remain manageable for all. Remember that set up and clean up are necessary and inexpensive ways you can contribute. Questions? Text or call Suzanne Magerko 719-337-2113



SAINT CATHERINE STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

For 2024, as of May 15th we have 354 stewards pledging \$975,601 and we have received \$433,017. If you did not receive a stewardship packet at home, you may pick one up in the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall. Contact Jenée Horan at: Jenee@stcatherinechurch.org.

ST. CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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WELCOME TO SAINT CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

"There are no strangers here; only friends you have not met!"

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN-MAY 19, 2024

Righteous Joseph of Arimathea

Living Traditions

There were many myrrh bearing women who went to anoint and prepare Jesus' body for burial and who were the first to witness Jesus resurrected.

Here is a description of some of the most notable ones:

- Mary Magdalene was the person who experienced Jesus' healing from demonic possession
- Salome was one of six children of Joseph the Betrothed and one of three of his daughters
- Joanna, the wife of Chuza, was also an administrator and steward of King Herod's household
- Mary and Martha were Lazarus' sisters
- Mary was the wife of Clopas/Cleopas
- Susanna

These and the other women arrived at the tomb and saw the angel of the Lord descend from heaven, roll the stone away, sit on it and announce to them that Jesus had risen from the dead. Christians created rituals based on these and other events from Jesus' life.

Here are two examples:

Morning and Evening prayer have technical terms we still use today, Orthros and Vespers respectively. The morning prayer service is called "Orthros" because the word means "early dawn" or "daybreak". In Sunday Orthros there are eleven Gospels of the Resurrection event and which rotate week to week. The priest reads the appropriate Gospel at this service and stands on the right side of the Altar as a commemoration of the angel at the tomb.

Another example is based on the myrrh bearing women event as briefly described above. The tradition where girls walk around Jesus' tomb on Holy Friday sprinkling flower petals while the priest sprinkles rose water originates from this event.

On the Second Sunday after Pascha, we also commemorate Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. Nicodemus was a Pharisee and ruler of the Jews. Joseph was a member of the council, the Great Sanhedrin in Jerusalem. For those of us who serve on councils these two people inspire us to care for the risen Messiah in our own unique ways.

Discussion Questions/Topics

1. It is meaningful to participate in Holy Week events. As the calendar unfolds and eventually returns to less ornate holiness, how may we live so that each week is a 'holy week'?
2. How may we anoint, care for and prepare the Body of Christ, not for burial, but for life now and for the eventual eternal existence we expect?

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN Orthros 8:15am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
- AHEPA SUNDAY & DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE-Memorial Service
- End of year Church School BBQ/Summer Kickoff

MONDAY, MAY 20

- SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN VESPERAL LITURGY 6:00pm
- Potluck to follow Liturgy.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- Men's Spiritual Discussion 7am-(Hybrid)-In person or on Zoom link at: stcatherinechurch.org/calendar
- Bible Study 10am-(Hybrid)-In person or on Zoom link at: stcatherinechurch.org/calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm
- No Choir Practice

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- GREAT VESPERS 5:00pm

SUNDAY, MAY 26

- SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC Orthros 8:15 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am

MONDAY, MAY 27

- Church Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day.

SAINT CATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH GRADUATION CELEBRATION



CLASS OF 2024

GRADUATE SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH

We are honoring our 2024 graduates! We would like to recognize our high-school, college and post graduates. If you have a graduate in your family please use the QR code to fill out the graduate submission form or email: Valerie@stcatherinechurch.org



SAINT CATHERINE CHURCH

June 10-14, 2024

Vacation Bible School



Registration Closes May 25

Preschool (Potty Trained) - 5th Grade

Participants must register by
April 15 to receive a t-shirt

\$55 1st Child, \$30 Siblings

More information: vbs@stcatherinechurch.org

Register
Now



HYMNS AND READINGS FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

APOLYTIKION MODE PL. 1: Christ is Risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION MODE 2: When you descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lighting of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!"

APOLYTIKION MODE 2: When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You rose, O Lord, and granted the world the great mercy.

APOLYTIKION MODE 2: The Angel who had come to the sepulcher said to the Myrrh-bearing women, "Ointments are appropriate for mortal men; but Christ is indeed a stranger to decay. Now go proclaim that the Lord has risen and granted the world the great mercy."

KONTAKION OF PASCHA MODE PL 4: Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

THE EPISTLE READING IS FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 6:1-7: In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THE GOSPEL READING IS FROM MARK 15:43-16:8: At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has 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 to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Righteous Joseph of Arimathea—Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women (May 19th):

Joseph of Arimathea was a secret disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a member of the Sanhedrin he did not participate in the “counsel and deed” of the Jews in passing a death sentence for Jesus Christ. After the Crucifixion and Death of the Savior he made bold to go to Pilate and ask him for the Body of the Lord, to Which he gave burial with the help of Righteous Nicodemus, who was also a secret disciple of the Lord. They took down the Body of the Savior from the Cross, wrapped it in a winding-cloth, and placed it in a new tomb, in which no one had ever been buried, in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the presence of the Mother of God and the holy Myrrh-Bearing Women (St Joseph had prepared this tomb for himself). Having rolled a heavy stone before the entrance of the tomb, they departed (John. 19: 37-42; Mt. 27: 57-61; Mark 15: 43-47; Luke. 24: 50-56). St. Joseph traveled around the world, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. He died peacefully in England.

Sts. Constantine & Helen, Equal to the Apostles—Monday night May 20th:

Helen was the empress and mother of the future Emperor Constantine. St. Helen was a Christian, but kept her faith hidden and secret. This was necessary because Christianity was illegal, and Christians were severely persecuted and even killed. During this period of Roman history, emperors were looked upon as demi-gods with incredible authority and powers. Helen’s son, Constantine was raised in this environment. On the one hand, he was influenced by the subtle Christian values and virtues of his mother, but at the same time, he was cultivated by pagan teachers and mentors with pagan values, who treated him like a god. When Constantine came of age, he succeeded his father on the throne. The Roman Empire at this time was divided into four separate parts, each with its own ruler. Two of the rulers, Maxentius and Maximinus united and turned against Constantine. While preparing to march against these two rulers, Constantine saw a vision in the midday sky over the battlefield of a cross and the words, “By this sign you shall be victorious.” That same night, the Lord Jesus came to Constantine in a dream explaining the significance of the Cross and its power over evil. The next day, Constantine ordered that crosses be placed on all his army’s banners and on all his soldiers’ shields. That day, Constantine’s army prevailed over his enemies, and Constantine gave the credit for his victory to the risen Lord. He eventually united all four parts of the Empire under his authority. Not long after his military victories, Constantine legalized Christianity with the Edict of Milan, ending over 300 years of persecution. He later financed his mother, Helen’s pilgrimage to the Holy Lands, where she found the precious and life-giving Cross of our Lord and built churches over many holy sites. Later, Constantine called the very first Ecumenical Council in 325 in the city of Nicaea. Because of his influence, the Church and Christians left their hiding, began building churches, and overcoming the darkness of pagan idolatry. Before his death, he received holy baptism and fell asleep a Christian. It is also praiseworthy to see how persons of power and influence such as Sts. Constantine and Helen could so profoundly impact the direction of the entire world and subsequent world history. It is no wonder the Church calls these two great Saints the “Equal to the Apostles!”



JOIN US AT OUR
PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL
MEETING FOR
BBQ & BUNCO!

JUNE 3RD

STARTING AT 6:00PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

ACTIVITIES

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER

A BRIEF MEETING

AN EVENING OF SOCIALIZING AND
BUNCO PLAYING!



RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY MAY 30TH!

