

### *The Myrrh-Bearing Women*

The Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women ... reminds us that the love and faithfulness of a few individuals shone brightly in the midst of hopeless darkness. It calls us to ensure that in this world love and faithfulness do not disappear or die out. It judges our lack of courage, our fear, our endless and servile rationalizations. The mysterious Joseph and Nicodemus, and these women who go to the grave at dawn, occupy so little space in the gospels. Precisely here, however, is where the eternal fate of each of us is decided.

Today, I think, we are especially in need of recovering this love and basic human loyalty. For we have entered a time when even these are being discredited by harmful concepts of the person and human life now prevailing in this world. For centuries, the world still had the weak, but still flickering and shining, glow from that faith-

fulness, love and co-suffering which was silently present at the sufferings of the Man cast aside by all. And we need to cling, as if to a last thread, to everything in our world that still thrives on the warm light of simple, earthly, human love. Love does not ask about theories and ideologies, but speaks to the heart and soul. Human history has rumbled along, kingdoms have risen and fallen, cultures have been built and bloody wars fought, but what has remained unchanging on earth and in this troubled and tragic history is the bright image of the woman. An image of care, self-giving, love, compassion. Without this presence, without this light, our world, regardless of its successes and accomplishments, would be a world of terror.

*Father Alexander Schmemmann*

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## SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



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**Sunday – April 14, 2024**

**Христос Воскрес – Воістину Воскрес Christ is Risen – Indeed He is Risen**

**Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies**

**All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

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<b>Sunday April 14</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers</b> (For the Parish) (Health of Boris Hlynsky from the Iwaskiw Family)
<b>Wednesday April 17</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Blessings for Alexandra from A. M. Gogniat)
<b>Thursday April 18</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Health of Walter from the Iwaskiw Family)
<b>Friday April 19</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Alice Gogniat from Lisa Hamilton)
<b>Sunday April 21</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of the Paralytic</b> (For the Parish) (+Deacon Theophil Staruch from a Friend)

**IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE REMEMBER +CHRISTINA SHEPELAVEY (87) IN YOUR PRAYERS**

In your Christian charity, please remember +Christina Shepelavey, in your prayers. Christina entered Eternity on April 8. Friends and Family may call at the Collins Funeral Home 500 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, MD 20901 on Saturday April 20 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Parastas will be sung at 3:30 pm. A memorial Divine Liturgy will take place at a later date. Please remember her son, Adrian, and daughter, Anya, who mourn her in your prayers. May her memory be Eternal – Vichnaya Yi Pamyat – Christ is Risen – Khrystos Voskres!

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER ANDRII WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M. (APRIL 17)**

Our Fr. Andrii will have the next Bible Study Wednesday April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your bible, colored pencils or markers. Please meet in the Fr. Shawel Room, the small church hall.

**SPRING CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 – NEXT CLASS APRIL 21**

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family’s Catechism classes this spring with Co-Catechists Lindsey Fedyk and Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held between the two liturgies from 10:15-11:15. Please email Lindsey (lindseyfedyk@gmail.com) with any questions and to register your family. Classes will be held on: 4/21, 5/5, Last class 5/12 End of year celebration!

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.