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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Sts. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

Tone: Two

THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from The Acts of the Apostles.

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 Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, 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 EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life of the Morar family.

The Morar and Leonida families offer the Coffee Hour today. We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are both in that room and on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be "fancy;" just "Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family

1. Today we will celebrate a Memorial Service for the late Servants of God, +THEODORE and +MARUSHA SOPRENUK, brother and sister-in-law of our parishioner Marge Kramer. MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!
2. From Holy Pascha until Ascension Thursday (May 17th), the Orthodox Tradition continues the Paschal music, prayers and greetings. This is the practice because the Church lives in the earthly, but "resurrected" Presence of the Risen Christ, who appeared to the disciples and apostles often during these forty days. Thus being a true "pan-Orthodox" community, we continue to greet each other in the various languages familiar to the Orthodox Christians around the world. Below are the exchanges.
 Christ Is Risen..... Truly He Is Risen
 Al-Maseeh Qahm..... Hak' An Qahm (Arabic)
 Christos Anesti..... Alithos Anesti (Greek)
 Christos Voskrese..... Va Istenu Voskrese (Slavonic)
 Christos a Inviat..... A Devarat Ka Inviat (Romanian)
 Cristye Agh-zda..... Chesh-Maritad (Georgian)
3. **NO FASTING.** The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch has declared that there is to be **no fasting** from Easter to Ascension (May 25), since "we do not fast while the Bridegroom is present." Also there is **NO KNEELING** in the church until **PENTECOST (June 4th)**.
4. The **new** date for the Parish Council meeting for May is moved from May 8th to **May 16th**! This is the Eve of the Ascension of our Lord; the Vespereal Liturgy will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting will follow the Liturgy. All Parish Council members should be present at both the Liturgy and the meeting, which follows. Again: that's **May 16th**, the Eve of the Ascension of the Lord.
5. **SPRING YARD SALE - MAY 17,18,19: Costume Jewelry Needed.** Last year, the sale of costume jewelry was very profitable. **Jewelry donations will be collected on Sunday, April 22 & 29.** Please bring them in small boxes or zip-lock bags. **All other items are to be brought to church on Sunday, May 13.** Please see Valerie Joseph with any questions. **Also, have you signed up to be part of this profit-making event?** See Robyn Ziemba during coffee hour to be included in the man/womanpower schedule.
6. **Parishioners** are invited to a **Pre-Yard Sale Evening:** Wednesday, May 16 @5:30 - 7 P.M. Just before attending Ascension Service, come and shop to get the best selection of merchandise before the sale opens to the public on Thursday!
6. **Don DiNovi Memorial Golf Outing** on June 12th. Please see Ed Assile and Jim Watkins with any questions.
7. **Young At Heart's trip to High Point Country Club on Tuesday, May 8th is cancelled.**
8. On **Friday, May 25th at 7:00 PM**, the Icon and Prayer Service for the **Myrrh-streaming Mother of God KARDIOTISSA Icon** will be brought to St Anthony's Please see Father Michael Ibrahim for information, but for now he is asking us to get that date on our calendar, and bring your friends and family to witness this miracle! Again that's **May 25th at 7:00 PM**, when the service and anointing will begin.
9. On April 10 over 100 people were fed in Hackensack at their Walk in Dinner Program. Betty Gakos would like to thank all those that assisted in this philanthropic endeavor to help our local community members in need.
10. Robert Scarpa Sr. is arranging a **Holy Land tour for May 2019 (next year)**. If anyone is interested in taking this trip Robert Scarpa is having a tourist representative come to St Anthony's after service on **Sunday May 6, 2018** in the Jabara Media room at 12 PM to answer any questions that you may have regarding this trip and to explain the itinerary.