

**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women**

**SUNDAY, 4/19**     **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
                         **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

**MONDAY, 4/20**     **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention

**TUESDAY, 4/21**     **NO** Divine Liturgy

**WEDNESDAY, 4/22**     **6:15 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention

**THURSDAY, 4/23**     **NO** Divine Liturgy

**FRIDAY, 4/24**     **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention

**SATURDAY, 4/25**     **5:00 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention

**SUNDAY, 4/26**     **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
                         **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

**Announcements**

**1-Clergy conference**

Fr. Volodymyr will be out of parish on clergy conference from **April 27<sup>th</sup> until April 30<sup>th</sup>** in Parma, OH. At that time there will be no services.

**2 - Nighttime Prayers**

Join us for Nighttime Prayers on May 1st, from 9:30 PM to Midnight, in our church. These prayers are a powerful offering to the Lord, as we set aside time normally reserved for rest to unite in sacrifice and devotion. Let us come together in prayer, seeking God's grace and blessings.

**Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women**

On this Sunday, the Church places before us the beautiful example of the Myrrh-Bearing Women — those faithful women who went to the tomb of Christ early in the morning, carrying spices and myrrh to anoint His body. While others were afraid, uncertain, or hiding, they came with love, devotion, and courage.

Their journey to the tomb was an act of faithfulness. They did not yet know that the Resurrection had been revealed. They were not coming with triumph, but with sorrow. And yet, because of their love for Christ, they kept going. In this, they teach us something very important: even when we do not fully understand what God is doing, we are still called to remain faithful.

The Myrrh-Bearing Women did not allow fear to stop them. They did not let the darkness of Good Friday have the final word. Their love was stronger than fear, and their devotion opened

*Upcoming Events  
in Parish & Eparchy*

May 1<sup>st</sup> – *First Friday*  
May 14<sup>th</sup> – *Ascension*  
May 24<sup>th</sup> – *Pentecost*

their hearts to become the first witnesses of the empty tomb. They came seeking the crucified Lord, and they encountered the risen Christ.

How often in our own lives do we approach God carrying sorrow, confusion, or disappointment? Like these holy women, we may not always see clearly, but if we continue to come to Christ with love and faith, He will meet us there. The stone that seemed impossible to move was already rolled away. God had already prepared the way.

This Sunday reminds us that true discipleship is shown not only in great words, but in quiet faithfulness, loving service, and steadfast presence. The Myrrh-Bearing Women stood near Christ in His suffering, and they were rewarded with the joy of the Resurrection.

May their example inspire us to love Christ more deeply, to remain faithful in times of trial, and to become joyful witnesses of His Resurrection in our homes, our parish, and our daily lives.

**Living the Joy of the Resurrection: From Pascha to Pentecost**

The season from **Pascha to Pentecost** is a sacred time of joy, renewal, and hope. During these fifty days, the Church invites us not only to celebrate Christ's Resurrection, but to live it more deeply in our daily lives.

Through His Resurrection, Christ conquered sin and death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Each Sunday of this season reminds us that the Risen Lord continues to meet His people — strengthening faith, healing hearts, and calling us to new life.

As we move toward **Pentecost**, we are also reminded that the joy of Pascha prepares us to receive the gift of the **Holy Spirit**. The Lord desires to renew in us what has grown weak and to fill us with His peace, hope, and strength.

May this holy season help us remain close to Christ, walk in the light of His Resurrection, and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

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

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Sunday collections for the weekend of 4/12/26, including envelope offerings - \$592,  
donations -\$340, candle -\$83  
Weekly budget: \$1500, Income \$1015**

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**Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.**

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

***THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS;  
PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN  
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.***