

Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Washington, D.C. May 19, 2024



Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to ALL our Graduates!

Sunday School Ministry:

- * Sunday School Showcase Following the Divine Liturgy, TODAY. Students will display some of the projects they have worked on this year.
- * Sunday, June 2nd An information session for anyone interested in teaching Sunday School next year immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Ladies Philoptochos Society:

* General Meeting, Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00pm - Versis Center

Car or Cash Raffle 2024 -Drawing will be held at Greek Fest on September 8th!

Please Note: The first row of chairs on the right and left side of the church sanctuary are reserved for memorials and for the elderly with disabilities.

Upcoming Church Services:

Monday, May 20th - Great Vespers-Feast Day of Saints Constantine & Helen: 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 21st - Saints Constantine & Helen Equal to the Apostles Orthros 8:15am & Divine Liturgy: 9:30am

Sunday, May 26th - Sunday of the Paralytic-Orthros 8:15am & Divine Liturgy: 9:30am

*Please be advised that all church services are recorded & broadcast live.



Who were the Myrrh-Bearing Women?

Mary Magdalene purchased myrrh and spices to anoint the body of the buried Christ, and to accord Him, following Jewish custom as much honor as possible. This role is fitting for her since two of the Evangelists place her among the several women, and third identifies her as performing this noble deed herself.

Mary the Theotokos (Mother of God) is the Mother of the Word and God Jesus Christ. It is assumed by the Church that she was present with the other women bearing myrrh.

Joanna is the wife of Chouza, the steward-administrator of King Herod Antipas and was also one of the women who first witnessed the Resurrection.

Mary was the wife of Cleopas (the brother of Joseph), the making this Mary the aunt of Jesus and sister-in-law to the Theotokos.

Susannah is the wealthy woman of the group who provided material means of support to the ministry of Jesus Christ during his three-year public ministry.

Salome is the generally considered to be the wife of Zebedee, and mother of the Apostles James and John. She who asked the Lord to have her sons sit one on His right, and the other on His left.

Mary of Bethany is the sister of Lazarus. She was a believer even before Jesus raised her brother from the dead and continued to be a faithful servant of God long after the Ascension of Jesus into heaven.

Martha of Bethany is the other sister of Lazarus. She was also a believer in Jesus Christ before He raised her brother Lazarus from the dead. It is generally assumed that both she and her sister were present as the news of the Resurrection of Christ was announced to the world.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ - Πράξεις Αποστόλων 6:1-7

Έν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ελληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῆ διακονία τῆ καθημερινῆ αἰ χῆραι αὐτῶν. προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν εἶπον· οὐκ ἀρεστόν ἐστιν ἡμᾶς καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπτά, πλήρεις Πνεύματος Ἁγίου καὶ σοφίας, οῦς καταστήσομεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης· ἡμεῖς δὲ τῆ προσευχῆ καὶ τῆ διακονία τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσομεν. καὶ ἤρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλήθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρη πίστεως καὶ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον καὶ Πρόχορον καὶ Νικάνορα καὶ Τίμωνα καὶ Παρμενᾶν καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Αντιοχέα, οῦς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων, καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ ηὕξανε, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ σφόδρα, πολύς τε ὅχλος τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὑπήκουον τῆ πίστει.

THE EPISTLE - 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.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ - Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 15:43-47, 16:1-8

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἐλθὼν Ἰωσὴφ ὁ ἀπὸ Ἀριμαθαίας, εὐσχήμων βουλευτής, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλᾶτον καὶ ἠτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. ὁ δὲ Πιλᾶτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εἰ πάλαι ἀπέθανε· καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἐδωρήσατο τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδόνα καὶ καθελὼν αὐτὸν ἐνείλησε τῆ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείῳ, ὃ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσεκύλισε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσῆ ἐθεώρουν ποῦ τίθεται. Καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλώμη ἠγόρασαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι ἀλείψωσιν αὐτόν. καὶ λίαν πρωὶ τῆς μιᾶς σαββάτων

ἔρχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, ἀνατείλαντος τοῦ ἡλίου. καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ἑαυτάς· τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημείου; καὶ ἀναβλέψασαι θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκύλισται ὁ λίθος· ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδρα. καὶ εἰσελθοῦσαι εἰς τὸ μνημεῖον εἶδον νεανίσκον καθήμενον ἐν τοῖς δεξιοῖς, περιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκήν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς· μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε· Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζαρηνὸν τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἠγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. ἀλλ' ὑπάγετε εἴπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου· εἶχε δὲ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον· ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ.

The Gospel - Mark 15:43-47, 16:1-8

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 Joses 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.



FUTURE MEMORIALS

May 26th - Reverend Father Vasilios Papanastasiou, Costas & Haritini Adams, Stelio Callas, Demetra S. Chakalos, Constantinos & Adamandia Frantzis and John G. Mantzouranis.

June 2nd - George L. Bezantakos, Louis & Vasiliki Bezantakos, George E. Bourzikos, Panayiotis Giokaris and Yiannis & Konstadina Papoulias.

Please call the church office to schedule Memorials and Artoklasies at 240-389-1366. Artoklasies MUST be scheduled one week prior with the church office in order to be celebrated during the Divine Liturgy. If an Artoklasia is brought to church without being scheduled, it will not be celebrated with the congregation during the Divine Liturgy. If possible, it will be celebrated after the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy.

PRAYER LIST

Paraskeve, Bridget, George, George, Peter, Mathew, Garifalia (Litsa), Clarence, Paul, Carolyn, Katherine, Vasilis "Bill", Litsa, Don, George, Helena, Bill, Andriana, Harry, Phil, Mark, Nikos, Anna, Evangelia, Kathy, Tina, Gloria, Demetrios, Andreas, Chrisoula, Panagiotis, Anastasia, George, Panagiota, Maria, Paul, Anna, Eleni, George.

PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON

Heavenly Father, physician of our souls and bodies, who have sent Your only-begotten Son and our Lord Jesus Christ to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal me Your servant from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Christ. Grant me patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. I pray that You heal me as Your servant and grant me the gift of complete health. For You are the source of healing and to You I give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sunday School Showcase 2024



On Sunday, May 19, 2024, we will be showcasing Sunday School projects that highlight some of the content our students have studied this year in class.

After the Divine Liturgy, please take a moment to read the displays that will be set up in the hallway.

We appreciate your support!

Sunday School Showcase Program Summaries

Grade Level	Summary Notes			
	Summary Notes "I Know Many Things About My Faith"			
Pre-K to First Grade	Our pre-school through 1st grade students have been introduced to the Orthodox faith and have learned the basic principles of our faith. Each Sunday, at the end of class, the students were asked a question related to the lesson of the day to help them better remember what we learned. The video on display showcases some of those moments			
	from class where they proved they understood the topics we covered in Sunday School.			
Second and Third Grades	"Going Green with our Ecumenical Patriarch" Our 2nd and 3rd graders have spent time learning about the "Going Green" efforts of our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholemew. Students have learned that our Bible speaks specifically to the love and respect of the world that God created. Our students know they can help to protect God's creation. Their display demonstrates the ways we can work together to protect God's perfect world and to support the initiatives of our Patriarch Bartholemew.			
Fourth and Fifth Grades	"The Miracles of our Lord, Jesus Christ"			
	The 4th and 5th graders have been exploring "The Miracles of Christ", and in this display the group shares their creativity and personal interpretation of some of Christ's well-known Miracles. During our exploration, the group not only read about Christ's Miracles in the Gospel, but studied his miracles depicted in Orthodox iconography. Each child was asked to provide in their own words the details of the miracle they chose, as well as illustrate the miracle. Some of the children used icons for inspiration for their drawings. The project was designed to expand the children's understanding of Christ's healing power and compassionate love for His people.			

	"The Forced Closure of the Seminary at Halki"		
Middle School	The Forced Closure of the Seminary at Haiki		
	In the early 70s the seminary at Halki was forcibly shut		
	down by the Turkish government. The impact of this		
	event has been tremendous. Our students learned about		
	the history of Halki Seminary and about the events that		
	led to its closure. More importantly, our students learned about the efforts to reopen the seminary and		
	have discovered that there are things they can do to		
	support the efforts of our Ecumenical Patriarch in		
	sustaining the Orthodox faith all over the world.		
High School	"Orthodoxy Around the World"		
	Orthodoxy is the second largest form of Christianity in		
	the world. With roots in Asia, Africa, and Europe		
	stretching back 2,000 years, it is only natural that		
	Orthodox communities have emerged with unique		
	traditions and a variegated customs.		
	Grades 9-12, in addition to learning about the		
	Ecumenical Patriarch and Greek Orthodox Church in		
	America, spent time learning about some of these other		
	Orthodox communities, including communities in the		
	Middle East, India, Ethiopia, Japan and Alaska. In this		
	project, students will be asked to research one of the		
	many Orthodox churches found throughout the world.		

Oratorical Festival

On Saturday, May 11, **Donna Nixon** participated in the Metropolis Level of the Oratorical Festival at St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in New York. Donna was representing our parish and our district. Donna placed 3rd overall in the competition. She was very proud to represent Saints Constantine and Helen of Washington, DC! Congratulations Donna! We are proud of you. Thank you also, **Cassiane Mavromatis**, for organizing our Oratorical Festival every year!



COMMUNITY NEWS

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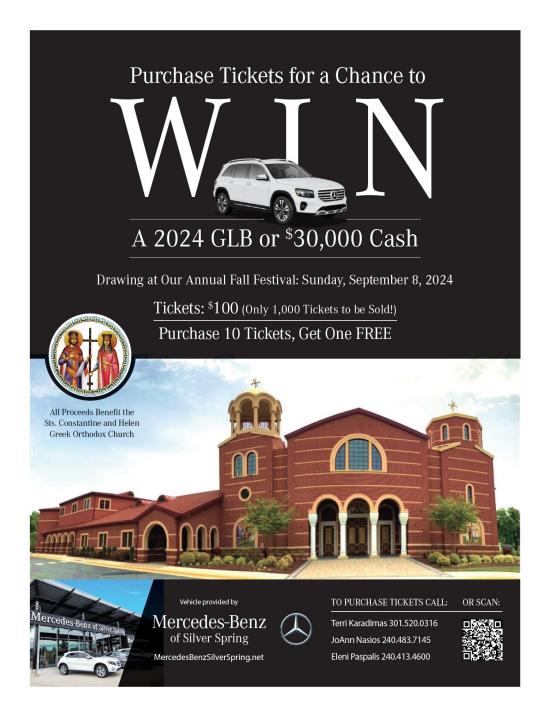






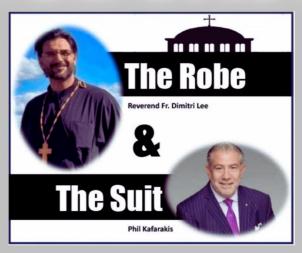


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THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

DINNER & PROGRAM FROM 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

CHRYSANTHE LOIZOS

OCMC PROJECTS & GRANTS MANAGER

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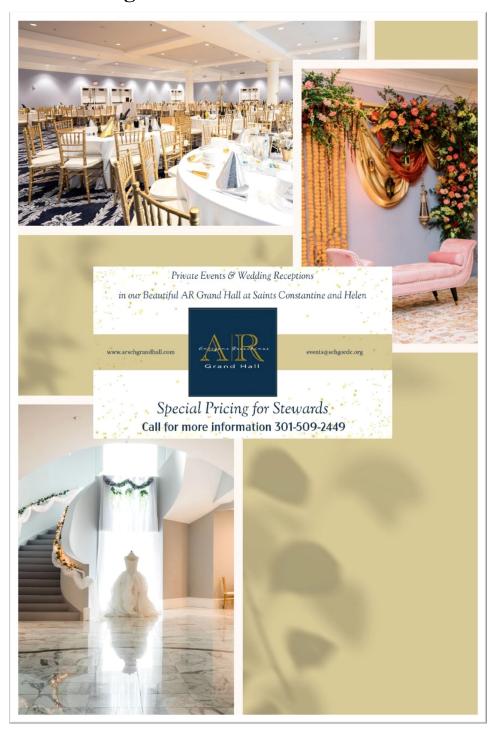
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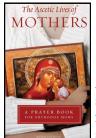
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The Ascetic Lives of Mothers: A Prayer Book for Orthodox Moms

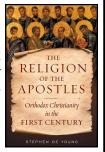
By Annalisa Boyd

Annalisa Boyd knows motherhood its challenges, its joys, and its potential for spiritual growth. In this prayer book she offers a wide selection of prayers mothers can use to intercede for their families as well as to grow in virtue themselves.

The Religion of the Apostles: Orthodox Christianity in the First Century

by Stephen De Young

Father Dr. Stephen De Young traces the lineage of Orthodox Christianity back to the faith and witness of the apostles, which was rooted in a first\-century Jewish worldview. The Religion of the Apostles presents the Orthodox Christian Church of today as a continuation of the religious life of the apostles, which in turn was a continuation of the life of the people of God since the beginning of creation.



Women of Faith: Saints and Martyrs of the Christian Faith (Women in History)



by Calee M. Lee

Women of Faith is an essential resource for parents, grandparents and godparents wanting to give children a taste of the historical, living Church. This book is a collection of stories of the women saints and martyrs of the early Christian Church. Featuring saints venerated in both Orthodox and Catholic traditions, this book will introduce children to amazing role models of the faith. Showcasing women who were light in a dark time, these stories are filled with courage, beauty and ultimately, a faith in God that transformed the world.

A Mother's Prayer

By Megan E Gilbert

A touching and beautiful book for the mama's heart. The warm and heartfelt illustrations showcase beautiful prayers for daily living.



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