

May 3, 2020  
Third Sunday of Pascha  
The Myrrhbearing Women

Acts: 6: 1-7  
Mark 15:43-16:8

### Upcoming Services:

All services are cancelled (see notice on next page)

### Apostle and Evangelist St. Mark (May 8)

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark was one of the Seventy Apostles, and was nephew of Saint Barnabas. He was born at Jerusalem. The house of his mother Mary adjoined the Garden of Gethsemane. On the night that Christ was betrayed he followed after Him, wrapped only in a linen cloth. He was seized by soldiers, and fled away naked, leaving the cloth behind. After the Ascension of the Lord, the house of his mother became a place where Christians gathered, and a place of lodging for some of the Apostles.

Saint Mark was a very close companion of the Apostles Peter, and Paul and St. Barnabas. He traveled with their ministries to the island of Cyprus, Seleucia, Jerusalem, Antioch and Rome. He traveled to Egypt where he and Saint Peter founded churches. In Alexandria he started a Christian school which produced many famous Fathers and teachers of the Church. Here, St Mark also composed a Liturgy for the Christians of Alexandria. From Egypt they went to Babylon where the Apostle Peter sent an Epistle to the Christians of Asia Minor, in which he calls Saint Mark his son. St. Mark preached the Gospel throughout the inner regions of Africa, and he was in Libya at Neapolis.

When the Apostle Paul came to Rome in chains, Saint Mark was at Ephesus, where Saint Timothy was bishop. Saint Mark went with him to Rome where he wrote his holy Gospel (ca. 62-63). Saint Mark wrote his Gospel for Gentile Christians, emphasizing the words and deeds of the Savior which reveal His divine Power. One of the central theological themes in the Gospel of Saint Mark is the power of God achieving what is humanly impossible. Many aspects of his account can be explained by his closeness to Saint Peter. The ancient writers say that the Gospel of Mark is a concise record of Saint Peter's preaching.

St. Mark was killed by pagans in Alexandria in the year 63 and buried in a stone crypt. In 820, when the Moslem Arabs established their rule in Egypt and oppressed the Christian Church, the relics of Saint Mark were transferred to Venice and placed in the church named for him. The holy Evangelist Mark is represented by a lion, symbolizing the might and royal dignity of Christ.

<p><u>Reader Schedule:</u> Sun. May 10 - Greg Kuzmenchuk Sun. May 17 - Kurtis Lauser Sun. May 24 - Jim Hamer Sun. May 31 - Wesley Hatch</p>
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### Birthdays:

May 8 - Peg Tejjaro  
May 9 - Chip Bernhardt

### Upcoming Events:

May 19, Tues- 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting in the church hall.

### Notices:

#### Covid-19 Virus Shut Down

Based on this information the following would have to be achieved in order to reopen churches:

1. Chester County would have to enter into the Yellow Phase before reopening church can even be considered.
2. The City of Coatesville would have to end its restriction on "gatherings of 4 or more unrelated persons in public places."
3. We would need the blessing of our Hierarchs

These are the stipulations we are required to follow, without all three of these occurring we will not be able to reopen our church. We can be reassured that Father Nick is serving Divine Liturgy every Sunday on our behalf. One server and the choir director are the only people allowed to be upstairs in the church. At this point no one else is permitted upstairs in the church proper. Limited persons are permitted in the church hall for food sales, paying of bills, maintenance, getting mail, or other absolutely necessary reasons. We will continue to provide updates via phone chain, bulletin, facebook and our website for any new information.

*Church President, Tabitha Bentley*

For bulletin additions contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 6 pm

### Anniversaries:

May 7 - Toby & Mary Seip

### Notices:

#### Notice of Passing

With great sadness we inform everyone of the death of Richard Lebid, Brenda Ehuler's cousin. Funeral Friday, May 8.

#### Special Thanks

Sherry Estes has expressed thanks for the prayers, love and support she has received during this difficult time.

#### Church Finances

The church is closed but the bills don't stop. The executive board of Holy Ghost urges that tithes continue to be contributed to the church, they should be mailed to 392 Charles St.

#### Foods Available For Sale

Pierogies, (Potato/Cheese, Sauerkraut, Mushroom, Sweet Potato), Paska breads (with or no raisins), Kielbasa, Haluski & Pumpkin or Nut Rolls and soups.

#### 2020 National Activities

UOC of USA Church camp and Convention are canceled this year.

#### Church Directory

Continue to send any Directory updates to Ambrose and Tabitha.

#### May Charity

Parishioner Care Fund

### Prayer Corner:

*For the Health of:* Avelino Tejjaro, Carol Bentley, Nancy, Toby Seip, Erin Bove, & Richard Ziegler