

### The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (6:1–7)

In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (15:43–16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is 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 into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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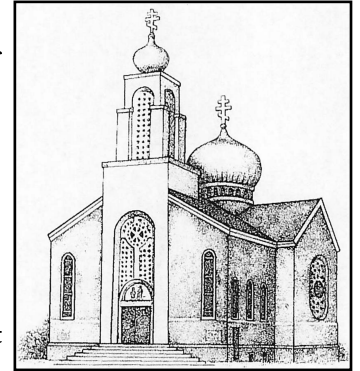
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Third Sunday of Pascha—Tone 2  
Holy Myrrhbearers  
April 30, 2023

Holy Apostle James, brother of St. John the Theologian (44 AD). St. Donatus, Bishop of Euroea in Epirus (ca. 387). St. Ignátii Brianchaninov, Bishop of the Caucasus & Stavropol (1867).

### Christ is Risen! Indeed he is risen!

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Please feel free to follow along with a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors. For this Sunday and most of the year, we are using the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called "antidoron," this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

## Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to participate in our services online. Visit our website ([sspeterpaul.org](http://sspeterpaul.org)) for details.

Saturday, April 29	Vigil followed by Confession	6 PM
Sunday, April 30 <i>Holy Myrrhbearers</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Tuesday, May 2	Foundation in Orthodox Christianity Online Session 7: The Holy Mysteries	6 PM
Wednesdays	Morning Worship	8:15 AM
Saturday, May 6	Ordination of Dn. Mark Roosien to the Holy Priesthood, Holy Ghost, Bridgeport	10 AM
Saturday, May 6	Vigil followed by Confession	6 PM
Sunday, May 7 <i>Samaritan Woman</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Blessing of Graves rain date	11:30 AM
Thursday, May 11 <i>Ss. Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>	Divine Liturgy at Ss. Cyril & Methodius, 34 Fairview Ave, Terryville	9:30 AM
Saturday, May 13	Vigil followed by Confession	6 PM
Sunday, May 14 <i>The Paralytic</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM

### 2023 Vacation Church School at Three Saints Park: June 19-23, 2023

**(NOTE NEW DATES).** Youth aged 5–15 are invited for a day camp at Three Saints Park, 112 Miller Road, Bethany, CT. VCS meets daily 9 AM to 4 PM, with Family Night on Friday starting at 5 PM. Cost is \$45 per child. Your child will experience fun, faith, friendship, swimming, games, bible study, religious education, worship and song. This year's theme will be "The Holy Apostles." Questions? Call Fr. Patrick Burns (203) 734-3988.

Children of all faiths are welcome!

**Diocesan Youth Rally is set for Aug. 7–12, 2023.** Children aged 9–17 are encouraged to attend this high-quality camp run by the Diocese of New England at the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center, New Hampshire. Many adults from our parish serve as Rally Staff, and parish youth have been blessed over the years by the experience. Rally volunteers Tim Tassmer, Elias and Ephraim Mosher would be glad to answer questions.

**Our parish Charity Fund offers financial aid to help children attend Youth Rally.** We strongly believe this is an excellent opportunity to build up our children's faith and especially to enable them to make Orthodox friends across the diocese. If you would like to support participation in Youth Rally, **please contribute to our Charity Fund.**

**Another way to support Youth Rally is to participate in ONE Stewards,** which directly funds valuable outreach like Youth Rally. For details, see the bulletin board or the diocesan website: <https://dneoca.org>

The cross is lit by Dave & Irene Zavednak for the recent marriage of **Noah and Megan Leonowich.** May God grant them many years!

## We Ask Your Prayers

**Many years to all those who have as their heavenly patron one of the Holy Myrrhbearers** (3rd Sunday of Pascha), **or the Great Martyr Irene** (May 5).

### For the Sick & Suffering:

Matushka Deborah (Belonick)—suffered a serious fall  
William (Waas)—family of Sarah Massaro  
Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident  
William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis  
Steven (Cardillo)—local Neighborhood Association organizer  
Gregory (Mankevich)  
Christopher (Sullivan)  
Anita (Propheter)  
Rosemary (Delaney)  
Mary Jane (Rodgers)

Irene  
Jacob  
Crystal  
Bruce and Stacia  
Nicole and Naaman  
Lorraine  
Katelyn  
Victoria  
Cyprian and Dana  
Helen and Helene

### For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho)  
Margaret (Savchik)  
Jill (Zadar)  
Jennie (Padick)  
Ann (Kreshik)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: [priest@sspeterpaul.org](mailto:priest@sspeterpaul.org) or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-284-0856.

## Hymns of the Day

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

### **Tone 2 Troparion**      *(from the Pentecostarion)*

The noble Joseph,  
when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the Tree,  
wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices,  
and placed it in a new tomb.  
But You rose on the third day, O Lord,//  
granting the world great mercy.

### **Tone 8 Troparion**      *(St. James)*

You were called to be a disciple and warrior of Christ, one of the exalted  
choir of Apostles.  
With your brother John, you abandoned all to follow the Master, O James;  
you were filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed Him to all.  
You bowed your head to the sword, the first of the twelve to shed your  
blood!//  
We celebrate your memory, O blessed one!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(St. James)*

O James, when you heard the voice of the Word calling you,  
you abandoned your father's love and ran to Christ, together with your  
brother John.  
With him you were accounted worthy//  
to behold the divine Transfiguration of Christ.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      *(from the Pentecostarion)*

You commanded the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God.  
By Your Resurrection, You stopped the lamentation of Eve, the first mother.  
You commanded them to preach to Your Apostles://  
“The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

## Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! (*Ps. 27:9a*)  
*Verse:* To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (*Ps. 27:1a*)

### **Tone 8 Prokeimenon**      *(St. James)*

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the  
ends of the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)

## Alleuia after the Epistle

O Lord, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the  
captivity of Jacob. (*Ps. 84:1*)  
Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each  
other. (*Ps. 84:10*)  
The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the  
congregation of the saints. (*Ps. 88:5*)

## Hymn to the Theotokos

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:  
“Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: ‘Rejoice,  
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!  
With Himself He has raised all the dead.’”  
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!  
The glory of the Lord has shone on you!  
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!  
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,  
in the Resurrection of your Son!

## Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!  
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the  
ends of the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*At the Dismissal, the Priest says:* “Glory to You, O Christ...”

*The choir responds:*

“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!” (*thrice*)

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!