

## THE STRENGTH TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES

**S**urely we can learn much from the MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN whom our Church honors this day. These were the women who watched under the cross as Jesus died. They saw how Joseph & Nicodemus buried Christ. On Saturday, they remained at home, for it was the big feast of the Passover & they were not allowed to go out.

Sunday, the first Resurrection morn, while it was still dark, they went through the streets of Jerusalem and made their way to the tomb of Jesus to anoint His body. Certainly they had their own families & homes. Surely there was work to be done. But Jesus had a first claim on their hearts. They carried spices & ointments used to anoint the body. One wonders how they were able to obtain such materials, for it was the Passover time. But love always finds a way to express itself.

One thing, however, concerned them. Who was going to roll away the huge stone from the door to the tomb? In spite of this, they kept going. That's the amazing thing. Love overcomes obstacles.

Upon entering the sepulcher, the women saw an angel sitting on the stone. They were fearful. He spoke to them saying "Be not afraid; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified; HE IS RISEN, HE IS NOT HERE."

May our love of Christ prod us to seek Him out. May we be rewarded with joy, as the Myrrh-Bearing Women were, upon learning of Christ's Resurrection. May we continue to believe in spite of obstacles. These women provide a lesson in faith sorely needed for our times. Their belief & love were genuine, overcoming difficulties to express their devotion. We see in their act that close tie between faith & works.

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# ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 19, 2024

## SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

Orthros 9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy immediately following the Orthros.

### MAY SCHEDULE

|            |                                                                                                              |                                       |
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| SUN MAY 19 | †Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Woman 9:00 a.m.<br>AHEPA & DOP Memorial Coffee Hour<br>Youth Celebration Sunday |                                       |
| MON MAY 20 | Hellenic Dance Practice                                                                                      | 5:45 p.m.                             |
|            | GreekFest Committee Meeting                                                                                  | 7:00 p.m.                             |
| TUE MAY 21 | †Sts. Constantine & Helen<br>Silver Liners' Luncheon                                                         | 9:00 a.m.<br>11:30 a.m.               |
| WED MAY 22 | Parish Council Meeting                                                                                       | 7:00 p.m.                             |
| THU MAY 23 | Hellenic Dance Practice                                                                                      | 5:45 p.m.                             |
| SUN MAY 26 | †Sunday of the Paralytic                                                                                     | 9:00 a.m.                             |
| MON MAY 27 | Memorial Day Trisagions<br>Forest Hill Cemetery<br>North Lawn Cemetery<br>Sunset Hills                       | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m. |
| THU MAY 30 | Hellenic Dance Practice                                                                                      | 5:45 p.m.                             |

### JUNE SCHEDULE

|           |                                               |                        |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| SUN JUN 2 | †Sunday of the Samaritan Woman                | 9:00 a.m.              |
| MON JUN 3 | Dance Practice<br>GreekFest Committee Meeting | 5:45 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. |



### ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

MAY 19, 2024 - TEAM C

### TODAY'S MEMORIALS & TRISAGION:

40-Day Memorial ~ Sophia Usner

2yr Memorial ~ Peter Kalantzis

40-Day Trisagion~Tom Cazantzes

The Prosforo and Wine have been donated  
by the families.



A big **"Thank You"** to  
everyone who helped with the  
rolling of the Dolmathes.

With everybody working together we made a  
total of 6,095 Dolmathes for this year's Greek  
Fest!

### YOUTH CELEBRATION SUNDAY

TODAY, MAY 19, 2024

TRI-ROOM ~ AFTER LITURGY

All Sunday School & Youth Group kids and  
their immediate family are welcome at this  
**FREE** celebration!

Enjoy chicken tenders and fries for lunch,  
sponsored by SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Also enjoy an ice cream sundae buffet  
sponsored by JOY, Jr. GOYA & GOYA!

### AHEPA FAMILY MEMORIAL COFFEE HOUR TODAY, MAY 19, 2024

Today's Coffee Hour will be sponsored  
by the AHEPA #59 and DOP Chloris #40.

AHEPA always welcome new members, so  
applications will be available in the  
lobby for anyone interested in joining  
AHEPA Chapter 59.

Coming Soon...

CANTON  
**GREEKFEST**  
2024

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!  
SIGN UP GENIUS

[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/10COE4DABAF2EA7FAC07-greekfest](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4DABAF2EA7FAC07-greekfest)



For questions call Linda Natale  
330.495.8427  
or your preferred area chairman

### Lovin' Louisville Derby Experience Plus Bourbon Trail

July 16-18, 2024



Cost : \$660 (double occupancy)  
\$620 (triple occupancy)  
\$800 (single occupancy)

Includes Bus, Lodging, Tours,  
3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners,  
all gratuities, admissions and bourbon  
tastings.

Reservation deposit \$100 (refundable until  
April 26) - Balance due May 31.

Day 1: Depart: 8:00 A.M. - travel to Louisville,  
Kentucky, Admissions to the Louisville Slugger  
Museum & Bat Factory, Dinner.

Day 2: Breakfast, Tour at Churchill Downs,  
Tour the Museum, Guided tour of Churchill  
Downs, Mint Julep University and Derby Pies,  
Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, Dinner  
Buffet/Cruise aboard the Mary M. Miller

Day 3: Breakfast, Depart for Lexington,  
Bourbon Tour at either Woodford Reserve or  
James E. Pepper Distillery, Admission to  
Kentucky Horse Park, Depart for home and  
arrive home about 9:00 p.m.

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go to Google Play Store and download.

Either option will take you directly to our donation website for your  
donation to St. Haralambos Church.



The AHEPA 59 Inc. Charitable  
Corporation made a \$2,000 donation in  
November of 2023 and another \$2,000  
on April 20, 2024 for the needs of the  
Saint Haralambos Greek School.

We are most appreciative of this generous contribution  
to our Greek School Program.

God bless AHEPA for their generosity.

May 19, 2024: FEAST: Third Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Myrrh Bearing Women (Mary Magdalene, Mary wife of Cleopas, Joanna wife of Chouza, Salome mother of sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha sisters of Lazarus, and Susanna); Holymartyr Patrikios, Bishop of Prusa, with Akakios, Menander, and Polyaenios, Priests and Martyrs (+361-363); Phileteros, Martyr (+IIInd c.)

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος β΄  
Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ  
τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ  
δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Ἦχος β΄  
Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελὼν, τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρᾷ  
εἰλήσας καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο· ἀλλὰ τριήμερος ἀνέστης,  
Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἦχος β΄  
Ταῖς Μυροφόροις γυναιξί, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα· Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς  
ὕπαρχει ἀρμόδια· Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾷς ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος· ἀλλὰ κραυγάσατε· Ἀνέστη ὁ  
Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ  
Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος, τῆς οἰκουμένης  
σοφέ, ἐδείχθης **Χαράλαμπες**· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ  
εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον τοῦ Πάσχα Ἦχος πλ. δ΄  
Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς  
νικητῆς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς  
Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 2  
When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to  
death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the  
netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ God, Giver of life,  
glory to You!”

Mode 2  
When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph  
wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on  
the third day You rose, O Lord, and granted to the world the great mercy.

Mode 2  
The Angel who had come to the sepulcher said to the Myrrh-bearing women, “Ointments  
are appropriate for mortal men; but Christ is indeed a stranger to decay. Now go  
proclaim that the Lord has risen and granted to the world the great mercy.”

Hymn of the Church  
As a pillar unshaken of Christ’s holy Church, and lamp ever-burning to all the world you  
emerged, O wise Haralambos; in all the world you shined, with the martyrdom you  
suffered, you dispelled the dark night, of the idols, O blessed; whence, with courage do  
intercede, to Christ that we may be saved.

Kontakion of Pascha Mode pl. 4  
Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the  
dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out  
“Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who  
to the fallen grant resurrection.



Epistle

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 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.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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.