

May 12, 2019

Very Reverend  
**Nicholas Wyslutsky**  
Rector

JESUS APPEARS TO THE

MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



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

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**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha. Tone 2 Holy Myrrhbearing Women . St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403). St Germanus (Herman), Patriarch of Constantinople (740). Glorification of Hieromartyr Germogen (Hermogenes), Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia (1913). Ven. Dionysii, Archimandrite of St. Sergius Monastery (1633). St. Sabinus, Archbishop of Cyprus, and Polybius, Bishop in Cyprus (5<sup>th</sup> c.). Martyr John the Wallachian (Romania - 1662). Lazian Martyrs slain in Dudikvati and Papati (Georgian, c. 1820 - April 29<sup>th</sup> O.S.).**

**Epistle:** Acts 6:1-7 **Gospel:** Mark 15:43-16:8

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**Please Pray for the Health of:**

Dn. Basil Wallace, Child Sydney Foster, Harry Mlynar, Paul Simpson, Thomas Gall, Teresa Petroski, Carol Wyhowanec, Pat Starkey, Jim Jackson, Carl Johnson, Pat Kovachick, Bob Glaston, Mark Gasparovic, Ray Malackany, Pat Marzuola & Tanya.

**For the Departed**

Vasily Burlingame, Barbara Rogers, Nicholas Stevens, & Eleanor Alexander.

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**Schedule of Services**

Saturday May 18..Great Vespers.....5:00 p.m.  
Sunday May 19...**Paralytic** - Adult Class & Church School.....8:55 a.m.  
The Third Hour.....9:45 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy.....10:00 a.m.

**Epistle:** Acts 9:32-42 **Gospel:** John 5:1-15

**Liturgy Book Helps for Today**

Troparia, Kontakia, Prokimena, and Alleluia Verses: Pages: 189-191

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**Daily Scripture Readings**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Monday	Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60	John 4:46-54
Tuesday	Acts 8:5-17	John 6:27-33
Wednesday	Acts 8:18-25	John 6:35-39
Thursday	Acts 8:26-39	John 6:40-44
Friday	Acts 8:40-9:19	John 6:48-54
Saturday	Acts 9:20-31	John 15:17-16:2

## Memorial Candle Offerings!

**Altar Table Candles:** In memory of our Mother and Baba, Irene Debellis, on Mother's Day, offered by her children and grandsons.

**Royal Door Vigil:** In memory of Don Olenick on the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing, offered by Jean, Linda & Don.

**Table of Oblation Candles:** In honor of Subdeacon Paul and Joan Maty as they celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. May God grant them good health and many years, offered by Patricia Pavelchak.

**Standing Vigil:** In loving memory of Lisa Chuma & Jim Chuma on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their passing, offered by Marianne & Jay Russell.

**Standing Vigil:** In loving memory of our mothers and grandmothers, offered by Jay & Marianne Russell.

**Standing Vigil:** For the good health and salvation of Subdeacon Paul and Joan Maty as they celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, offered by Sergei & Ludmila Cravcenco.

**Standing Vigil:** In honor of Nikolai Jackson's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday (Monday), offered by Baba, Gramps, Mommy & Uncle Bill.

**Standing Vigil:** In memory of Vera Utterback & Edna Jackson, offered by Barb, Jim, Rhyesa, Bill & Nikolai.

## Announcements

### Mother's Day Flowers

**Tetrapod Arrangement:** In honor of Lori Kochan on Mother's day, offered by Sarah, Cole, Simon, Michael, Andrew & Abby.

### Rummage Sale will be in August

Start cleaning out your basements. The St. Nicholas Sisterhood will be holding a Rummage sale in the church basement August 15-17. A detailed flyer will follow with an outline of items we want and when you can start bringing in your donations.

### FESTIVAL START-UP

Welcome to the 2019 Something Russian Festival. Before we can adequately begin to plan, we need to know who is returning for the coming year.

If you are returning as a department chair or would like to be one, please contact ASAP Paula Foster - 330-878-4335, or Patty Kovachick - 330-733-7294.

As always, it takes all of us to make this a success.

We look forward to hearing from you.

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A weekly volunteer will be needed in the month of June to clean the bathrooms and the basement of the church. This involves light cleaning of the bathrooms, sweeping the basement floor, emptying all the trash, and cleaning the windows in the doorways.

**PLEASE** consider helping the church and volunteering for this job. It's only an hour each week.

### Continue The Celebration!

The feast of Pascha is a 40 day event, not just a single Sunday! Therefore it is only right that we continue to celebrate the feast for its entire length! Everyone who prepared and participated in the sacraments of Holy Confession & Communion for the Lenten Season and Pascha are encouraged to continue the celebration by coming throughout the Paschal Season!.

### Greeters Schedule

#### May

May 19

May 26

Michael and Katie D'Fantis

Cheryl Dubos

## **June**

June 2	Cheryl Gall
June 9	Steve & Julie Gorsuch
June 16	Pat Gorsuch & Martha Slanta
June 23	Chris & Lorraine Johnson
June 30	Andrew & Abby Kochan

### **Food For The Soul!**

#### **Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph**

Today we commemorate the Holy Myrrh-bearing women Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Clopas, Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4). Also Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), and Nicodemus.

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is commemorated twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

#### **St. Epiphanius the Bishop of Cyprus**

Saint Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus, “a last relic of ancient piety,” as Saint Jerome calls him, lived during the fourth century in Phoenicia. The Roman empress Honoria was his sister. He was of Jewish descent, and in his youth he received a fine education. He was converted to Christianity after seeing how a certain monk named Lucian gave away his clothing to a poor person. Struck by the monk’s compassion, Epiphanius asked to be instructed in Christianity.

He was baptized and became a disciple of Saint Hilarion the Great (October 21). Entering the monastery, he progressed in the monastic life under the guidance of the experienced Elder Hilarion, and he occupied himself with copying Greek books.

Because of his ascetic struggles and virtues, Saint Epiphanius was granted the gift of wonderworking. In order to avoid human glory, he left the monastery and went into the Spanidrión desert. Robbers caught him there

and held him captive for three months. By speaking of repentance, the saint brought one of the robbers to faith in the true God. When they released the holy ascetic, the robber also went with him. Saint Epiphanius took him to his monastery and baptized him with the name John. From that time, he became a faithful disciple of Saint Epiphanius, and he carefully documented the life and miracles of his instructor.

Reports of the righteous life of Saint Epiphanius spread far beyond the monastery. The saint went a second time into the desert with his disciple John. Even in the wilderness disciples started to come to him, so he established a new monastery for them.

After a certain time, Saint Epiphanius made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to venerate its holy shrines, and then returned to the Spanidrión monastery. The people of Lycia sent the monk Polybios to Saint Epiphanius asking him to take the place of their dead archpastor. When he learned of this intention, the clairvoyant ascetic secretly went into the Pathysian desert to the great ascetic Saint Hilarion (October 21), under whose guidance he had learned asceticism in his youth.

The saints spent two months in prayer, and then Hilarion sent Saint Epiphanius to Salamis. Bishops were gathered there to choose a new archpastor to replace one who recently died. The Lord revealed to the eldest of them, Bishop Papius, that Saint Epiphanius should be chosen bishop. When Epiphanius arrived, Saint Papius led him into the church, where in obedience to the will of the participants of the Council, Epiphanius agreed to be their bishop. Saint Epiphanius was consecrated as Bishop of Salamis in 367.

Saint Epiphanius won renown because of his great zeal for the Faith, his love and charity toward the poor, and his simplicity of character. He suffered much from the slander and enmity of some of his clergy. Because of the purity of his life, Saint Epiphanius was permitted to see the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Gifts at Divine Liturgy. Once, when the saint was celebrating the Mystery, he did not see this vision. He then became suspicious of one of the clergy and quietly said to him, “Depart, my son, for you are unworthy to participate in the

celebration of the Mystery today.”

At this point, the writings of his disciple John break off, because he became sick and died. The further record of the life of Saint Epiphanius was continued by another of his disciples, Polybios (afterwards bishop of city of Rinocyreia).

Through the intrigues of the empress Eudoxia and the Patriarch Theophilos of Alexandria, towards the end of his life Saint Epiphanius was summoned to Constantinople to participate in the Synod of the Oak, which was convened to judge the great saint, John Chrysostom (September 14 and November 13). Once he realized that he was being manipulated by Chrysostom’s enemies, Saint Epiphanius left Constantinople, unwilling to take part in an unlawful council.

As he was sailing home on a ship, the saint sensed the approach of death, and he gave his disciples final instructions: to keep the commandments of God, and to preserve the mind from impure thoughts. He died two days later. The people of Salamis met the body of their archpastor with carriages, and on May 12,

403 they buried him in a new church which he himself had built.

The Seventh Ecumenical Council named Saint Epiphanius as a Father and Teacher of the Church. In the writings of Saint Epiphanius, the PANARIUM and the ANCHORATUS are refutations of Arianism and other heresies. In his other works are found valuable church traditions, and directives for the Greek translation of the Bible.

In his zeal to preserve the purity of the Orthodox Faith, Saint Epiphanius could sometimes be rash and tactless. In spite of any impetuous mistakes he may have made, we must admire Saint Epiphanius for his dedication in defending Orthodoxy against false teachings. After all, one of the bishop’s primary responsibilities is to protect his flock from those who might lead them astray.

We also honor Saint Epiphanius for his deep spirituality, and for his almsgiving. No one surpassed him in his tenderness and charity to the poor, and he gave vast sums of money to those in need.

## Facts & Figures - Week of May 5, 2019

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>General Offerings</b>	<b>\$6,191.00</b>
<b>General Offerings Loose &amp; Children’s</b>	<b>\$96.73</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$266.00</b>
<b>Pascha Offering</b>	<b>\$215.00</b>
<b>Annual Project</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,848.73</b>

### This Week

Collected	Required for Budget	Short /Surplus	Per Envelope
\$6,516.00	\$5,288.46	\$1,227.54	\$9.44

Based On 160 Envelopes: Budgeted Amount Per Envelope Per Week: \$40.68

### Year To Date

Collected	Required for Budget	Short/Surplus	Per Envelope
\$90,453.85	\$89,903.85	\$550.00	\$4.23

# Blessings in a Backpack

## School Year 2018-2019

September brings the beginning of a new season and the beginning of a new school year. It also is the start of another year for Blessings in a Backpack (outreach program at Mogadore School District) for St. Nicholas.

We are waiting to hear from Mogadore School as to how many children we will be helping this year at OH Sommers Elementary. In the meantime we can begin bringing in the following:

- Individual boxes of cereal
- Juice boxes, Capri Sun, Kool-Aid jammers, Little Hugs
- Microwave popcorn
- Microwave packages of macaroni and cheese (not cups)
- Fruit cups
- Boxes of raisins
- Chef Boyardee microwave containers or cans / Spaghetios
- Granola bars
- Individual packs of cookies
- Individual bags of pretzels, Pringles, goldfish, animal crackers, etc.
- Individual hot chocolate packets
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Individual packages of crackers
- Crackers and cheese dip
- Cans of soup (prefer chicken & rice, chicken & stars or chicken noodle)
- Ramen noodle soup packages
- Pop tarts
- Individual jello, pudding or applesauce cups
- Fruit chews, fruit roll ups or fruit snacks
- Rice Krispie treats
- Slim jims
- Ziploc gallon bags
- Anything else that is individually wrapped!

**Please be cognizant of the expiration dates.**

Drop the food off in the baskets in the coat room. This will be an ongoing project until the end of May 2019. This program has been extremely successful the past several school years due to your participation and we pray you will keep this momentum going.

Don't forget you can also use your Spiritual Outreach envelope and mark it "Blessings in a Back Pack" and we will do the shopping for you.

**Thank you** for your participation. The children will appreciate your generosity.

*St. Nicholas Society RBO #204*



**Calendar of Events**

**\*\*\*2019\*\*\***

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**June 23rd**

**Kabob Dinner**

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**July 21st**

**Reverse Raffle**

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**August 17th**

**Golf Outing**

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**August TBA Rubber Ducks Baseball Game**

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**September 15th**

**Pork Chop Dinner**

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**October 20th**

**Chicken Dinner**

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# **Pirogghi Workshop**

**2019**



**2019**

**June 3 & 4**

**8:00 A.M.**

**July 1 & 2**

**8:00 A.M.**

**August 5 & 6**

**8:00 A.M.**

**September 3 & 4 noodle making 8:00 A.M.**

# St. Nicholas Society

RBO # 204

## REVERSE RAFFLE

(Ladies & Gentleman Event)

**Sunday July 21, 2019**

**4:00 P.M.**

**Tickets \$25.00**

**(Food & Beverage Included)**

**For tickets or information**

**Contact**

**Ken Kramer Chairman at 330-690-4886**





**We're Having A Party**  
In Honor Of Gabriella's  
High School Graduation

**Sunday June 2, 2019**  
**A the Parish House**  
**1:00 p.m. till ???**

**Come celebrate her accomplishments with us!**  
**Add your name to the sign up sheet at the candle**  
**desk today!**

**St. Nicholas Society RBO #204**

**Kebab**



**Dinner**

**Sunday June 23, 2019**

**After Liturgy**

**Chicken & Beef Kabab, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans,  
Salad, Dessert & Beverage**

**Donation Adults \$ 10.00-----Children \$ 5.00**

**Reserve your tickets by signing the sheet at the  
candle desk. All reserved tickets must be picked up by  
June 16th. Tickets not picked up will be sold at the door  
first come first served**

**Tim Redovian & Ray Teachout Co-Chairmen**

**RBO Scholarship Fund Raiser**

## **Honor's Sunday** **Sunday May 26, 2019**

*It's time again to prepare to honor our graduates as they accomplish their educational goals and move on to a new part of their life!*

*This year we will honor them on Sunday May 26, 2019 at and following the Divine Liturgy. Thus it is time to begin to gather the necessary information to compile our annual "**Salute to Graduates**". Graduate Bio forms for High School and College graduates and a photo publication permission slip are available in the Church at the candle desk. Pick one up soon and return it as soon as possible so that we can honor them and their accomplishments!*

The Deadline for Bio forms to be submitted is  
Sunday, May 19, 2019

# When God Created Mothers

by Erma Bombeck

When the good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of overtime, when an angel appeared and said,

"You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."



And the Lord said, "Have you read the spec on this one? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 180 moveable parts, all replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers; have a lap that disappears when she stands up; a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair; and six pair of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands... no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. The Lord nodded.

"One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there?" when she already knows. Another here, in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't, but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, "I understand and I love you," without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching his sleeve gently, "Rest for now. Tomorrow..."

"I can't," said the Lord. "I'm so close to creating something close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly. "She's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what the mother can do or endure."

"Can she think?" "Not only think, but she can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you, you were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?" "It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You're a genius," said the angel. The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there."