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5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

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8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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JULY 19, 2015
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OF SAROV

HOLY MYRRHBEARER MARY MAGDALENE



JULY 22

The Holy Myrrh-Bearer Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene. On the banks of Lake Genesareth (Galilee), between the cities of Capharnum and Tiberias, was the small city of Magdala, the remains of which have survived to our day. Now only the small village of Mejhdel stands on the site.

A woman whose name has entered forever into the Gospel account was born and grew up in Magdala. The Gospel tells us nothing of Mary's younger years, but Tradition informs us that Mary of Magdala was young and pretty, and led a sinful life. It says in the Gospels that the Lord expelled seven devils from Mary (Luke. 8:2). From the moment of her healing Mary led a new life, and became a true disciple of the Savior.

The Gospel relates that Mary followed after the Lord, when He went with the Apostles through the cities and villages of Judea and Galilee preaching about the Kingdom of God. Together with the pious women Joanna, wife of Choza (steward of Herod), Susanna and others, she served Him from her own possessions (Luke 8:1-3) and undoubtedly shared with the Apostles the evangelic tasks in common with the other women. The Evangelist Luke, evidently, has her in view together with the other women, stating that at the moment of the Procession of Christ onto Golgotha, when after the Scourging He took on Himself the heavy Cross, collapsing under its weight, the women followed after Him weeping and wailing, but He consoled them. The Gospel relates that Mary Magdalene was present on Golgotha at the moment of the Lord's Crucifixion. While all the disciples of the Savior ran away, she remained fearlessly at the Cross together with the Mother of God and the Apostle John.

The Evangelists also list among those standing at the Cross the mother of the Apostle James, and Salome, and other women followers of the Lord from Galilee, but all mention Mary Magdalene first. St John, in addition to the Mother of God, names only her and Mary Cleopas. This indicates how much she stood out from all the women who gathered around the Lord.

She was faithful to Him not only in the days of His Glory, but also at the moment of His extreme humiliation and insult. As the Evangelist Matthew relates, she was present at the Burial of the Lord. Before her eyes Joseph and Nicodemus went out to the tomb with His lifeless Body. She watched as they covered over the entrance to the cave with a large stone, entombing the Source of Life.

Faithful to the Law in which she was raised, Mary together with the other women spent following day at rest, because it was the great day of the Sabbath, coinciding with the Feast of Passover. But all the rest of the peaceful day the women gathered spices to go to the Grave of the Lord at dawn on Sunday and anoint His Body according to the custom of the Jews.

It is necessary to mention that, having agreed to go on the first day of the week to the Tomb early in the morning, the holy women had no possibility of meeting with one another on Saturday. They went separately on Friday evening to their own homes. They went out only at dawn the following day to go to the Sepulchre, not all together, but each from her own house.

The Evangelist Matthew writes that the women came to the grave at dawn, or as the Evangelist Mark expresses, extremely early before the rising of the sun. The Evangelist John, elaborating upon these, says that Mary came to the grave so early that it was still dark. Obviously, she waited impatiently for the end of night, but it was not yet daybreak. She ran to the place where the Lord's Body lay.

Mary went to the tomb alone. Seeing the stone pushed away from the cave, she ran away in fear to tell the close Apostles of Christ, Peter and John. Hearing the strange message that the Lord was gone from the tomb, both

Apostles ran to the tomb and, seeing the shroud and winding cloths, they were amazed. The Apostles went and said nothing to anyone, but Mary stood about the entrance to the tomb and wept. Here in this dark tomb so recently lay her lifeless Lord.

Wanting proof that the tomb really was empty, she went down to it and saw a strange sight. She saw two angels in white garments, one sitting at the head, the other at the foot, where the Body of Jesus had been placed. They asked her, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She answered them with the words which she had said to the Apostles, "They have taken my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." At that moment, she turned around and saw the Risen Jesus standing near the grave, but she did not recognize Him.

He asked Mary, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom dost thou seek?" She answered thinking that she was seeing the gardener, "Sir, if thou hast taken him, tell where thou hast put Him, and I will take Him away."

Then she recognized the Lord's voice. This was the voice she heard in those days and years, when she followed the Lord through all the cities and places where He preached. He spoke her name, and she gave a joyful shout, "Rabbi" (Teacher).

Respect and love, fondness and deep veneration, a feeling of thankfulness and recognition at His Splendor as great Teacher, all came together in this single outcry. She was able to say nothing more and she threw herself down at the feet of her Teacher to wash them with tears of joy. But the Lord said to her: "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and tell them: "I ascend to My Father, and your Father; to My God and to your God."

She came to herself and again ran to the Apostles, to do the will of Him sending her to preach. Again she ran into the house, where the Apostles still remained in dismay, and proclaimed to them the joyous message, "I have seen the Lord!" This was the first preaching in the world about the Resurrection.

The Apostles proclaimed the Glad Tidings to the world, but she proclaimed it to the Apostles themselves.

Holy Scripture does not tell us about the life of Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection of Christ, but it is impossible to doubt, that if in the terrifying minutes of Christ's Crucifixion she was at the foot of His Cross with His All-Pure Mother and St John, she must have stayed with them during the happier time after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Thus in the Acts of the Apostles St Luke writes that all the Apostles with one mind stayed in prayer and supplication, with certain women and Mary the Mother of Jesus and His brethren.

Holy Tradition testifies that when the Apostles departed from Jerusalem to preach to all the ends of the earth, then Mary Magdalene also went with them. A daring woman, whose heart was full of reminiscence of the Resurrection, she went beyond her native borders and went to preach in pagan Rome. Everywhere she proclaimed to people about Christ and His teaching. When many did not believe that Christ is risen, she repeated to them what she had said to the Apostles on the radiant morning of the Resurrection: "I have seen the Lord!" With this message she went all over Italy.

Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. According to Tradition, she brought him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: "Christ is Risen!" Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the un

justly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracleworker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.

Mary repeated the words of the Apostles, that we are redeemed from the vanity of life not with perishable silver or gold, but rather by the precious Blood of Christ.

Thanks to Mary Magdalene the custom to give each other paschal eggs on the day of the Radiant Resurrection of Christ spread among Christians over all the world. In one ancient Greek manuscript, written on parchment, kept in the monastery library of St Athanasius near Thessalonica, is a prayer read on the day of Holy Pascha for the blessing of eggs and cheese. In it is indicated that the igumen in passing out the blessed eggs says to the brethren: "Thus have we received from the holy Fathers, who preserved this custom from the very time of the holy Apostles, therefore the holy Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene first showed believers the example of this joyful offering."

Mary Magdalene continued her preaching in Italy and in the city of Rome itself. Evidently, the Apostle Paul has her in mind in his Epistle to the Romans (16: 6), where together with other ascetics of evangelic preaching he mentions Mary (Mariam), who as he expresses "has bestowed much labor on us." Evidently, she extensively served the Church in its means of subsistence and its difficulties, being exposed to dangers, and sharing with the Apostles the labors of preaching.

According to Church Tradition, she remained in Rome until the arrival of the Apostle Paul, and for two more years following his departure from Rome after the first court judgment upon him. From Rome, St Mary Magdalene, already bent with age, moved to Ephesus where the holy Apostle John unceasingly labored. There the saint finished her earthly life and was buried.

Her holy relics were transferred in the ninth century to Constantinople, and placed in the monastery Church of St Lazarus. In the era of the Crusader campaigns they were transferred to Italy and placed at Rome under the altar of the Lateran Cathedral. Part of the relics of Mary Magdalene are said to be in Provage, France near Marseilles, where over them at the foot of a steep mountain a splendid church is built in her honor.

The Orthodox Church honors the holy memory of St Mary Magdalene, the woman called by the Lord Himself from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God.

Formerly immersed in sin and having received healing, she sincerely and irrevocably began a new life and never wavered from that path. Mary loved the Lord Who called her to a new life. She was faithful to Him not only when He was surrounded by enthusiastic crowds and winning recognition as a miracle-worker, but also when all the disciples deserted Him in fear and He, humiliated and crucified, hung in torment upon the Cross. This is why the Lord, knowing her faithfulness, appeared to her first, and esteemed her worthy to be first to proclaim His Resurrection.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19

July 19 Rom 15:1-7
Matt. 9:27-35

July 21 1 Cor. 10:5-12
Matt. 16:6-12

July 24 1 Cor. 11:8-22
Matt. 17:10-18

July 20 1 Cor. 9:13-18
Matt. 16:1-6

July 22 1 Cor. 10:12-22
Matt. 16:20-24

July 25 Rom. 13:1-10
Matt. 12:30-37

July 23 1 Cor. 10:28-11:7
Matt. 16:24-28

Another dog day of summer or a Boys' Night Out? It's your call, but we're going for the Night Out on Sunday August 16th at 5:00 PM.

Details to follow, but please see Dan Morris if you'd like to join us.



Congratulations to the 2015 Recipients of the Ernest & Marie Maty Scholarships

Laryssa Byndas

Michael Byndas

Aleksey Pricinovskis

Julia Swit

Nadia Swit

Mara Zolikoff



PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Louise Geletka
06-13-15

Pearl Pfeiffer
06-21-15

Mary Ann Silberhorn
06-25-15

Phyllis Miklos
07-10-15

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Protopresbyter Vasilije Sokolovic
Protopresbyter Rastko Trbuhovic
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh

Mother Anna

Mary

Michael

Betty Balasz

Judy Baughman

Carol Bohurjak

Frank Byndas

Navada Coneley

Anne Crichton (*Joseph Crichton's
sister-in-law*)

Christine Crichton

Thomas Crichton (*Joseph Crichton's
brother*)

Metodije Damljanovic (*Child*)

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's
brother*)

Cindy Durkalski

Nashwa Fam

Peter Fickinger (*friend of Joseph
Crichton*)

Julia Grabowski

Roger Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's
cousin*)

Sandee Holod

Matthew Hunley (*Phyllis
Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)

Donna Jacak

Victor Jacak

Patrick Jacobson (*friend of Paul
Pangrace*)

Joy Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Stephen Jahans (*friend of Paul
Pangrace*)

Diane Kearsley (*Janice Tkacz's
sister*)

Maher Khalil

Thomas Khalil

John Kovalski (*friend of Paul
Pangrace*)

Dorothy Laskovich

Paul Laskovich

Paul Mihal

Anna Mysiw (*friend and neighbor of
Helen Antonik*)

Jillian Oppenheim

Maude Palumbo (*Michelle Rajisch's
mother*)

Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's
sister*)

Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's
mother*)

Liz Peterson (*Joseph Crichton's
friend*)

Cindy Powkowski

Valerie Rolls (*Fr. John's cousin*)

Dorothy Romig

Julia Sankovic (*Child*)

Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's
mother*)

Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul
Pangrace*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Alice Zdinak (*Fr. John's Mother*)

**Steve & Laura Zvara
& Unborn Child**

**Jason & Rachel Wojnicz
& Unborn Child**

Congratulations:

**Alex & Jerilyn Oppenheim
& Newborn Jillian Grace**

**Please note that names will remain on the list for
approximately one month and then removed.
If you desire that a name be relisted please contact the
office at 216-741-1310.**

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour:

7/19/15	Lauren Miklos & Chandra Czaruk
7/26/15	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio
8/2/15	Nick & Kate Zolikoff
8/9/15	Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind
8/16/15	Steve Rusnak & Joseph Crichton
8/23/15	Joy & David Pfeiffer
8/30/15	Mat. Cinday Zdinak & Mat. Jenn Boerio

Greeters:

Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
Tammy Ponomarenko & Michael Tabeling
Karen Felon & Tammy Ponomarenko
Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
Linda Smotzer & Sonia Vorell
Karen Felon & Michael Tabeling
Mat. Jenn Boerio & Tammy Ponomarenko



GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	\$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	<u>\$ 2,581.00</u>
Over/Under	< \$ 3,957.00 >

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, \$10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2015 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey

from John & Ruth Fritskey



СРПСКИ ПРАВОСЛАВНИ МАНАСТИР НОВА МАРЧА

**Serbian Orthodox Monastery New Marcha 5095 Broadview Road
Richfield, Ohio 44286 Telephone: 330-659-3809**

We wholeheartedly invite You to come to Monastery New Marcha for Our

MONASTERY SLAVA on Saturday, July 25th, 2015.

Schedule:

9:45 am - Welcoming His Grace Dr. Mitrophan (Kodić) Bishop of Eastern America

10:00 am - Holy Divine Hierarchical Liturgy

11:30 am - Cutting of the festal bread and procession

1:00 pm – Banquet

We would be more then delighted to see as many of Your good and diligent parishioners on this day in our common home - The New Marcha monastery.

Mother ANA
Abbess of The New Marcha
with sisters

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



6th Annual

European Festival

**Saturday, September 12, 2015
11 AM - 11 PM**

**COME EXPERIENCE CULTURES
FROM ACROSS EUROPE!**

**Live Music & Dancing
Craft Fair and Religious Gifts
Ethnic Cuisine, Bakery, Beer & Wine
Church Services, Tours & Speakers
Basket Raffles & Cash Prizes
Children's Activities** 

**5390 W. 220th St. Fairview Park, OH
stmmeurofest.com | 216.906.3463**

Inside on the main stage

- 11:30 Piast Polish Artistic Folk Ensemble
- 12:00 Cleveland Saxon Dance Group
- 12:30 Cannon Irish Dancers
- 1:00 STV Bavaria
- 1:30 Tribal Fire Dancers
- 2:30 STV Bavaria
- 3:00 St. Demetrios Greek Dancers
- 3:30 St. Sava Serbian Dancers
- 4:00 Syrena Polish Dance Group
- 5:00 Geauga Highlanders Pipes & Drums



**6:30- "Jimmy K. & Ethnic Jazz"
10:30 Polka and more!**

Guest Speakers in the Church

- 1:00 Rev. Michael Lee, Byzantine priest
- 3:00 Rev. Dennis Hrubciak, former pastor
- 2:00 & 4:00 Church Tours

Sisters of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery

Church Services

- 6:00 PM Vespers (Evening Prayers)
- 11:00 PM Divine Liturgy (Catholic Mass)

Menu

- Hand-pinched Potato Cheese Pierogi
- Chicken Paprikash, Potato Pancakes
- Stuffed Cabbage, Pork Goulash
- Hot Dogs, Kielbasa & Kraut
- Cabbage & Noodles
- Nut & Poppyseed Roll and other Bakery

**St. Theodosius
Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, July 26th,
2015 at 1:00 PM
Ridge Manor Grounds**

Contribution:

**High School and younger Free of Charge
\$12.50 per person above High School
Max of \$25 per Household**

PLEASE!!!!

PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE!!!

See Deacon Daniel or Matushka Jennifer Boerio for Tickets

Pig, Lamb @ Chicken Roast

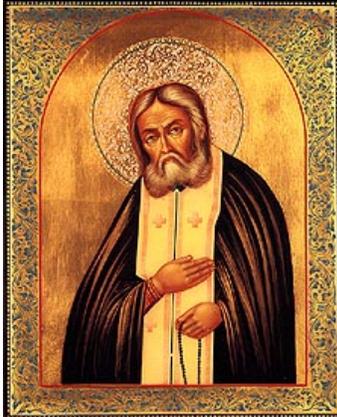
Pop & Beer provided

!!!Please bring a side or a desert!!!

Musicians, please mark your calendars!

Hope to See Everyone There!

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.



During the week of July 19, the Church remembers two saints who showed deep love for Christ by doing things that go far beyond what most people would be willing to do.

The first is Saint Seraphim of Sarov. On July 19 the Church celebrates the transfer of his relics from his original place of burial to the Church of Sts. Zosimus and Sabbatius, and then to the Dormition Cathedral in Sarov. Over 200,000 people paid their respects to the beloved saint, and many healings took place during the procession with his relics.

We know many things about Saint Seraphim, including his wonder-working and his gentle companionship with wild animals. But one of the most unusual things we know is the story of what caused him to walk hunched over during the later years of his life.

Saint Seraphim was working in his garden when he was attacked by robbers. Rather than defend himself or use his heavy garden tools to fight them off, he allowed them to beat him badly. It was after that incident that his injured back was permanently bent and affected his walk.

For most people, the idea of not even trying to defend ourselves from an unjust attack is unthinkable. But Saint Seraphim's Christlike love for God's creatures made him unwilling to harm any of them, no matter what the circumstances.

Saint John Chrysostom comments on a similar episode, when companions of Saint Paul didn't fight back against attackers: "For to endure when insulted is God's part: to be merely abusive, is the part of the devil...to them that beat us, let us return blow for blow, by meekness, by silence, by long-suffering..."

The second saint, commemorated on July 21, is the Venerable Simeon of Edessa, Fool-for-Christ. Like Saint Seraphim, though in a different way, he showed Christlike love that would be difficult for most people to manage. He called people to repentance by feigning madness. He would bound around crazily in the streets and approach people, whispering their sins in their ears and urging them to repent. Sometimes he appeared in dreams and reminded the dreamers to repent. To do this, of course, he had to have insight into people's deepest secrets, which he did.

Commenting on Saint Simeon in "The Prologue from Ochrid," Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich writes about Lycerges, the king of Sparta, who set down strict laws and got his citizens to promise to obey them while he was away for a protracted period of time. Having secured their agreement he left, and never returned, thus "binding them to their oath forever."

Lycerges' willingness to leave his country forever was a sacrifice for the good of the Spartan people, Bishop Nikolai writes: "But how much greater a sacrifice it is voluntarily to leave one's mind and always to appear before men as mad! Is not madness the greatest banishment known to man? And to live year after year in that state, and all in order to be of help to one's neighbour!"



Kontakion - Tone 2

Let us praise with fervent love,
This man who lived in the flesh as an angel,
Adorning his soul with the most radiant virtues!
Simeon, the equal to the Apostles and the Bearer of God.
Together with him, let us honor his companion John,
For they both ever stand before God, interceding for us all!

Please note: The bulletin insert for July 26, 2015 will be the last in the series. Previous inserts are archived at dce.oca.org/page/bulletins.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2015

Sunday, July 19
RELICS VEN. SERAPHIM
OF SAROV
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, July 20
HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH

Tuesday, July 21
PROPHET EZEKIEL
VEN. SIMEON OF EMESSA,
FOOL-FOR-CHRIST

Wednesday, July 22
HOLY MYRRHBEARER
MARY MAGDALENE,
EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES

REMINDER:



Please be sure
that cell phones
are turned off
before entering
the temple.

JULY
Special Collection
**ST. JOHN'S
MONASTERY**



Thursday, July 23
MARTYR TROPHIMUS,
THEOPHILUS AND THEIR
COMPANIONS

Friday, July 24
MARTYR CHRISTINA
MARTYRS BORIS & GLEB,
PASSIONBEARERS

Saturday, July 25
DORMITION OF
RIGHTEOUS ANNA, MOTHER
OF THE THEOTOKOS
10:00 AM Monastery Slava @ Serbian
Orthodox Monastery in Richfield
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, July 26
ST. JACOB,
ENLIGHTENER OF THE
PEOPLES OF ALASKA
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
1:00 PM Parish Picnic @ Ridge Manor



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