

## PARISH CALENDAR

Today—**ByzanTeen Breakfast** after the morning liturgies. Give Mom and Dad a break.  
Today—**GCU Meeting** in the Conference Room after the 10 am Liturgy.

9 Wednesday—**Eastern Catholic Clergy of Arizona** 11:30 am luncheon meeting at St. Stephen

11 & 12 —**Super Pierogi Workshop**. On Friday, scooping potato balls will begin about 9:00 am. On Saturday, pierogi pinching from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Plan to give at least 2 hours of your time.

16 Monday—**Accordion Club Dinner**, 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Menu: Spaghetti with marinara sauce, meatballs, garden salad & garlic bread.

20 Sunday—**GCU Spaghetti Dinner** to benefit Maggie's Place, 11:30 am to 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Adults \$7.00, Children \$5.00.

21-25—**Clergy Days & the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Holy Angels Church in San Diego**. All the clergy will join with our new bishop for a week of lectures and prayer.

30 Wednesday—**Vigil for the Holy Day of Obligation of the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord**. 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy

May 1—**Thursday Holy Day Feast** 9:00 am Liturgy

May 2—**Fish & Pierogi Dinner**.

May 3—**Mother's Tea** to benefit the GCU scholarship fund. 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Contact: Joanie Mahar 602.920.0607 or Diane Papke 480.686.9331.

May 10—**Fifth All Souls Saturday** 9:00 am Liturgy with the reading of the names.

May 11—**Pentecost Sunday & Mother's Day Brunch** after the Sunday morning liturgies.

✠ **ALTAR SOCIETY**—The church cleaners for this week prefer to remain anonymous.

# CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!



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APRIL 6, 2008

SUNDAY OF THE MYRR-BEARERS



**THE WOMEN ARE GOING TO THE TOMB.** They want to anoint Jesus' body properly, to give him their respect in this final act of love. They have a question on their way to the tomb: Who will roll the stone away, the stone that keeps us from Jesus?

Who will roll back the heavy burden of sin that keeps us from Jesus? Who will move the rock in our heart that keeps us locked in self-pity, self-hatred, self-defeating behaviors? We can't remove the stone of human failure, human weakness, and human sinfulness by ourselves. How will this stone be lifted from us? Must we continue to carry this heavy burden?

No. Jesus has already removed the stone, the sins, the failures and the weaknesses of our human nature. He wants us to see that He is risen, that He is our strength, our hope and our life. We don't and we can't take away all the human burden and guilt and pain by ourselves. God does it for us in Jesus Christ! Jesus did it for us on the Cross. Our sins were nailed with Him on the Cross. He is not contained in the tomb but has risen—and raises us with Him.

The women went back home changed. They told their story and no one could hold them back. Let us return to our homes, our workshops, our marketplaces knowing that Jesus is not in the tomb, but in our hearts. May we, too, speak boldly and with confidence: CHRIST IS RISEN!

## SCHEDULE OF LENTEN SERVICES & DIVINE LITURGIES

### 5 Saturday and Vigil for Sunday, p. 104 & special handouts

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy for our parish family and friends

### 6 SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS, p. 177

8:00 am +Marie Chelena by Diane & Louis Rabiej

9:45 am *Matins --Easter Canon—use folders*

10:00 am +Joseph V. Richardson by GCU Lodge 999

*ECF Classes*

**WEEK OF THE PARALYTIC MAN:** The pool of Bethesda did not have the power to heal the man paralyzed for thirty-eight years, but the pool of the waters of baptism, touched by Christ, risen from the dead, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, have the power to heal our souls of sin and bring us to eternal life. In the fourth week after Pascha we learn of the grace of baptism.

### 7 Monday Venerable Father George, p. 376

9:00 am +Elizabeth Cupko by John & Julie Pete

### 8 Tuesday Apostles Herodian, Agabus, Rufus, p. 370

9:00 am Deceased members of the Lizancih Family by Pauline Crotts

### 9 Wednesday Martyr Euphychius, p. 379

9:00 pm +Laura Haugen by David & Betty Iwinski

### 10 Thursday No Services

### 11 Friday Martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum, page 368

9:00 am +Laura Haugen by David & Betty Iwinski

### 12 Saturday Vigil for Sunday p. 104 and special handouts.

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy +Laura Haugen by David & Betty Iwinski

### 13 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN, page 181

8:00 am For our parish family and friends

9:45 am Matins-Easter Canon use folders

10:00 am +George Kunak by Liz & Tom Kol

*ECF Classes*

*Confessions are heard one half hour before all Services before the Icon of the Prodigal Son.*

✠ **PRAYERS NEEDED FOR** Fran Philpot, Marcella Dougherty (mother of Michael Dougherty), William and Elizabeth Gelety, Martha Maleta, Carmen Aragon (grandmother of Deacon John), Fr. Christopher Zegger, Florence Gunt, Mary Mihalko, Mary Hrinko, George Chelena, Louis Rabiej, Jim Cochlin (brother of Jane Brown), Tom Gerez (Dorothy Dumnich's son-in-law), Robert Rankin (father of Fr. Robert Rankin), Olga Uram, Luddy Popovich, Daniel Mundall, Fr. Joseph Ridella (one of our retired priests), Julia Menlicavage, Daniel Dougherty.

✠ **ETERNAL MEMORY**—Helen Danko, the sister of Mary Clark, fell asleep in the Lord this past week and funeral Services were held yesterday morning. Kindly remember her in your prayers. She used to help with our baking and pirohi making workshops. Remember her forever.

✠ **7-DAY CANDLES – ETERNAL LIGHT:** +Frank S. Slonka by Kathy Slonka.

TETRAPOD: +Michael Mraz.

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SHROUD OF THE DORMITION: +Mary Mihalchick by Mary Hrinko.

SHROUD OF OUR LORD: Health of Louis Rabiej by Alice & Abigail Garcia.

CHRISTMAS ICON: Health of Mary Mihalko by Mary Hrinko.

THEOPHANY ICON: Health of Martha Maleta by Alice Garcia.

PENTECOST ICON: Gregory Bauer by Doris Kobrzycki .

RESURRECTION ICON: +Edward Kobrzycki by Doris Kobrzycki

ST ANTHONY: Health of Robert Crossley by Mary Popovich.

✠ **SUPER PIEROGI WORKSHOP**—This Friday and Saturday. People to scoop potato balls are needed from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday, and dough makers and pinchers are needed from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday. All parishioners age 12 and over should try to give at least 2 hours to this project. It's a fun way to get to know your fellow parishioners. No experience necessary—we provide training!

✠ **ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL.** Last year's Bishop's Appeal Rebate and hopefully this year's rebate will be used to paint our building complex.

**Paid up pledges: 35, totaling \$17,200.00, sent to the Eparchy**

**Pledges on payment schedule: 24, totaling \$4,500.00**

**59 households have responded as of April 4**

**Parish goal for parish: 139 households x \$200 = \$27,800.00**

**80 households have not responded. \$5,150.00 needed to make our goal.**

Here is a sample of the paid up pledges: 1—\$5,000, 2—\$1,500, 1—\$1,000, 1—\$800, 9—\$500, 3—\$300, 16—\$200, 3—\$100, 3—\$50.

Give what you can to help our Eparchy which also helps our parish through the rebate.

Make your check payable to **“St. Stephen Church.”**

### ✠ MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

**“Life in Christ”** Archeparchial Ministry Conference for catechists, adult faith formation teams and directors of youth ministry. May 2-4 in Antiochian Village, Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

Call Sr. Celeste Strohmeier at 412-231-4000 ext. 23 or [youthministry@archeparchy.org](mailto:youthministry@archeparchy.org)

**“Myrrh-bearers” Women's Retreat**—A retreat experience for girls and women from 7 years of age through adulthood. June 27-29 at Mount Claret on Lincoln Drive. For more information refer to the flyers on the Greeting Table. Plan now.

**ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2008** “Moved by the Spirit in the Windy City” Thursday, July 31—Sunday, August 3, at University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois. July 1 deadline for registration. See Father Stephen for registration forms.