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Christ is Risen!



APRIL 14, 2024
SUNDAY OF OINTMENT-BEARING WOMEN



PLEASE JOIN US AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY
FOR SOCIAL HOUR & MENS GROUP MEETING

LITURGY INTENTIONS

For the Repose of the Soul of Jalal Innabi by Jose and Zaina Escobedo
For the Repose of the Soul of Joyce Rimmer

To request a Divine Liturgy intention, go to our website: www.stjohnofthedesert.com
Requests must be submitted by Thursday to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

Readings
of the Day

EPISTLE: ACTS 6:1-7
GOSPEL: MARK 15:43-47; 16:1-8
THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL WILL BE READ IN ENGLISH AND REPEATED IN ARABIC



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, April 15	9:00am Viewing of Joyce Rimmer, wife of Deacon Marion 11:00am Funeral Service followed by Interment at Holy Redeemer Cemetery 1:30pm Mercy Meal offered by the Ladies Guild at the Davis Hall
Friday, April 19	9:30am Women at the Well New Study begins- Catholic Mom Calm
Saturday, April 20	11:45am Feed My Starving Children 4:00pm Confession 5:00pm Great Vespers
Sunday, April 21	10:20am Divine Liturgy followed by Social Hour & Ladies Guild Commemorating: Daylin Kinyon

PRAYER REQUESTS

May our prayers bring healing and hope to those in our community who are sick, especially: Jacques Rainis, Monk Basil, Marilyn Baiad, Nicholas Baiad, Nina Batio, Mary Popovich, Maureen Doyle, Patricia Cummings & Fr. Peter.

Names remain on the prayer list for six weeks, please call the parish office to add any names.

UPCOMING EVENTS & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Ladies Guild: May 19, 2024 Following Liturgy
Men's Group: May 12, 2024 Following Liturgy
Family Catechesis: May 5, 2024 @ 9:30 am
Forerunner Program: April 28, 2024 @12:30 pm
Byzikids Co-Op: May 3, 2024 @ 9:00 am
Women at the Well: May 17, 2024 @ 9:30 am
Crafty Ladies: May 1, 2024 @ 10:30 am
Faith Foundations: May 11, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

Attendance: 112
Collection of April 7, 2024
Tithe: \$1,089.00 * Stole Offering \$300.00
Coffee Collection:\$50.00 * Candles: \$0.00
Flowers \$0.00 * Bulletin Ad: \$0.00
Building Fund: \$0.00 * Other: \$8.00
Online Giving: \$286.32
Income Needed Weekly: \$1,853.00

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Jesus Christ is our eternal High Priest...The Old Covenant priests who offered ritual animal sacrifices in the Temple merely foreshadowed and pointed toward the perfect and unique priesthood of Jesus Christ.

From Holy Scripture...Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchiz'edek." (Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:1-6)

In God's presence, consider... Because of Christ's perfect sacrifice on the Cross, I can now approach the Father in perfect confidence. But how often do I really act on this truth?

Closing Prayer...Lord Jesus Christ, my redeemer, savior, and high priest, deal gently with me, I pray, for I am ignorant and wayward. Have mercy on me, a sinner.

(Madrid, A Year with the Bible: Scriptural Wisdom for Daily Living)



Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. **Proverbs 3:9-10**

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CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY

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THIRD SATURDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

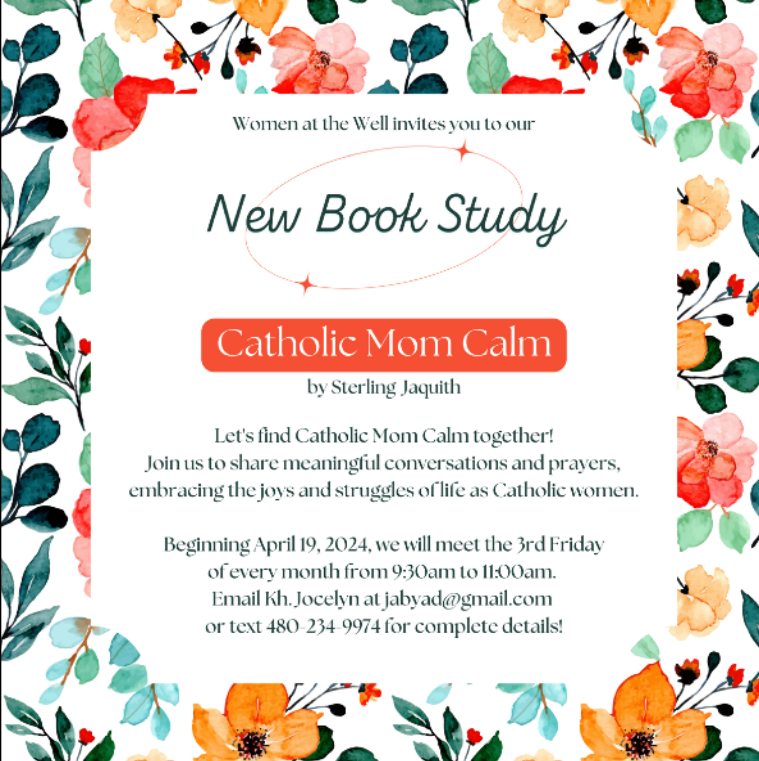
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Pray for Vocations

Instructions: In the space below each picture, write the names of people in that vocation you will pray for. If you don't know any people in that vocation, write a short prayer such as, "For all sisters who work in hospitals" or "For all brothers who serve in missions." Then color the pictures.

	
<p>Married people I will pray for:</p>	<p>Priests I will pray for:</p>
	
<p>Brothers I will pray for:</p>	<p>Sisters I will pray for:</p>

Parish Groups

Ladies Guild (Leader: Veronica Quednau, email v.e.quednau1@gmail.com)

This group plans, reviews and coordinates our celebrations and social activities, including fundraising for the maintenance and sustenance of the Body of Christ. They promote hospitality and respond to the requests of the Parish.

Men's Group (Leader: John Nasser, email johnknasser@gmail.com)

This group advises the Pastor on pastoral, spiritual, financial and maintenance matters.

Family Catechesis & Forerunner Program (Leaders: All Clergy and Educators)

We are called to guide our children on the path towards Christ. On the first and last Sunday of each month, following the Divine Liturgy, both children and parents receive religious instruction.

Byzikids Home Educators Group (Leader: Kh. Jocelyn, email jabyad@gmail.com)

This is an Eastern Christian homeschool Co-Op which seeks to provide support and encouragement to families as they live out their faith. They support each other, pray, and share crafts and activities that enrich their homeschool education.

Women at the Well (Leader: Kh. Jocelyn, email jabyad@gmail.com)

Women of all ages gather to discuss a spiritual reflection and support each other.

Crafty Ladies (Leader: Kh. Simone, email simone@typicon.com)

The Crafty Ladies work together to create beautiful blankets which are donated to various organizations throughout the state.

They conclude their gathering by going out together for lunch.

Society of Publicans (Leader: Deacon Marion, email marionmrimmer@mail.com)

This is a prayer group that dedicates themselves to pray for the intentions of our Parish, the intentions of our Diocese, and our sister Churches in the United States. A weekly email is sent to the members of this group.

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TO DATE**

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Parish Guidelines

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING - Members registered at St. John of the Desert and attend the Divine Liturgy at least three weekends each month, participate in the community life of the parish and contribute generously of their time, talent and treasure. **Members over eighteen years of age must be registered separately from their families.**

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist) - Expectant parents should contact the pastor prior to the birth of the child. The priest can come to pray over the baby and mother in the days after birth. After forty days, Churching Prayers welcome the baby for the first time and the mother back to Church. To request the Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism), parents must be members in good standing and attend baptism preparation with the Godparents. At least one Godparent must be a member in good standing of a Melkite Church. The other Godparent may be a Catholic or Orthodox Christian in good standing.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING - Couples who wish to be married at St. John of the Desert must be members in good standing. They should contact the pastor prior to setting the date or making any other arrangements and at least six months prior to the desired date. They will need to complete our marriage preparation program. The Byzantine wedding ceremony begins in the narthex of the Church and does not feature the father walking the daughter down the main aisle. The couple approaches the Holy Mystery together as equals. There are no vows exchanged in the Byzantine Crowning ceremony.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION - You may go to confession before or after most services in the Church. To make an appointment for confession, please call the office.

MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING - Upon the request of the ill person or his/her immediate family only.

FUNERALS - When someone passes away in your family, please contact the Pastor prior to making any arrangements with the Funeral Home. There are no eulogies given in Church. Family and friends may deliver eulogies at the mercy meal.

There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, however, an offering of thanksgiving is customary. For members in good standing, we suggest a donation of \$300 for Baptism, \$600 for Wedding, \$600 for Funeral, \$75 for Memorial, and \$10 for Remembrance. The use of the Davis Hall for members in good standing is \$250 and \$100 for cleaning (an extra \$100 for Insurance may be required, check with the Pastor)




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