

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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Sat. May 2	12pm-3pm	CRAFTERNOON
	3 pm	Mystagogy Class
	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. May 3	9 am	Divine Liturgy
Wed. May 6	9 am	Midpentecost Liturgy
Fri. May 8	6 pm	40th Day Panikhida <i>for Kay Fulghum</i>
Sat. May 9	3 pm	Mystagogy Class
	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. May 10	9 am	Divine Liturgy

*And to us He has given Eternal Life!
Let us worship His Resurrection on the Third Day!*

REMEMBER, PRAY FOR PEACE,
AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

RUSSIAN: KHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!

ARABIC: EL MESSIEH KAHM! HAKKEN KAHM!

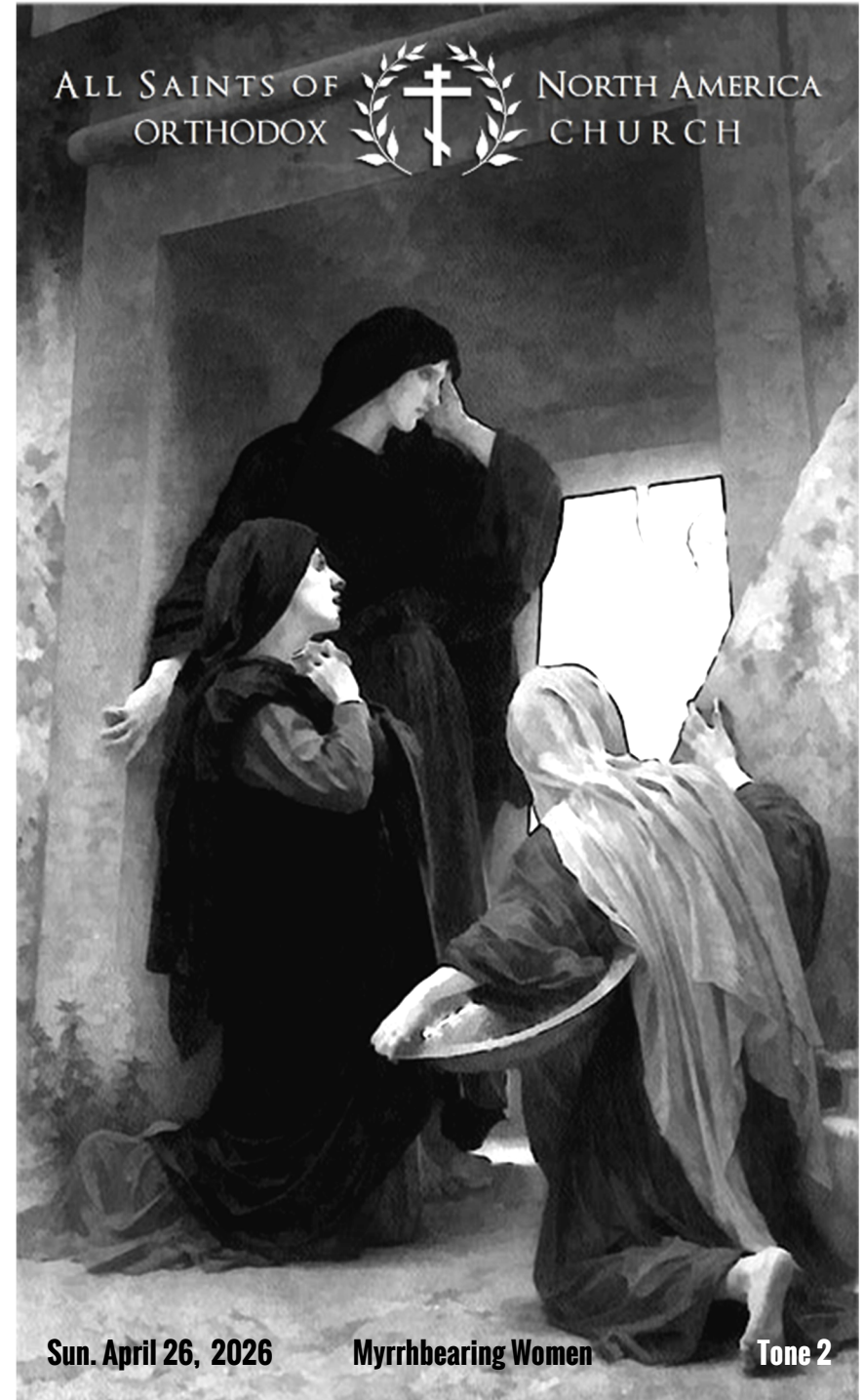
GREEK: CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!



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Sun. April 26, 2026

Myrrhbearing Women

Tone 2



The Paschal season services begin:

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. *(twice)*

And finally,

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,

People: **And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!**



The Prokeimenon in the 6th Tone (Ps 28)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

EPISTLE: ACTS 6:1-7

IN THOSE DAYS, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.+

Alleluia in the 8th Tone (Ps 85)

Lord, Thou wast favorable to Thy land; Thou didst restore the fortunes of Jacob!

Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

GOSPEL: MARK 15:43-47; 16:1-8

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 Joseph 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.+

Coming this summer!

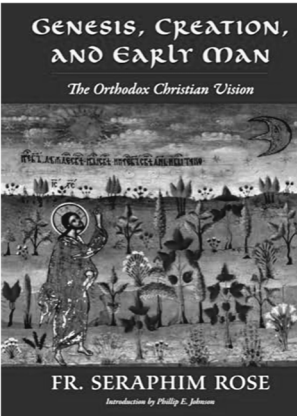
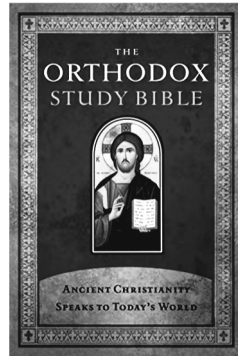
THURSDAY MORNING

Liturgy & Bible Study

with Fr. Joseph MacPherson

STARTING THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

A weekly deep dive into Scripture
in a peaceful small group setting.



Wednesday evenings
Theological Study & Discussion
**GENESIS, CREATION,
AND EARLY MAN**

By Fr. Seraphim Rose

Starting Wed. May 20th

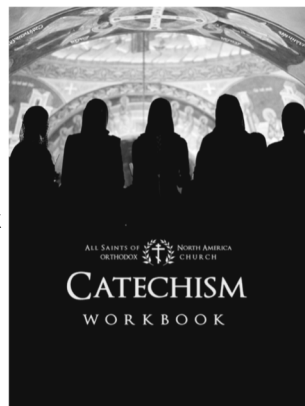
with Fr. John A. Peck

CATECHISM CLASS

LIVE AND IN PERSON

The world-famous ASONA Catechism presented live and in person every week after, by our esteemed ASONA clergy. Questions, Answers, Mysteries, and more! All catechumens are encouraged to attend.

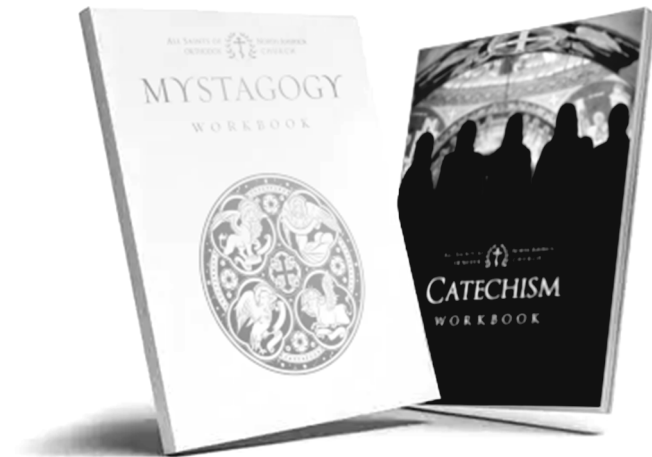
starting Sunday, June 7th



"I'M BAPTIZED... NDW WHAT?"

Now that the Catechism is done, we enter into Mystagogy.

MYSTAGOGY CLASS



Mystagogy is a Greek word meaning "Initiation into the Mystery" and culminates with your Baptism into the Church.

Our Mystagogy Class will run on Saturday afternoons at 3 pm for several months, as we introduce you to a deeper understanding and experience of the Orthodox faith, and the familiarity of the interior life. This is a carefully guided aid to immersing yourself deeply into the Orthodox faith and experience.

This class is mandatory for newly illumined, newly baptized Orthodox at ASONA, but everyone who is Orthodox will benefit from attending and participating in this class.

Mystagogy Class workbooks will be available shortly.

THE DAYS BEFORE US

Each Sunday in the Paschal Season is devoted to a particular theme.

The broad theme of the Paschal season is WATER.

On Bright Monday, for example, it is traditional for Orthodox women to 'sprinkle' the men (especially the priest) with holy water.

On Bright Tuesday, the men sprinkle the women.



2ND SUNDAY OF THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS



This Sunday commemorates the Myrrhbearing woman and Nicodemus and the noble Joseph of Arimathea, and how their tears of sorrow were transformed into tears of joy.

There are eight women who are generally identified as the myrrh-bearers. They are Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Theotokos, Joanna, Salome, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Susanna, Mary of Bethany, and Martha of Bethany.

3RD SUNDAY

THE SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC



After that, the Sunday of the Paralytic, Jesus heals the paralytic who laid by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Christ is the Source of Living Water.

The Church reminds the faithful that through baptism in the church we, too, are healed and saved by Christ for eternal life. Thus, in the church, we are told, together with the paralytic, to sin no more that nothing worse befall you" (John 5:14).

4TH SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF SAMARITAN WOMAN



deals with St. Photini with whom Christ spoke at Jacob's Well from the Gospel of St John. Again the theme is the "living water" and the recognition of Jesus as God's Messiah. She goes forward to proclaim Christ to the Samaritans who acknowledge Christ as the Savior of the World! Powerful witness from a sinner who was illumined (Photini means 'light') by meeting the Source of Living Water.

This is a reminder of new life in Christ, of drinking of the "living water," of true worship of God in the Christian messianic age "in Spirit and in Truth" (John 4:23-24). Salvation is offered to all: Jews and Gentiles, men and women, saints and sinners.

5TH SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN



Finally, on the Sunday of the Blind Man, Jesus takes dirt and spittle and gives sight to a man born blind, after he washes in the pool of Siloam (which means 'sent'). Jesus takes clay and water to heal this man born blind. He is then immediately sent to wash in the pool, and receives his sight.

There is a pattern which we see every week. After the experience of Christ as the fountain of Living Water (the Holy Spirit, that is) we are reminded, like the Apostles, not to try and spread the Word until clothed with power from on high, but having received the Holy Spirit, we must, like them, spread the good news, the Gospel, and give our testimony before all men and all nations.

We have a testimony to give. God has given us eternal life, and freedom from the bondage of our passions.

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