

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## HTOC Weekly Update

**Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!**

**Sunday, May 19, 2024 · 9:30 a.m.**

Divine Liturgy

Third Sunday of Pascha

Myrrhbearing Women Sunday

### Through Thick and Thin

**The Myrrhbearing Women** take center stage this coming weekend on the **Third Sunday of Pascha**



(Mark 15:43-16:8). Though all seemed lost after Jesus' death on the cross, they remained faithful to the core, waking up at the crack of dawn and hauling costly embalming spices to anoint their lifeless Lord. But quite an unexpected surprise greeted them: an empty tomb, a mysterious messenger, a risen Savior!

Their lesson for us a church? That even when the chips are down and odds look iffy, put forth every effort and offer your very best, simply out of faithfulness to God. In doing so, we just might be shocked to find resurrection lurking right around the corner!

Those Myrrhbearing Women were bent on taking care of Christ's body through thick and thin. **"The church is Christ's body"** (Ephesians 1:23). How well do we mimic their devoted

determination in taking care of his church?

### Pitch In!

Church doesn't happen on its own. It happens when all of us pool our time, talent, and treasure together and put them at God's disposal to do his will as followers of Jesus. In a word, that's **stewardship**. Want to lend a helping hand? See our parish priest, Father Alexis Woytek to find out what needs doing. Want to become a supporting member? See our parish treasurer, Mrs. Lydia Pinkowski to find out how. Thanks for pitching in to make **your** church happen!

### Safe and Sound

COVID is no longer a global pandemic, but coronavirus still crops up now and then, here and there. Please keep alert and take sensible precautions while our church remains open.

### Reach Out!

The Church doesn't exist for itself. God calls it to reach out and share his love with the world that it lives in. Our parish charity bin is one way that we do such **outreach**, by collecting nonperishable food that our friends at **People Helping People in Hernando County** ([phphernando.org](http://phphernando.org)) share with locals in need. Download a **grocery list** from our website ([tinyurl.com/htoc-list](http://tinyurl.com/htoc-list)). Thanks for reaching out and helping others through **your** church's charity!

**MORE! ➡**

If you feel ill, please stay home, follow doctor's orders, and take good care of yourself. Let us know if you want us to pray for you. We look forward to seeing you again once you get well!

Please feel free to wear a face mask if your health requires it or you just feel safer doing so.

Please respect personal space and give each other courteous leeway.

Thanks for your consideration, which is simply part of doing what Christ Jesus told us to do: **"Love others as much as you love yourself"** (Mark 12:31).

## **Next Week!**

Join Father Alexis Woytek and our church family on

**Sunday, May 26, 2024 · 9:30 a.m.**

Divine Liturgy

Fourth Sunday of Pascha

Paralyzed Man Sunday

**We look forward to seeing you then!**

**"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... Instead, let us encourage each other all the more..."**

Hebrews 10:25