

St. John Of the Desert

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Scranton on Pilgrimage to Italy, October 2 - 12, 2018

Join Father Christopher and the Eastern Churches of Scranton on an extraordinary motor-coach adventure through Italy this October! On this will trip we will visit some of the most spectacular places in the world, such as Venice, Ravenna, Florence, Siena and Rome. We'll enjoy private tours through the most celebrated of Italy's churches, squares and monuments and experience the joy of Italian cuisine. Most importantly, Father will celebrate the divine liturgy for us at the tombs of many great saints and martyrs, such as St. Peter, St. Athanasius and St. John Chrysostom!

For only \$2995.00 you can join this incredible trip. The price is based on a double occupancy room and includes round trip airfare, lodging, tours, transportation and daily breakfast and dinner. Hurry up, there are only 25 spaces available! Contact Joe Long at jlong@prorome.com or (570) 309 1346 for more information or to sign up.

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SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT-BEARING WOMEN

We know that through Baptism we are incorporated into Christ and made into his body. Each baptized Christian is called to be the hands and feet, the arms and legs, the eyes and ears of Christ. We are, through Holy Baptism, made into the revelation of Christ on earth. And each one of us is called to his ministry of salvation. Thus, when we serve each other, it is Christ who serves through us. And, when we serve each other, it is Christ himself whom we serve. Just as Joseph of Arimathea cared for the body of Christ as he took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen with spices and laid it in his own new tomb, the seven new deacons ordained in today's Epistle serve Christ himself in the persons of the widows, the hungry and the needy. The ministry of service, however, is not reserved for the deacons alone. Each one of us who is baptized into Christ, are called to learn from the deacons and assist them in Christ's ministry.

We cannot be followers of Christ in isolation. We must be connected to THE community of Faith; The Church (the Ecclesia), the Body of Christ.

"For just as the body is one has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all were made to drink on one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many." 1Cor 12:12-14

"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them."

St. Thomas Aquinas

Do not forget the hungry!

(Collection Basket in the Narthex)
Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

APRIL 15, 2018

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT-BEARING WOMEN

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

ACTS 6:1-7

TONE 2

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!

Thursday, April 19	7:30 pm	Children Internet weekly Class
Sunday, April 22	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy Followed by the Social Hour

LADIES GUILD MEETING

Jennifer Ekman, Charlotte Owsiany, Rosalie Zoghby, John Davis, Paul Davis
(+) Munther Hattar (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Rebecca Nassif Bahou

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Fadia Loegering, Dr. Farouk Habra, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Jacques Rainis, Alice Harrison, Dunia Dababneh, Fr. Frank Milienewicz, Fr. Philaret Littlefield, Fr. Basil Samra, Simon Aboud, Elias Awad.

(NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE)

Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of Jennifer Ekman by Denise Hamra
- For the Health and Salvation of Charlotte Owsiany by Denise Hamra
- For the Health and Salvation of Rosalie Zoghby by Denise Hamra
- For the Health and Salvation of John and Paul Davis by Denise Hamra
- For the Health and Salvation of Rosa Maria Santos
- For the Repose of the Soul of John Morgan Sr. by Dcn. Marion & Joyce Rimmer
- For the Repose of the Soul of Munther Hattar
- For the Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro
- For the Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga

APRIL 22, LADIES GUILD MEET DURING THE SOCIAL HOUR

The Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women falls on the second Sunday following Pascha. The myrrh-bearers had brought funeral spices and ointments to finish committing Christ's body to the grave. They were the first to see the empty tomb and were instructed by the risen Lord to bring the joyful news to the apostles. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus are also commemorated on this day.

Please Support our Food Bank - Try to bring to Church, next Sunday, something for the poor and needy who come begging at the door of our Church. Our pantry is almost empty. We need small diapers and food. May our Lord bless you!

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,170.00

Attendance: 72 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 77 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 22

Tithing: 944.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 2.00

Coffee Collection: 42.00 - Stole Offerings: 460.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 75.00

Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

WHILE SHOPPING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

Canned Fruits, Canned Roast Beef, Granola Bars, Jelly, Protein Bars, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce, Water Bottles, Spaghetti, Rice, Dry Foods, Canned Vegetables, etc.

For all your Gifts, please call St. John of the Desert Gifts at (602) 363-GIFT

4-8-2018

PARISH GUIDELINES

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist)

One month advance notice to complete required canonical instructions

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING (Marriage)

Six months advance notice to complete required canonical instructions

HOLY CONFESSION

Before or after all services or anytime upon request.

HOLY ANOINTING

On demand upon the request of the ill person or his/her immediate family only.

FUNERALS

Contact the pastor before making funeral arrangements.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, however, an offering of thanksgiving is customary. The Parish Pastoral Council suggests for **Active Parishioners**, \$250 for Baptism, \$500 for Wedding, \$500 for Funeral, \$75 for Memorial, and \$10 for Remembrance. The use of the Davis Hall after Memorials is \$150 and (a plausible \$100 for Insurance). For **Non-Active Parishioners** check with the Pastor.

Active parishioner means PRAYING with us, INVOLVED with the life of the community and SUPPORTING the Church (Tithing) in Thanksgiving to the Lord (The Financial support is monitored by Family envelope); however, participation in our prayers and social life is evaluated for each parishioner independently of his/her Family. A minimum participation of 30% in our prayers and our activities is required. Members over 18 years of age should be registered separately from their families.)