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Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph
May 8, 2022

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
Христось воскресе! Воистину воскресе!
Khristós anésti! Alithós anésti!

Troparion – Tone 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion – Tone 2

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord,// granting the world great mercy.

Troparion – Tone 2

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people! He Who allowed thee to recline on His breast, receives thee as thou dost bow before Him. Implore Him, O John the Theologian, to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens// entreating for us peace and great mercy!

Kontakion – Tone 2

Who shall declare thy greatness, O virgin disciple, for thou dost pour forth wonders and art a source of healings// and prayest for our souls as theologian and friend of Christ.

Kontakion – Tone 2

Thou didst command the Myrrbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles:// “The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

Prokeimenon – Tone 6

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance!

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

Prokeimenon – Tone 8

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe.

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikódēmos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikódēmos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610), the New Martyr Elias Ardunis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Now 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.

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-7

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life – the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us – that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And

entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is 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 into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Gospel: John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

Service Schedule for the week of May 8

Sunday May 8 – 9:45 AM Hours; 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall. During Coffee Hour, the FOCA Club will provide chocolate fondue with fruit, as well as wine, in celebration of Mother's Day.

Saturday May 14 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday May 15 – 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall.

Weekly Giving

May 1 – 62 adults, 24 youth, \$3,264

Parish Announcements

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, Godmothers, grandmothers, and step-mothers! Memory Eternal for the mothers who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

The FOCA Club is giving away geraniums to all women of the parish in honor of Mother's Day. Please pick up your flower on your way out of church – they will be on the side of the church near the lift.

The Ladies Assumption Altar Society will be raffling a Mother's Day basket filled with many lovely items, including a Lenox clock, Vera Bradley wallet, champagne, and more! Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn today. Also, the Ladies are selling Bingo Lottery tickets – tickets are 4 for \$2.00. Take a chance – lots of possibilities to win!

There will be a Parish Council meeting this Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM.

There will be a FOCA Club meeting next Sunday during Coffee Hour.

Join us for Summer Bingo at the church picnic grounds after services on Sunday June 5! There is a sign-up sheet on the table across from the candle desk; if you will be attending please sign-up so we can have an idea of how many people will be attending. Food, snacks, and beverages will be available for purchase.

Matushka Mary is recuperating from her pelvic fracture at Chandler Hall Rehab, Room 105B, in Newtown, PA. The family does not know how long she will be there. All prayers are most welcome for her to regain her strength.

Anyone interested in purchasing and planting a fruit tree at the picnic grounds, please see Father Volodymyr. Fruit trees include cherry, apple, pear, peach, etc. The tree needs to be 10-12 ft. tall so that the deer will not eat it; they can be purchased at a nursery or Home Depot. Thank you!

Youth and adults of the parish are invited to Bible Study classes during Coffee Hour. The classes are taught by Alan Berck.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Anne Cheslock – May 11

Have a blessed birthday and God grant you many years!

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE – Coffee Hour Preparation Instructions are available in the Daria Hall kitchen

May 8 Nina Schmidt
May 15 Tiberiu & Mihaela Milosav
May 22 Anne Cheslock
May 29 Mimi & Alan Berck
June 5 Virgiliu & Gabriela Plesa
June 12 Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky
June 19 Christina DiDonato
June 26 **FAST DAY** Nancy Mitsos
July 3 Walter & Tanya Tribbey
July 10 Darice Keyes
July 17 Boryana Dorvil
July 24 Melody Stavisky & Alla Strauss
July 31 Svetlana Sosedov
Aug. 7 Mary Reiling
Aug. 14 Corneliu & Ilonica Balosa
Aug. 21 Viktorya Baranova
Aug. 28 Nana & Matthew Barrett
Sept. 4 Vera Pschenyczny
Sept. 11 Karina Kotelnicki
Sept. 18 Nina Shafran

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Khristos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!