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Sunday of the Holy Myrrbearing Women with the Noble Joseph
May 16, 2021

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

The Angel came to the myrrbearing women at the tomb and said: “Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: ‘The Lord is risen,// granting the world great mercy.’”

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!”

Kontakion – Tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrbearing Women,// granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

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!

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The Myrr-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 was with myrrh. Joseph and Nikodemus 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 also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikodemos, 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.

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.

Service Schedule for the week of May 16 – services will be streamed live

Today – MASKS NOT REQUIRED 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Saturday May 22 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday May 23 – MASKS REQUIRED 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Weekly Giving

May 9 –

Parish Announcements

Masks will be required at all Holy Day services. Masks may be worn during any service, even those indicating No Mask.

Upcoming service schedule (Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM):

- Sunday May 23 – Masks required
- Sunday May 30 – Masks not required
- Sunday June 6 – Masks required
- Sunday June 13 – Masks not required

Based on the feedback we received about the installation of a mosaic icon over the outer church doors, the Parish Council has decided to proceed with this project! Fundraising information will be available shortly. Thank you for your input!

Spring Fling Social (Bingo) – June 6:

1. The event will be held at the church picnic grounds (weather permitting) at 975 Rt. 33 in Hamilton, starting at 1:00 PM.
2. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for brown bag lunches that will be served at the Social. Please sign up if you would like to purchase lunch (\$10 each), which will consist of either a turkey or ham/salami hoagie, bag of chips, Tastykake, and a beverage. No other food will be served, only extra beverages.
3. Donations are needed for prizes – there are papers on the tables in Daria Hall with further information. We are accepting \$25 gift cards for Walmart, Target, Amazon, Dunkin Donuts, and Shop Rite. Please limit your purchase to these particular cards as everyone, including children, will be able to use them. Or, if you prefer, Nina Laushell will accept any denomination of cash and she will purchase the gift cards.
4. We will be using paper Bingo sheets with 3 Bingo cards on each sheet. Admission will be \$10 for the first book of Bingo cards; additional books of cards will be available to purchase. We will be playing at least 16 games. Please bring your card daubers, or crayons will be available to use for marking your cards.

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THIS FUN EVENT!

The Ladies Altar Society will be selling homemade stuffed cabbage on Sunday July 11. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church to place your order so enough stuffed cabbages can be prepared.

Next Saturday May 22 the church fence will be scraped and painted. Please let Father Volodymyr know if you can help!

Please see a member of the FOCA Club if you are interested in purchasing a mural block (Daria Hall); funds will be used for Daria Hall improvements. Thank you!

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