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3rd Sunday of Pascha Holy Myrrhbearing Women

CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED HE IS RISEN!

This Sunday, the Church commemorates the Holy Myrrh-bearing women. Dear brothers and sisters, everyone abandoned the Lord; only the Most Holy Theotokos, St. John the Evangelist, and the Myrrh-bearing women remained with Him until the end. They not only showed their love to the Master while He was with them but risked everything to honor His most holy body. For their deeds and devotions, they were rewarded by the Lord who appeared to them first after his glorious resurrection and were entrusted by Him to deliver the good news of His resurrection to the disciples. Women throughout the history of the Orthodox Church have and will always play a vital role. Their tender loving ministry and care will not go unrecognized. I truly thank God for all the women in our Church, and I can't say it enough. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for always following the example of the Myrrh-bearing women. May the Lord grant you all many years to continue in your loving devotion to serving the Lord and His Church.

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

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!”

Tone 2 Troparion (Pentecostarion)

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.

Tone 2 Troparion (Pentecostarion)

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing 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.’”

Troparion ST. George: You were bound for good deed.....

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers 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!”

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

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 Myrrhbearing Women, //granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Kontakion St. George: God raised you.....

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Steadfast protectress of Christian

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Pentecostarion)

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O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! (*Ps. 27:9a*) *V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

Epistle (16) Acts 6:1-7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*V. O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. (Ps. 84:1) V. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Ps. 84:10)*

Gospel (69) Mark 15:43-16:8

(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing:) The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: “Rejoice, Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!

With Himself He has raised all the dead.” Rejoice Rejoice, O ye people! Shine, shine, Shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now, Exult, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise thy God, O Zion! (*Ps. 147:1*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Priest: “In the fear of God...” Choir: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord...”

Priest: “O God, save Thy people...” Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead...” “(sung once, instead of “We have seen the True Light...”) Priest: “Always, now and ever...” Choir: “Let our mouths be filled...” At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to Thee, O Christ...” and the choir sings “Christ is risen from the dead...” (thrice). And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship his resurrection on the third day!

Orthodox Saints Quotes

And they said among themselves: “Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?” This was the subject of the Myrrh-bearing Women’s conversation as they climbed up to Golgotha, looking for nothing unexpected. The women’s weak hands were not strong enough to roll the stone away from the tomb’s entrance, for it was very great. Those poor women! They did not remember that the labour to perform which they were hastening so zealously to the tomb had already be performed during the Lord’s earthly life. At Bethany, at supper in the house of Simon the Leper, a woman had poured precious spikenard over Christ’s head. The omniscient Lord said at the time about this woman: “In that she hath poured this ointment on My body, she did it for My burial” (Matthew 26:12). He had a clear foreknowledge that His body would, in death, receive no other anointing. You may ask: then why did Providence allow these devout women to be so bitterly disappointed? To buy precious myrrh, to come fearfully through the dark and sleepless night to the tomb and not to perform that loving act for which they had sacrificed so much? But did Providence not reward their efforts in an incomparably richer way, in giving – in place of the dead body – the living Lord? + **St. Nikolai Velimirovich**

prayers for the livings: Archbishop Benjamin, Luca Nicholas, Grace and her parents, Daniel, Abbot Tryphon, the child of God Monika, Nick, Sam, Marleen and thier Family, Ruth, Debrutu, Alex Janice and their family Janice, Elizabeth, Daniel and their children, Vaso, Angela, Sonya and Dragosh, Timothy, Eric & Betsy and their Children, Michael, Eva, Sharalyn, Salwa & Steven, Adrian and his family, Mihali and Sophia, Marina, Thomas and his family.
Prayers for the Departed: all the orthodox that lies here and there sleep in the Lord.

REMINDER

***** Fr. Boris will be serving the Divine Liturgy this Sunday the 9th**

***** Christ is Risen! Indeed he is Risen!**

***** Council Member Meeting this Sunday, Following The Divine Liturgy
In Christ Always!**