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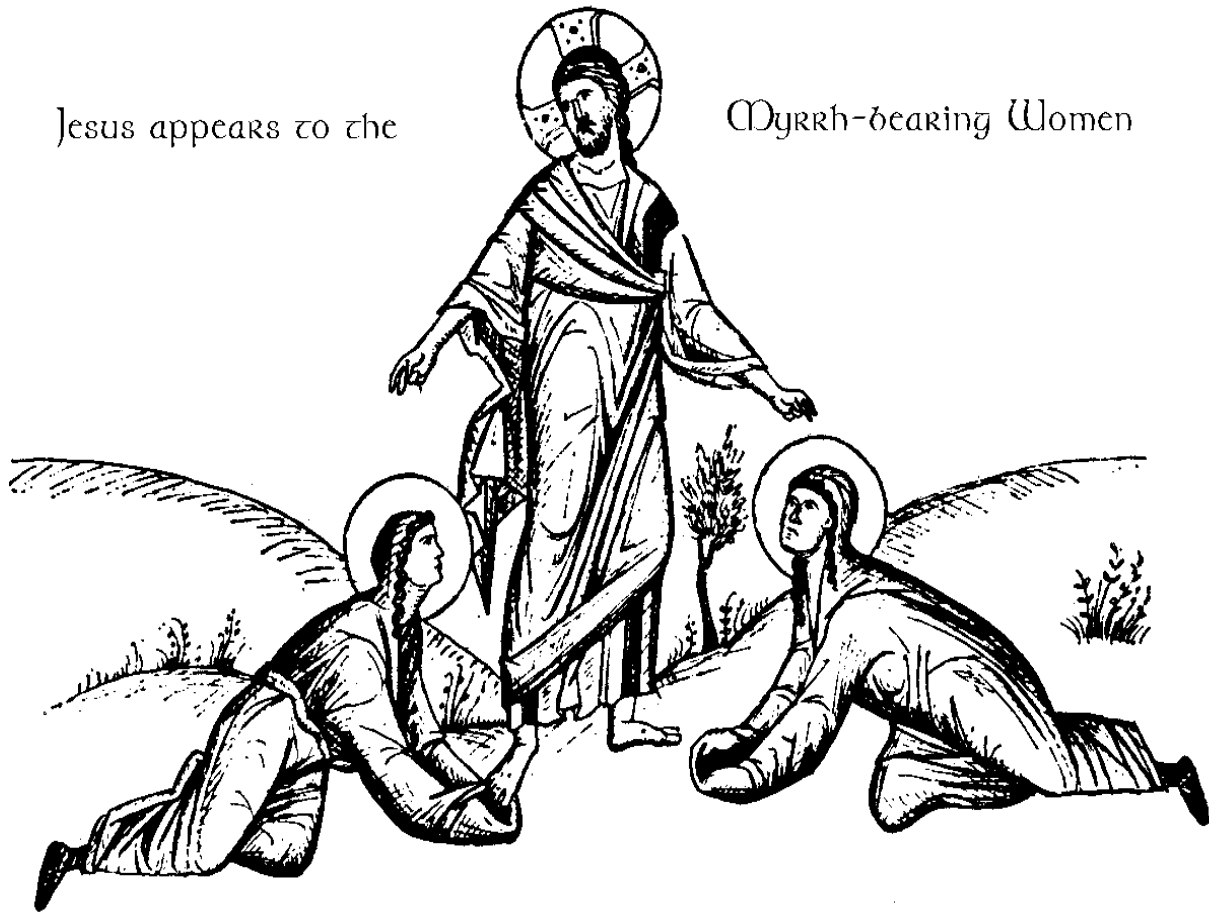
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## **CHRIST IS RISEN**

Jesus appears to the

Myrrh-bearing Women



**MAY 8, 2022**

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN,  
PIOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA & RIGHTEOUS NICODEMUS**

## DURING THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**Troparion of the Feast** Tone 5: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life.

Arabic: Al-ma-sih qam min bai-ni l-am-wat, wa-wa-ti-a l-mowt bil-mowt, wa-wa-ha-ba l-hayah, lil-la-dhi-na fi l-qu-bur (sung alternately with Psalm verses in between).

## THE PASCHAL ENTRANCE HYMN

Priest: In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. People: Save us O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

## HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

All: **Troparion of the Resurrection in the Second Tone**: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal one, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly power, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee, O Christ Thou giver of Life glory to Thee. (*Repeated in Arabic*)

Choir: **Troparia of the Myrrh-bearers in the Second Tone**: Pious Joseph, having brought down thy pure body from the Tree, and wrapped it in pure linen, embalmed it with ointment, prepared it, and laid it in a new tomb. But thou didst verily rise, after three days, O Lord, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women: The ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ hath been shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the great mercy.

**Kontakion of Pascha** Tone 8: Down to the grave though thou wentest immortal Lord. Yet didst thou there hurl down death by thy throne of might and art risen with vict'ry crowned, O Christ our true God; And hast hailed with glad greeting the women that came with myrrh; And

unto thine Apostles hast graciously sent thy peace, O Lord that grantest the fallen to rise with thee.

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**Prokeimenon** His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. 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 touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life—the Life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the Eternal Life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to 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.

**Alleluia Verses** (Psalm 19:1, 9) May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble. O Lord, save the king, and hear us when we call upon you.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (15:43-47 16:1-8)**

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid

him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid.

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; -- it was very large.

And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has 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 to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

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OTHER CHANGES FOR SUNDAY OF  
THE MYRRH BEARING WOMEN

Instead of "It is truly meet...", the choir will sing: The Megalyrnarion of Pascha, "The Angel cried to the Lady..."

Communion Hymn: "Receive ye the body of Christ and taste and see him that is found deathless." replaces "Praise ye the Lord..."

Instead of "We have seen the true light, we sing "Christ is risen..."

Note: During the Paschal season, for the Communion of the people, we sing the Troparion of Pascha in various languages.

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PLEASE NOTE: **TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY** for the Departed may not be said as a 9th day, 40th day, 6th month, or an anniversary memorial from Lazarus Saturday through Thomas Sunday. The only Trisagion Prayers of Mercy permitted during that period are those said for the faithful who pass from this life

in these holy days. Thus, the next Sunday at which the Trisagion Prayers of Mercy can be sung will be May 8.

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**Holy Oblations are offered today by** for all of our mothers, grandmothers and godmothers and by Fr. Michael for Kh. Donna on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

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*Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, May Dabbah, Sylvia Saba, Fatin Fakhouri (burns), Tarek Fakhouri, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, Laura Anter (brain surgery), and the suffering people of Haiti, India, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.*

**Today**

**Is Mother's Day: Blessing to all of our "moms". Our teens will be giving flowers to all of our mothers, grandmothers and godmothers.**

Following Church tradition, after the Dismissal, we chant the phimi (a special hymn) in honor of His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH on the occasion of his patronal feast day in the following order:

- 1) The deacon intones the phimi from the beautiful gate.
- 2) The clergy then chant the phimi from the sanctuary.
- 3) The choir then chants the phimi from where it stands.

**PHIMI OF METROPOLITAN JOSEPH:**

JOSEPH, the most devout, the most reverend, chosen by God as Archbishop of New York and the Metropolitan of all North America, our Father and Chief Shepherd, may God grant him many years! (Tone 2)

**This Week**

**Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Little Compline**

**Next Week**

**Sunday May 15, Last Day of Church School Instruction**

**Save the date for a “Mother’s Day Fiesta!” May, 19th at church, 6:30-9:30. See flyer for details.**

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday May 22, Church School Awards**

**Monday May 23, St. Michael Orthodox Church Van Nuys Golf Tournament** (see flyer for more details)

**Fr. Michael’s Retirement Luncheon**

We are gearing up to celebrate over 3 decades with our Abouna. This is a bittersweet time for us since we are happy for Fr. Michael but sad to see him go. Fr. Michael’s retirement has been moved to mid-August. **Therefore, the Retirement Celebration has been moved to Sunday July 31.** Please save the date for his celebration with reservation information coming out in the next few weeks.

July 31, Social Hour at 2:30 PM, Mediterranean meal at 3:00 PM.

St. Paul’s Greek Orthodox Church Hall, Irvine

Limit of 300 seats

Sincerely,

Retirement Party Committee

Nelson and Jerri Lynn Mamey, Rima Tarazi, Barbara Scholl, Kristin Chala and Paula Rodriguez

**Quote of the Day**

"Blessed is Christ Who promised life and resurrection to Adam's children in the day of His coming. We too shall arise and exalt Him along with the saints who have been pleasing to Him."

-- *St. Ephraim the Syrian*

**Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers**

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of

their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulchre, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers. Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Saviour, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Saviour's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counsellors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).

**The Orthodox Christian greeting of Pascha**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

**AL-MASSIH QAM!**

**HAKKAN QAM! (Arabic)**

**CHRISTOS ANESTI!**

**ALITHOS ANESTI! (Greek)**

**CHRISTOS A INVIAT!**

**ADEVERAT A INVIAT! (Romanian)**

**CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!**

**VOISTINU VOSKRESE! (Slavonic)**

**CRISTO HA RESUCITADO!**

**EN VERDAD HA RESUCITADO! (Spanish)**