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**The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24:1-12
4th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018 3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 2. Myrrhbearing Women. St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis (613). Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Vsévolod (in Baptism Gabriel), Prince of Pskov (1834). Apostles Nathaniel, Luke and Clement (1st c.). Ven. Vitalis (Vitalii) of Gaza (6th-7th c.).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

TROPARIA

(Tone 2) When Thou didst descended 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) The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: “Myrrh is meet for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: ‘The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy!’”

(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 rise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

(Tone 4) In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone: 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.

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (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.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v: Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast restored the fortune of Jacob.

v: Mercy and truth have met, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (15:43-16:8)

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.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: 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, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS

There are eight women who are generally identified as the myrrh-bearers. Each of the four Gospels gives a different aspect of the roles of these eight women at the cross and at the tomb on Easter morning, perhaps since the eight women arrived in different groups and at different times. The eight are: Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Theotokos (the Virgin Mary), Joanna, Salome-Mary the wife of Cleopas (or Alphaeus), Susanna, Mary of Bethany, Martha of Bethany.

Of the eight, the first five are the more prominent and outspoken. The last three are included according to tradition. Five of these women were also very wealthy; the women of means were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and Mary and Martha of Bethany.

A confusing aspect in Gospel references to these women is that two of the Marys had a son named James. Mary, the wife of Alphaeus, was the mother of James, one of the Twelve Apostles; the Virgin Mary was the step-mother of James, the Lord's brother (Matthew 13:55, Galatians 1:19).

In Western tradition, James, the son of Alphaeus, and James, the Lord's brother, have sometimes been identified as the same person. In Eastern tradition, James, the Lord's brother was Bishop of Jerusalem from 30-62 AD and never left the vicinity of Jerusalem. He is the James who rendered the decision of the council of Jerusalem in 48 AD (Acts 15:13-19). Eastern Tradition links James, the son of Alphaeus, with evangelism abroad, especially in Egypt where he was martyred.

One helpful tip that can clear up the confusion between these two Marys is the passage that refers to the Virgin Mary as the mother of James and Joseph (Matthew 13:55). This Joseph is also called *Barsabas*, *Justus*, and *Judas* (Acts 1:23 and 15:22). Therefore, in Matthew 27:56, the women looking on from afar at the cross were Mary Magdalene, the Virgin Mary (that is, Mary the mother of James and Joseph), and Salome (the wife of Zebedee and the Virgin Mary's step-daughter).

Matthew refers to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary," who is probably the Virgin Mary also from the context (Matthew 27:61 and 28:1). Such Church Fathers as St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Gregory Palamas support this interpretation. Similarly, St. Gregory of Nyssa identifies "Mary, the mother of James" (Mark 16:1 and Luke 24:10) as the Virgin Mary also.

These eight women had been together a lot during Jesus' three-year public ministry. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and others (Luke 8:3) are described as providing for Jesus out of their possessions (that is, acting as deaconesses). These same women had faithfully followed him from Galilee and had come up with him to Jerusalem (Matthew 27:55, Mark 15:40-41, and Luke 23:55).

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

God's blessings for good health to all our precious grandchildren & their parents
Special Intentions

God's blessings for good health for Rimi, Zayn & Amir Abu-Aita
Amir, Rimi & Zayn for health
Alex & Eleni

Adelaida, Feodosiy, Oleg, Irina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Galina

God's blessings to Tom Panoff on his birthday April 13th & namesday April 15th

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitri, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Amir, Rimi, Zayn, Reggie, Allen, Deborah,
JoAnn, Gloria, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Vladimir,
Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Nicholas,
Margaret, Joseph, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Angelo & Christine
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The Gonsers
Alex & Magda Popoff
Irina Sivergina
Mom & Dad

Joe Tome
Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Zina Pyatenko

Vasily, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay & Vitaliy

Zina Pyatenko~newly fallen asleep

Peter Popoff & John Naum

David Timma (1 yr.) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal April 22


Angelo & Christine
Irina Sivergina
Dorothy Goodman & family
Alex & Magda Popoff
Dorothy Goodman



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall.

40 DAY MEMORIAL for Nick Maxim today following the veneration of the cross.

COFFEE HOUR  Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and donuts for the month of April & May. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen. Call or email the parish office as well as signing up, if you'd like to sponsor the donuts and/or coffee.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Deodorant for the month of April. Place the items in the blue box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS Please pick up your quarterly statements in the parish hall to save the cost of mailing them.



BINGO May 6th. Lots of family fun & prizes as well as lunch.

RUMMAGE SALE June 8th & 9th 10 am – 6 pm. Donations are needed. To donate large items call Dennis Jernigan at 810-908-3631 to make arrangements. Smaller items can be left in the foyer in the parish hall.

BOOK CLUB There isn't a specific book at this time. Fr. Dc. Michael will be bringing, or will send to you some items to read from the list of topics that we put together. Orthodox Funeral Traditions, Green Funeral Movement, etc.

1. Prayers for the departed, RC vs Orthodox understanding (e.g., purgatory, etc)
2. Visions and mystics, weeping icons, miracles, the holy fire and a perspective on what God is doing in providing such occurrences in our world
3. Relics
4. Holy fire
5. Israel - Who is Israel
6. Understanding Liturgy
7. Preparation for Great Lent, Great Lent, Holy Week, Pascha, Ascension, Pentecost - an Overview of the movable season of the Church year
8. Vestments

PASCHA FLOWERS If you donated toward particular flowers, they are in the parish hall & can be taken home.

Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday, April 24

6 pm Book Club

Wednesday, April 25

9:30 am Liturgy
11 am Adult Ed class

Saturday, April 28

5 pm Vespers

Sunday, April 29

4th Paschal Sunday – the Sunday of the Paralytic

9:30 am Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week April 15, 2018

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,654.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,034.03
	-\$ 2,380.03

25 people were in attendance on Sunday, April 15.

“Let no one fear death for the death of our Savior has set us free.” *St. John Chrysostom*