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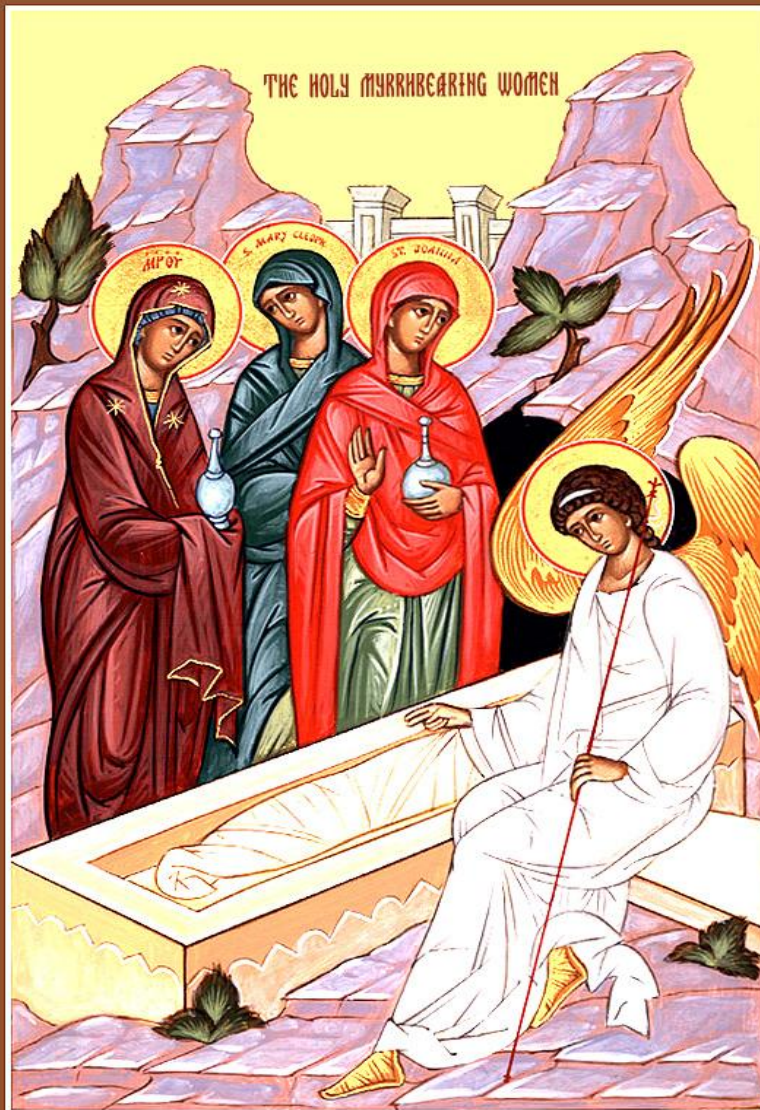
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SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016. 3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 2. Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism (348 A.D.). Myrrhbearing Women. St. Isaiah, Bishop and Wonderworker of Rostov (1090). The slain Crown Prince Dimitry of Uglich and Moscow (1591). Ven. Isaiah, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (1115). Ven. Pachomius—Abbot, and Silvanus, of Nerekhta (1384). Ven. Evfrosin (Euphrosynus), Abbot and Wonderworker of Pskov, and his disciple, Ven. Serapion (Pskov—1481). St. Achilles, Bishop of Larissa (4th 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 SAINT 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.

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.

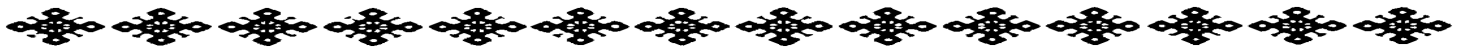
One helpful tip that can clear up the confusion between these two Marys is the passage that refers to the Virgin Mary as the mother of James and Joseph (Matthew 13:55). This Joseph is also called *Barsabas*, *Justus*, and *Judas* (Acts 1:23 and 15:22). Therefore, in Matthew 27:56, the women looking on 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

Health & God's Blessings to Thomas & Christopher (May, 9) Panoff
on their Names Day..... Mom & Dad
Tom Branoff on his Names Day..... Linda, Peter & Marilyn
Special Intention Joe Tome
God's Blessings & Good health for all mothers, grandmothers, Godmother's
and aunts of our parish St. Catherine's League
Janice, Krista, Christy, Kathy, Kelly, Gail, April, Maggie, Mitra & Spasa Angelo & Christine
Health & God's Blessings Fr. Matthew and family on the 21st anniversary of
his ordination Stojan & Mira Prusac
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Deacon Julio, Aaron,
Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth, Stojan & Mira,
Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Gladys, my family & friends Joe Tome

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR (May, 8)

God's Blessings for Fr. Matthew on the anniversary of his ordination His family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Popoff Alex & Magda Popoff
Evdokia & Ivan Ponomarenko Lucy Hogg
Blessed Repose for all deceased mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers & aunts
of our parish..... St. Catherine's League
Mildred, Katherine, Dilba, Angelina, Luba, Mary, Flossie, Mary, Vera,
Elva, Tomka..... Angelo & Christine
John Zelenko-1yr Blessed Repose-Memory Eternal Dorothy & Family

ETERNAL LIGHT

Ljubomir Prusac-Memory Eternal..... Stojan & Mira Prusac



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Bar and Hand Soap for the month of May. 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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve on **Thursday, June 2 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

PROSPORA BAKERS we are in need of Proshpora for the Divine Liturgy. If you are able to make we would appreciate four (4) loaves at a time.

MIDDLE EASTERN LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE at St. George on Thursday, May 26 from 11 am to 2:30 pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Please see the fliers for the luncheon on the tables in our parish hall.

LAY DELEGATE The Diocesan conference will be held on Saturday, June 25 at the Holiday Inn Gateway. If you would like to serve as a lay delegate or would like to nominate an individual(s), please contact the parish office.

MACEDONIAN OPEN The 36th Macedonian Open Golf Scramble will be held this year on Monday, June 20th at the Davison Country Club. Once again that is the Monday after Father's Day and would make a great Father's Day gift. Everyone is encouraged to help out in any way they can. There are many sponsorship opportunities for Families and individuals who would like to support the event, from signs wishing "good luck" to signs "in memory" of a loved one. A sign sponsorship is a great advertising opportunity for any business. Whether it's for your business or one that you frequent, we encourage everyone to participate in getting new sign sponsors this year. The Macedonian Open raised over \$19,000 for the Church last year and is hopeful for an even bigger and better turnout this year. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like to help, please contact Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, George Branoff or Chris Nedanis. Please look for the flyers that will be available on our website, in the monthly Bulletin and in the Church Hall following today's service. Feel free to take a few extra flyers and pass them around.

MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSINGS the schedule has been posted in the May bulletin. If you have a loved one at a cemetery other than what is listed, please call the parish office by Friday, May 20 if you would like for Father to bless your loved ones grave.

Schedule of services and events for the week of May 15:

Today

2:00 pm Marriage of Angela Bakousidis and Joseph Murphy

Monday, May 16

6-8 pm Book Club @ St. George

Wednesday, May 18

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:00 am Adult Education

Saturday, May 21

5:00 pm

Vespers

Sunday, May 22

9:30 am

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC – 4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Third Hour

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

Church School

1yr Parastas for +Evanka Elieff

Offerings for the week May 8, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,502.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
	-\$3,753.62

*108 people were in attendance on Sunday,
May 8, 2016*

“If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.”

St. John Chrysostom