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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA—2. Myrrhbearing Women. Ven. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves Monastery and Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism in Russia (1074). Myrrhbearing Women. Martyrs Timothy the Reader and his wife Maura of Antinoë in Egypt (ca. 286). St. Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argolis (10th c.). The “SVENSKAYA” Icon of the Mother of God (1288).

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, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: 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 ...

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. Troparion: Christ is risen...

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Troparion: Christ is risen...

TROPARIA

(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!

(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 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 Jesus 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.

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen! Christos voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese! (Slavonic)
Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! (Greek) Al Maseeya kam! Hakkan kam! (Arabic)
Hristos vaskrese! Voistinnu vaskrese! (Serbian)
Hristos a înviat! Adeverat a înviat! (Romanian)

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, 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:55, Galatians: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 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: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 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:1 and Luke: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).

The holy Gospel according to 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.

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God’s blessings & health for family and everyone

Bosa Kantar

God’s blessings and health for Jim

Menka & Alex Nedanis

Vasa Karatza & expecting parents Jessica & Theodore

Teddy Stavridis

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Larry, Helen, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Anna, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Katheryn, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family & all parishioners at St. Nicholas, and my friends.

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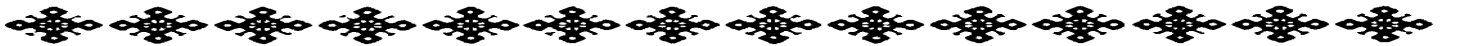
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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! Welcome to everyone joining us via our YouTube channel: [St Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton.](#)

Beloved,

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has been met by teleconference this past week and has issued a [Pastoral Letter](#) and [Synodal Directives](#). In accordance with these, Archbishop Alexander will develop further guidelines for our Diocese. When these are completed this will be communicated to you.

The stay-at-home order in Michigan lasts through May 15 so through that date attendance at the divine services at church is limited to those who must be there: priest, deacon, chanter, server, reader. Services will continue to be live-streamed.

In this time of uncertainty we follow our Lord’s counsel that by patient endurance we will possess our souls. As Elder Cleopa Ilie took these words of the Lord and repeated them for us, “Patience! Patience! Patience! Patience! Patience! Patience! Patience! And when you will think you are done, start all over again: Patience! Patience! Patience!” We turn to the Mother of God as our intercessor, asking her to intercede for us, for the whole world, praying, “*Beneath your compassion we take refuge, O Virgin Theotokos. Despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from harm, O only pure, only blessed one. Most holy Theotokos, save us.*”

Love,

Fr. Matthew

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Monday, May 4 Fr. Matthew with Archbishop Alexander

Wednesday, May 6

10 am [Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Saturday, May 9

5 pm [Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Sunday, May 10

10 am [Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Offerings for the week April 26th, 2020

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,190.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,236.00
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