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COMMEMORATED TODAY

- STS. MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN, RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA AND NICODEMUS (*CELEBRATION ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA*).
- RIGHT-BELIEVING TAMARA, QUEEN OF GEORGIA (*MOVABLE HOLIDAY ON THE SUNDAY OF MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN*).
- STS. MARY AND MARTHA, SISTERS OF ST. LAZARUS (1ST C.) (*MOVABLE HOLIDAY ON THE SUNDAY OF MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN*).
- ALL SAINTS OF THESSALONICA (*CELEBRATION ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA*) (*GREEK*).
- NEW HIEROMARTYR SERAPHIM, ARCHBISHOP OF PHANARION AND NEOCHORION (*CELEBRATION ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA*) (*GREEK*).
- NEW MONK-MARTYR ELIAS (ARDUNIS) OF MT. ATHOS AND KALAMATA (1688) (*CELEBRATION ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA*) (*GREEK*).

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THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

(Tone 2)

~ SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS ~

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 2 (Bulgarian)

When Thou descended to death, O Life Immortal, / Thou didst slay Hades with the splendor of Thy Divinity, / 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.

The Noble Joseph

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, / and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It in a new tomb. / But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, // granting to the world great mercy.

(Glory...) Kontakion of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Tone 2

When Thou didst cry, rejoice, unto the Myrrh-bearers, / Thou didst make the lamentation of Eve the first mother to cease / by Thy resurrection, O Christ God. / And Thou didst bid Thine Apostles to preach: // The Savior is risen from the grave.

(Both Now...) Kontakion of Pascha, 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 myrrh-bearing women, // granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

+ Prokeimenon +

In the 6th tone (*Psalms 27*):

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance,
Thine inheritance

A Warm Welcome to all our Guests!

We are very pleased you have joined us for worship today. Please note that reception of Holy Communion is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is offered by the priest at the end of the service. Also, please feel free to take this handout with you.

+ Epistle Reading +

Acts 6:1-7

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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;
- 4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.
- 5 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,
- 6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.
- 7 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 +

In the **8th** tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

+ Gospel Reading +

Mark 15:43-16:8

- 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.
- 44 Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time.
- 45 So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.
- 46 Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.
- 47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph observed where He was laid.
- 1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

- 2 Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.
- 3 And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"
- 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away-for it was very large.
- 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.
- 6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.
- 7 But go, tell His disciples-and Peter-that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.
- 8 So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Instead of: *It is truly meet...*

We sing: *The Angel Cried...*

+ Communion Verse +

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
Praise Him in the highest.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Instead of "*We have seen the true light...*", we sing *Christ is risen from the dead...*" (1X)

At the dismissal, when the priest says: "*Glory to Thee, O Christ God...*" the Choir sings "*Christ is risen...*" x3 instead of "*Glory... Both now... Father bless!*" Then the priest gives the dismissal.

