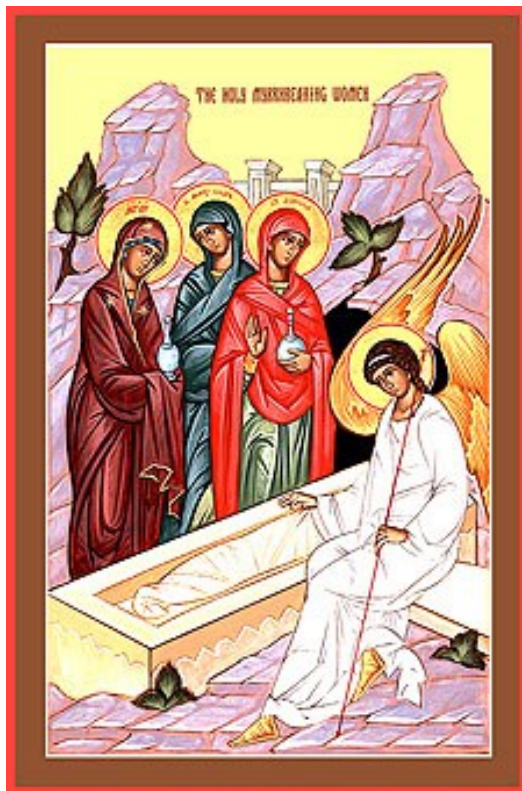


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Third Antiphon

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him
flee from before His face.

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

As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.
So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.
This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

Entrance Hymn

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel.
O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thy-self 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!

Troparion of St. Joseph of Arimathaea, Tone 2

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

Troparion of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Tone 2

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh-oils are
meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is
risen, granting to the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of St. George, Tone 4

As deliver of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirmed, champion of kings,
victorious great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

Kontakion of Easter in Tone 8

Though thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, thou didst destroy the power of hell
and, as Victor, thou didst rise again, O Christ our God. Thou didst greet the ointment-bearing
women, saying, Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon thy Disciples, and resurrection upon those
that are fallen.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement has the Lord chastened me.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (6:1-7)

Brethren. In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministry. And the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said: "It is not right that we should forsake the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. And we will devote ourselves 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 of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Próchoros, and Nikánor, and Tímon, and Parmenás, and Nikólaos a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THE GOSPEL

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

Let Us Attend. At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, 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 Jesus 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 Joses 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 Jesus. And very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at the rising of the sun. 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 long white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is 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 quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Prayers are being offered for the
Health and Safety of:

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Robin Abodeely
Elias AbouFarah
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ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in memory of the Handmaid of God Eva Lodigian DeGrandpre, requested by Nina Pare. May Eva's memory be eternal and may God bless Nina with peace, good health and happiness.

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in memory of the Servant of God Camille Husson, requested by Karen Hopkinson and her family. May Camille's memory be eternal and may God bless Karen and her family with peace, good health and happiness.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God Eva Lodigian DeGrandpre, requested by Nina Pare & Margaret Sutherland. May Eva's memory be eternal.

A Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant, Camille Husson, requested his daughter Karen Hopkinson and family. May Camille's memory be eternal.

REMEMBER TO GREET ONE ANOTHER DURING THIS SEASON
OF RESURRECTION WITH:

Christ is Risen!
Al-Masih Qam!
Kristos Anesti!
Kristos A Inviat!
Kristos Voskresy!
Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz!

Truly, He is Risen!
Hagan Qam!
Alithos Anesti!
Adeverat A Inviat!
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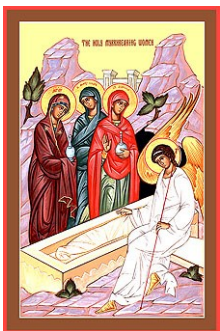
MEMORIAL LUNCHEON

Today's Coffee Hour is being offered in memory of the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God Eva Lodigian DeGrandpre, offered by Nina Pare and Family & Margaret Sutherland. May Eva's memory be eternal. May God bless Nina and her family and Margaret with peace, good health and happiness.

COFFEE HOURS

We would like to see a coffee hour each week. For those interested in signing up to host a coffee hour please inform Fr. Leonard and put your name and the reason you are hosting it on the calendar in the back of the hall. If no one sponsors a coffee hour there will NOT be any for that day. Please see Fr. Leonard if you have any questions.

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph



The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikódēmos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb. According to the Evangelist Matthew Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says.

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