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MAY 19, 2024 / 3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA: HOLY MYRRH-BEARERS (TONE 2)

PASCHAL VERSES

Priest: Blessed is the kingdom ...

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!
(2½x)

Choir: And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Great Litany

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

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!”

TROPARION FROM PENTECOSTARION IN TONE TWO

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 arise on the third day, O Lord, // granting the world great mercy.

- *Do not sing the troparion of Apostles Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

KONTAKION FROM PENTECOSTARION IN TONE TWO

Thou didst command the Myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God. / By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. / Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles: // “The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

PASCHAL KONTAKION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of Hades. / 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 TONE SIX

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 EPISTLE

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

In those days, some time later, as the number of disciples kept growing, there was a quarrel between the Greek-speaking Jews and the native Jews. The Greek-speaking Jews claimed that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of funds. So the twelve apostles called the whole group of believers together and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the preaching of God's word in order to handle finances. So then, friends, choose seven men among you who are known to be full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, and we will put them in charge of this matter. We ourselves, then, will give our full time to prayer and the work of preaching." The whole group was pleased with the apostles' proposal, so they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a Gentile from Antioch who had earlier been converted to Judaism. The group presented them to the apostles, who prayed and placed their hands on them. And so the word of God continued to spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem grew larger and larger, and a great number of priests accepted the faith.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.
v. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

THE GOSPEL

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

It was toward evening when Joseph of Arimathea arrived. He was a respected member of the Council, who was waiting for the coming of the Kingdom of God. It was Preparation day (that is, the day before the Sabbath), so Joseph went boldly into the presence of Pilate and asked him for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead. He called the army officer and asked him if Jesus had been dead a long time. After hearing the officer's report, Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. Joseph bought a linen sheet, took the body down, wrapped it in the sheet, and placed it in a tomb which had been dug out of solid rock. Then he rolled a large stone across the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were watching and saw where the body of Jesus was placed. After the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices to go and anoint the body of Jesus. Very early on Sunday morning, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they said to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" (It was a very large stone.) Then they looked up and saw that the stone had already been rolled back. So they entered the tomb, where they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe—and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here—he has been raised! Look, here is the place where he was placed. Now go and give this message to his disciples, including Peter: 'He is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him, just as he told you.'" So they went out and ran from the tomb, distressed and terrified. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

FESTAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE FOUR

[Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following]

Refrain: The angel cried unto the Lady that is full of grace: / Rejoice, O pure Virgin! And again, I say, rejoice! / For thy Son is risen from the grave on the third day, // and has raised the dead, O ye people, be joyful!

Heirmos: Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, / for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; / dance now and be glad, O Zion, / and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, // in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear

COMMUNION HYMN

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

AT COMMUNION TO DISMISSAL

Priest: “In the fear of God...”

Choir: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord...”

Priest: “O God, save Thy people...”

Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead...” *(sung once, instead of “We have seen the True Light...”)*

Priest: “Always, now and ever...”

Choir: “Let our mouths be filled...”

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to Thee, O Christ...” and the choir sings “Christ is risen from the dead...” (thrice). Priest reads the Dismissal.

Priest: “Through the prayers ...”

Choir: And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on May 19th: Holy Myrrh-bearing Women with St. Joseph of Arimathea; Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prusa, and Companions; Virgin-Martyr Pudentiana of Rome; Martyr Theotime; Martyr Caluf of Egypt; St. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury; St. John, Bishop of the Crimean Goths; St. Cornelius, Abbot of Komel; St. Demetrius Donskoy, Grand Prince of Moscow.

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of V. Rev. Archimandrite Anthony Falsarella.

PARISH AND LOCAL EVENTS

(1) The date and time for the blessing of graves at Graceland Cemetery in Kenilworth, N.J. is still unsettled. Russ Wyskanycz will contact those with graves at Graceland Cemetery as soon as that information becomes available.

(2) The potted hydrangea flowers are available to anyone who wants to take them home. Donations would be welcome.

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!
Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

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