



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION † ORTHODOX CHURCH

APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 | 3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA | TONE 2

## THE HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### ACTS 6:1-7 | EPISTLE (16)

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.

#### MARK 15:43-16:8 | GOSPEL (69)

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. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. 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. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away — for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 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. 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." 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.

### MANY YEARS!

#### BIRTHDAYS

7 <sup>TH</sup> – Ryleigh Tunink	23 <sup>RD</sup> – Sarah Dumler
8 <sup>TH</sup> – April Schulte	23 <sup>RD</sup> – Logan Jackson
8 <sup>TH</sup> – Matt Dawson	25 <sup>TH</sup> – Stone Stevens
10 <sup>TH</sup> – Merrick Dawson	26 <sup>TH</sup> – Kail Molner
18 <sup>TH</sup> – Jack Pyatt	27 <sup>TH</sup> – Kristen Burnside
18 <sup>TH</sup> – Makiya Schulte	29 <sup>TH</sup> – Mason Hendrix
22 <sup>ND</sup> – Millie Manyik	29 <sup>TH</sup> – Malachi Hendrix
22 <sup>ND</sup> – Jennifer Billmire	30 <sup>TH</sup> – Lilah Nelson
22 <sup>ND</sup> – Myree Hickman	

### CALENDAR

#### APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY

Great Vespers, 6:30 pm

#### APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> – 3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am — Fr. James  
– coffee hour to follow in hall –

#### MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> – CELEBRATION OF LIFE, 11:00 AM

For Melvin Denson  
@ Peyton High School, 19485 N Calhan Hwy

#### MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> – SATURDAY

Great Vespers, 6:30 pm

#### MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> – SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am — Fr. George Khristich  
– coffee hour to follow in hall –

#### MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> – MOTHER & DAUGHTER BANQUET

Sunday Evening, 5:30 pm  
@ Calhan United Methodist Church, 581 Denver Street

#### MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY

Great Vespers, 6:30 pm

#### MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> – SAMARITAN WOMAN | MOTHERS DAY

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am — Fr. George Khristich  
– No Fellowship After Service –

## THE HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN

On this third Sunday of Pascha, the Church commemorates the small company of faithful women who came to the tomb of Christ before dawn — Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome, Joanna, and others — carrying spices to anoint His body. They had watched Him die. They knew where He was laid. And while the Apostles remained behind locked doors, these women rose in the dark and went to serve their Lord.

Their courage is striking. Roman guards had been posted. A great stone sealed the tomb. The city was still under the shadow of crucifixion. And yet the Myrrhbearers asked each other only one question as they walked through the darkness: "Who will roll away the stone for us?" They did not turn back. They went anyway. What they found exceeded all expectation — the stone rolled away, the tomb empty, a radiant angel with a simple, world-shattering message: "He is risen! He is not here." And then, remarkably, they were commissioned: go and tell His disciples.

The Myrrhbearing Women were the first evangelists of the Resurrection. The Church honors them with the title "Equal to the Apostles." Also remembered today are Joseph of Arimathea — a member of the very council that condemned Jesus, who nonetheless went to Pilate to claim the body — and Nicodemus, who brought myrrh and aloes. Both acted at great personal cost. Together with the women, they show us what it looks like to love Christ not only in His glory, but in His suffering.

The Resurrection is not witnessed from a distance. It is encountered by those who draw near — who show up in the dark, who carry what little they have, who refuse to let fear have the last word.

*Christ is Risen!*

## TROPARIA & KONTAKIA — DIVINE LITURGY

### TROPARION | TONE 2 (RESURRECTION)

*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 | TONE 2 (PENTECOSTARION)

*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.*

### TROPARION | TONE 2 (PENTECOSTARION)

*The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.'"*

### KONTAKION | TONE 2 (PENTECOSTARION)

*Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers 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!"*

### KONTAKION | TONE 8 (PASCHA)

*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 Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.*

## PRAYER LIST

### LIVING:

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Dcn. Herman Combs & Family, Dcn. Tikhon Krueger & Family

Carol, Charlie, Anita, Chad, Jan, Harold, Libbie, Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Tony, Diane, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard ✠ Meryl, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Jill, Beverly, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Ethan, Navlet, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, Child Charlotte, Cathy

### DEPARTED: Melvin

**INFANTS:** Infant Lawrence, Infant Dominic, Infant AdaLynn, Infant Gus

**THOSE WITH CHILD:** Mka. Lindsey

**THOSE WHO ARE CONFINED:** Basil, Hannah, Theodore

## COMMEMORATIONS

3rd Sunday of Pascha: Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus; Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea; Saint Stephen, Bishop of Perm; Righteous Virgin Martyr Glaphyra; Saint Joannicius of Devič, Serbia; 6,000 Martyrs of Saint David Gareji Monastery, Georgia; Icon of the Mother of God of Mozdok and Dubno-Krasnogorsk

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Sunday, we were grateful to welcome Deacon Tikhon Krueger and his family for Vespers and Divine Liturgy. Thank you to all who made their visit so warm!

Next Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Calhan United Methodist Church invites all mothers and daughters to their Mothers & Daughters Banquet, 5:30 PM at 581 Denver Street.

May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day — no coffee hour following Divine Liturgy. Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mothers!