

(There were no Bulletin Sponsors for today)

**Readings:**

- **Acts 6:1-7**
- **Mark 15:43-16:8**

**IN THOSE DAYS**, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, 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 greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

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**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 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 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; for 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 anyone, for they were afraid.

**Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**

**Sunday service:**

**Hours** - 9:40 AM                      **Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM  
**Private Confession** - Half hour before any service. See Fr Matthew for other times.  
**General Confession** - 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month  
**Pannikhidas** - after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

**Church School** – 9:30 AM

No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.

**Coffee hour** - after Liturgy

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- There will be a **meeting of the Parish Council today** after coffee hour.
- **There will be no Vespers this Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- The **2013 Parish Council Conference**, called: "*Parish Growth and Evangelization in the Diocese of New York and New Jersey*" will be held on Saturday, 15 June 2013 at Holy Resurrection Church, 285 French Hill Road, Wayne NJ. RSVP by 1 June: Father Paul Kucynda (973-696-6572) Email: pkucynda@optonline.net
- Bishop Michael has asked for our assistance in obtaining 100,000 signatures on an appeal for the **release of Archbishop Paul Yazigi and Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim**, who were abducted on April 23, and whose whereabouts is now unknown. Please consider signing at: <http://wh.gov/teJU>. You will need to register ... then receive a confirmation email with a link ... then you can sign the petition. You can read more at <http://www.antiochian.org>

**Special Announcements:**

- **Dues and assessments are being collected for the year 2013, Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200.** Partial payments are gladly accepted.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)

**Myrrhbearing Women:**

The third Sunday after Pascha is dedicated to the **myrrhbearing women** who cared for the body of the Saviour at his death and who were the first witnesses of his Resurrection. The three troparia of Holy Friday are sung once again and form the theme of today:

*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.*

*When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.*

*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.*

V. Rev. Thomas Hopko

As part of the 3rd Sunday of Pascha we commemorate the Holy Myrrh-bearing women:

- Sts Mary Magdalene (July 22),
- Mary the wife of Clopas,
- Joanna (June 27),
- Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3),
- Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4).

Also:

- St Joseph of Arimathea (July 31),
- and Nicodemus.



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Holy Myrrhbearing Women

**Christ is risen!**

Христос  
Воскресе!

**Indeed he is risen!**

Воистину  
Воскресе !

*You did command the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ!  
By Your Resurrection, You did stop the lamentation of Eve, O God!  
You did command Your apostles to preach:  
The Savior is Risen!*

**Kontakion**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha. • Myrrhbearing Women**

- Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa, and his companions: Presbyters Acacius, Menander, and Polyenus (2nd-3rd c.)
- Ven. Cornelius, Abbot of Komel' (Vologdá—1537)
- Ven. Cornelius, Abbot of Paleostrov (15th c.)
- Rt. Blv. John, Prince of Uglich, tonsured as Ignatius (Vologdá—1523)
- Ven. Sergius of Shukhtomsk (1609)
- St. John Bishop of the Goths in the Crimea (8th c.)
- Rt. Blv. Dimitry Donskoy, Grand Prince of Moscow (1389).

**May 19, 2013**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha**

Pentecostarion Week 3

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