

There are Bulletin sponsors this week.

Readings: **Acts 6:1-7** (*3rd Sunday after Pascha*)
Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8 (*3rd Sunday after Pascha*)

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.

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 Jesus 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.

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew	
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month	

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

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

Sunday School meets every Sunday after Communion.

Announcements:

- The **Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God will hold their next **meeting** on Sunday **June 2nd** after coffee hour.
- The next **meeting** of the **parish council** will be Sunday, **June 30th** after coffee hour.

Reminders:

- The **Sisterhood’s food drive** is ongoing. Donation bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Please be generous. Thank you!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:
Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand. Or a **Venmo account** can be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>)
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph:

The third Sunday of 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.

Remembered are: 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**.

Appearing to the Myrrh-bearing Women at the tomb, the Angel exclaimed:

"Myrrh is meet for the dead;

but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption.

So proclaim: "The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy."

Troparion – Tone 2

You visited Christ the Lord in the night,

and were born from above being received, as it were, as a secret Apostle.

With good courage you disputed with the Pharisees and Scribes

and followed the Savior.

Taking Him dead from the Cross, / you wrapped Him in cloths with myrrh and laid

Him in the tomb,

O fervent Nikóde̅mos.

Troparion – Tone 4

The comely Joseph,

when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree,

wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices,

and placed it in a new tomb.

But You rose on the third day, O Lord,

granting the world great mercy.

Troparion – Tone 2

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/05/19>

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Christ is Risen!

Indeed he is risen!

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

*When You proclaimed "Rejoice" to the Myrrhbearers,
You caused the lamentation of the foremother Eve to cease by Your Resurrection;*

O Christ God;

commanding Your Apostles to proclaim:

"The Savior is risen from the tomb."

Tone 2 – Kontakion

May 19, 2024

Today the Church remembers:

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)

3rd Sunday of Pascha

Tone 2
Myrrhbearing Women Sunday