

Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:**For the health of:**

Richard Sr., on his birthday. Offered by the Dantine family.

David Lee, cousin of Andrew, hospitalized for COVID19, offered by the Romanofsky family.

Readings: **Acts 6:1-7** (*3rd Sunday of Pascha*)

Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8 (*3rd Sunday of 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 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.

Sunday service:

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been suspended for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page nynjoca.org has online services for viewing.

Church School

Church School is temporarily not meeting

We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

Announcement:

- **We will not have Coffee Hour, Council meetings, or Sunday School** until this emergency has subsided.
- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **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
 The parish still needs to pay its bills.
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.
- **The Paschal basket raffle has been postponed until it is safe for the entire congregation to meet again.**
- **The children's Paschal baskets have been raffled off.** The winners were **Aleko Sofis** and **Jacob Vasquez-Ramishvili**. Entries into the raffle were determined by the children's attendance at Sunday School.
Congratulations, Aleko and Jacob!

Reminders:

- **Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.**
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail to many people. Send your \$10 donation to the treasurer two weeks in advance and we can get it into the bulletin.

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikodemos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

*The noble 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

*You commanded the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God.
By Your Resurrection, You stopped the lamentation of Eve, the first mother.
You commanded them to preach to Your Apostles:
“The Savior is risen from the tomb!”*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:
<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2020/05/03>

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**Christ is
Risen**

**Христос
Воскресе!**

**Indeed, He is
Risen**

**Воистину
Воскресе!**

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women
with the Noble Joseph

*The angel came to the Myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said:
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

Today the Church remembers:

- 3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA • Ven. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves Monastery and Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism in Russia (1074) • Myrrhbearing Women • Martyrs Timothy the Reader and his wife Maura of Antinoë in Egypt (ca. 286) • St. Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argolis (10th c.) • The “SVENSKAYA” Icon of the Mother of God (1288)

May 3, 2020

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Pentecostarion

Tone 2 of the Octoechos