

Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikodemus asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

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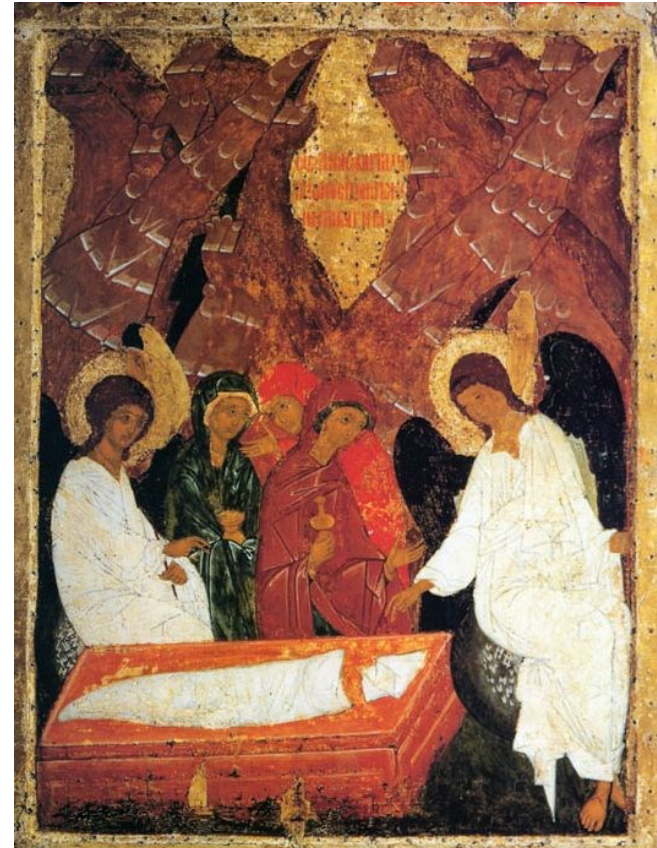
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Readings

Epistle Acts 6:1-7
Gospel Mark 15:43-16:8

Tone 2 Troparion (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!”

Tone 2 Troparion (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.

Tone 2 Troparion (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.’”

Tone 2 Kontakion (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!”

Tone 8 Kontakion (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.

This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, May 16th– *Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women*

- 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy
- 3:00 PM—Crowning of Kirk McDonald & Isolde Perry

Thursday, May 20th– *St Aleksy of Moscow*

- 6:30 PM—Great Vespers

Friday, May 21st– *Sts Constantine & Helen, Equal to the Apostles*
Wine & Oil

- 6:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 22nd - *Righteous Melchizedek, King of Salem*

- 6:30 PM—Great Vespers + Confessions