



“WOMAN, WHY DO YOU WEEP?”

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the MYRRHBEARING WOMEN. While the various Gospel accounts differ in respect to the number of women who dutifully pursued the task of returning to the tomb to anoint the Body of the Lord, there is no doubt as to which has attained the most notoriety: MARY MAGDALENE.

Mary was from the town of Magdala by the Sea of Galilee. After being freed from the possession of seven demons by Christ, she became a faithful follower of His, ministering to Him during His lifetime, and loyally remaining with Him at the dark hour of His Crucifixion. Her devotion was rewarded, for, according to the Gospel of St. John, she had the privilege of being the first person to encounter the Risen Christ. After assuring the grieving Mary that, indeed, He was truly alive, Jesus instructed her to return to the Apostles with this message: “Say to them ‘I am ascending to My Father and Your Father, and to My God and Your God’.”

According to the Sacred Tradition, Mary Magdalene went to Rome shortly after this and went before Tiberias Caesar, presenting him with a red egg and greeting him with the words: “Christ is risen!” It is believed that she convincingly denounced Pilate to Caesar for his unjust condemnation of Jesus, causing Pilate to be removed from his position in Jerusalem.

After leaving Rome, Mary Magdalene journeyed to Ephesus, where she assisted St. John the Evangelist with his missionary efforts. It was here that she died peacefully, and was laid to rest. In 890 A.D., her remains were taken to Constantinople, where they were buried in a chapel where Lazarus was said to have also been buried.

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

The First Antiphon

The Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

The Third Antiphon

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

The Small Entrance

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Hymns After the Small Entrance.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion.

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Mode 2.

When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, and granted the world Your great mercy.

For the Myrrhbearers.

The Angel standing at the sepulcher cried out and said to the ointment-bearing women: The ointments are appropriate for mortal men, but Christ has been shown to be a stranger to decay. So go and cry aloud, The Lord has risen and granted the world His great mercy.

For the Evangelist.

O Apostle, the beloved of Christ God, hasten to deliver us, a people that has no excuse. He accepts you supplicating Him, for He condescended at the Supper to let you lean on Him. Entreat Him, O Theologian, that He scatter the persistent cloud of hostile nations, and pray for us, for peace and great mercy.

For St. Nektarios.

As we joyfully commemorate the welcome arrival of your sacred Relics, holy Hierarch Nektarios, we call upon the grace of God in you, which sanctifies our bodies and our souls. You alleviate our suffering and you cure the illnesses afflicting us. Glory to Christ, who glorified you! Glory to Him for your miracles! Glory to Him for all the cures that He works through you.

Kontakion of Pascha

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Trisagion Hymn

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The Readings

Epistle: 1 Jn. 1:1-7

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us - that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not

live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Gospel: Mk. 15:43 - 16:8 49

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 James 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.

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Hymn to the Theotokos

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The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day.

Arise, shine! Arise, shine, O new Jerusalem! Shine! * For the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. * Zion, exult and be glad now. * O pure Mother of God, rejoice, celebrating * the resurrection of Christ your Son!

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Prayers

(Read aloud by the Congregation)

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown and make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Amen. How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me. Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of future life and Kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation. Receive me today, Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical supper. I will not reveal your mystery to Your adversaries. Nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But as the thief, I confess to You: Lord, Remember me in Your Kingdom.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

Holy Communion: Orthodox Christians prepared to receive Holy Communion come forward quietly and reverently at the direction of the ushers.

Prayers of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion can be found on pages 40--42.

Hymn after Holy Communion

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Homily

The Dismissal

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