May 3, 2020 – Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Pious Joseph of Arimathea & Righteous Nicodemus


Troparion of the Resurrection ( Tone 2): When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee; O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Myrrh Bearing Women (Tone 2)
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.

Troparion of Joseph of Arimathea (Tone 2)
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.

A Note to Visitors and Guests: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us today for worship! If this is your first visit to All Saints, please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card at the greeter’s stand before you leave. The greeter also has Liturgy Books for use during the service, if you desire one. We hope you will join us for brunch following this morning’s service.

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to His sepulcher, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called Myrrh-bearers.

Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called “the mother of James and Joses”; Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silent.

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Savior, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Savior’s preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counselors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord’s body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matthew 27:60).
**Kontakion of Pascha (Tone 8):**
Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the pow’r 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.

**Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):**
Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

**Prokeimenon Psalm:**
The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has chastened me severely.

**Epistle Reading: Acts 6:1-7**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 15:43-16:8**

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**News and Announcements**

**Fasting during the Paschal season:** In accordance with the custom of the Patriarchate of Antioch, we do NOT fast on Wednesdays and Fridays during the forty-day season of Pascha. We resume normal fasting practices the day after Ascension. We do still observe the normal pre-communion fast from food and drink during this time.

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!
Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!
Al-Massih kam! Hakkan kam!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Christus Surrexit! Surrexit vere!
Cristo ha resucitado! Veramente, ha resucitado!
Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!
Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!
Le Christ est ressuscité! Vraiment Il est ressuscité!
Chrystus zmartwychwsta! Prawdziwie zmartwychwsta!
Krishti u ngjall! Vërtet u ngjall!
Christos harjav i merelotz! Orhniale harutjun Christosi!
Christus is opgestaan! Hij is waarlijk opgestaan!
Christus het opgestaan! Hy het waarlik opgestaan!
Tá Criost éirithe! Go deimhin, tá sé éirithe!
Kristos Tenestwal! Bergit Tenestwal!
Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!
Kristus on üles tōusnad! Tōesti, Ta on üles tōusnad!