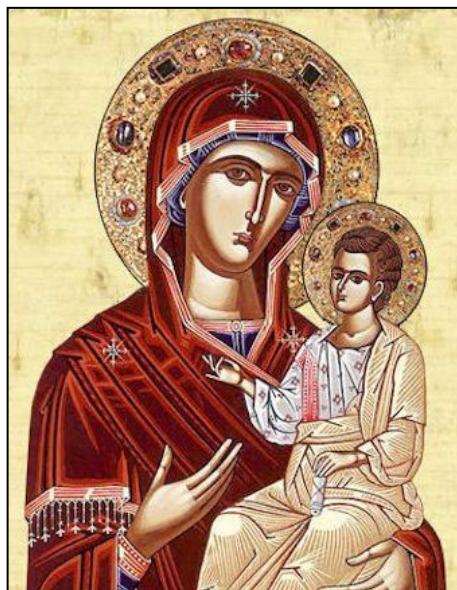


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SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

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## **EPISTLE READING**

**Prokeimenon. Second Mode. Psalm 117.14,18.**

**The Lord is my strength and my song.**

**Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.**

**The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**

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.

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8**

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.

## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### **Apolytikion for Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode**

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

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode**

When You descended unto death, O Life Immortal, You rendered to Hades a mortal blow by the lightning of Your divinity, and when from the depths of darkness You also raised the dead, all the heavenly powers cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

### **Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Mode**

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

### **Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Mode**

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meant for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

### **Apolytikion for the Church in the Fourth Mode**

Your Birth o Theotokos, brought joy to the whole world. For from you rose the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He cancelled the curse and poured forth His grace: He vanquished death and granted us eternal life.

### **Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode**

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

## WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

They [the women] had followed Him ministering to Him, and were present even unto the time of the dangers. Wherefore also they saw all; how He cried, how He gave up the ghost, how the rocks were rent, and all the rest.

And these [the women] first see Jesus; and the sex that was most condemned, this first enjoys the sight of the blessings, this most shows its courage. And when the disciples had fled, these were present.

### **St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily 88 on Matthew 27, 4th Century*

## NEW STREAMING SERVICE

We are streaming our church services on YouTube at the following channel:

[www.youtube.com/@goclexlive](http://www.youtube.com/@goclexlive)

Contact George Arimes or Delores Minor if you have any questions. This will allow you to see live and/or past services. We will be happy to assist in getting you connected in your home by TV, computer or phone.



## SAINTS, PROPHETS & FEASTS COMMEMORATED

### SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

The Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women is the third Sunday of Pascha (the second Sunday after Easter) in the Orthodox Church, celebrating the women who brought spices to Christ's tomb and were the first witnesses to His resurrection. It honors Mary Magdalene, Mary (mother of James), Joanna, Salome, Mary of Bethany, Martha of Bethany, Susanna, and the Theotokos, along with Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.



### BASIL THE HOLY MARTYR BISHOP OF AMASEA

Saint Basil, Bishop of Amasea, is an Orthodox hieromartyr (c. 322) celebrated for strengthening Christians during persecution under Emperor Licinius. Commemorated on April 26 (martyrdom) and April 30 (finding of relics), he is often honored with special prayers and troparia as a defender of the faith.

### TODAY'S EVENTS

- ✝ 4-year Memorial Service for **Elena Chivu** (mother of Mihaela Cornea and mother in law of Virgilius Cornea).
- ✝ 4 1/2-year Memorial Service for **Mihai Cornea** (father of Virgilius Cornea)
- ✝ Spring General Assembly after Divine Liturgy

### UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Monday, 4/27/26**

6:00 PM – Orthodoxy 101 (Catechism for Reception)

**Wednesday, 4/29/26**

6:00 PM – Vespers & Confession

**Sunday, 5/3/26**

9:00 AM – Matins

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM – Agape Fellowship

### BAKE SALE ITEMS FOR SALE

Don't miss an opportunity to buy remaining bake items. Next bake sale not until December!!

- ✝ Small & Large Pastitsio
- ✝ Spanakopita & Cheese Pies
- ✝ Assorted Pastries

### ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP

Saint Nicholas summer camp registration is open! This camp is run by the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Detroit, and caters to parishes in Kentucky, Tennessee, and southern Ohio. Our chapter offers a \$100.00 per child scholarship to camp each year. Camp will run 6/14-6/19. Father William is on staff every year. Adults can attend as chaperones. Camp is for children starting 3rd grade or current seniors in high school. Access the camp website at [stnicholascamp.org](http://stnicholascamp.org). Camp is in Leitchfield, KY and it is not a far drive. Please see Kristin with any questions.