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MYRRH-BEARERS WOMEN SUNDAY

Sat. April 17 5:00 pm For the Christian Family of St. Mary Magdalene

Sun. April 18 9:00 am For the Christian Family of St. Mary Magdalene

St. George Great-Martyr

Fri. April 23 7:00pm Liturgy with vespers For the Christian Family of St. Mary

APRIL 25, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

Sat. April 24 5:00 pm For the Christian Family of St. Mary Magdalene

Sun. April 25 9:00 am For the Christian Family of St. Mary Magdalene

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING FROM THE LAST WEEKEND:

Saturday 13 adults, 0 child; Sunday 35 adults, 9 children. Offering \$1,934.00

An Update on the Byzan-Teen Youth Rally 2021: Due to Covid-19 concerns and restrictions on out-of-state travel the Byzan-Teen Youth Rally has been forced to reschedule to June 30th through July 3rd 2022. The location of the Rally will remain the same – Mt. St. Mary University in Emmitsburg, MD.

The exciting news is that a virtual Rally will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, of this year. A brand new website for the Rally is presently under construction and should soon be finished. The next update will include the link to the new Rally site with more information on the virtual Rally. The Intereparchial Youth Commission appreciates your patience and understanding during these difficult times, but we are very excited about the programs and events being planned that will allow all our teens throughout our Metropolia to participate without the worry and concerns of travel this year. *Intereparchial Youth Commission*

Common Questions and Answers About The Myrrhbearers

Who is commemorated the 3rd Sunday of Pascha? Name ALL the names.

The Church commemorates seven myrrh bearing women: Mary Magdalene, Mary, another Mary, Martha, Salome, Joanna, Susanna, as well as Righteous Joseph of Arimathia and Nicodemus.

Who was the myrrh bearer who was the mother of two of the apostles?

Salome was the daughter of St. Joseph the betrothed, the wife of Zebedee, and the mother of the holy apostles James and John.

One of the myrrh bearers was married to one of the seventy apostles, who saw the risen Lord Before the eleven. Who was she, and who was her husband?

Mary was the wife of Cleophas, as the Holy Evangelist John reports: *“Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene”*. (John 19:25). He was a brother of St. Joseph the betrothed, and, along with St. Luke, met Jesus on the day of the resurrection, while on the way to Emmaus. This incredible story is recounted in the 5th matins gospel: Luke 24:12-35. After long enlightening discourse with Him, they finally recognized him after he broke bread and blessed it.

Which 2 myrrh bearers were sisters?

Mary and Martha, whose brother was Lazarus.

One myrrh bearer was demon possessed and cured by Christ. Who? How many devils?

What Pascha tradition is she responsible for?

Mary Magdalene was formerly possessed by seven devils (demons). St. Mary Magdalene showed a red egg to a Roman Emperor as proof of the power of Christ, and to this day, it is traditional to have red eggs at Pascha.

What was the contribution to the burial of Christ of the men commemorated today?

The Righteous Joseph obtained the body of Jesus, and along with Nicodemus, anointed Him as best they could and buried him in a tomb that Joseph had intended for himself.

The Gospels mention a “Mary the mother of Joses”, and “Mary the mother of James the less”. Who was this Mary?

According to the witness of the majority of the Fathers, “Mary the mother of James” was none other than the Theotokos. Blessed Theofylact, states this quite plainly: “Mary the mother of James is the Theotokos. They gave her this name as the apparent mother of James the son of Joseph, whom also they called James the Younger, that is, the brother of the Lord. For there was also James the Elder, one of the twelve, the son of Zebedee” (Blessed Theofylact, Commentary on St. Luke, Pg. 317). Holy tradition and the gospels place the Theotokos at the cross of Christ.



CHRIST IS RISEN!