

The Sunday of the Myrrhbearers

Mark 15:43-16:8

Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid. (KJV)

Hristos Voskrese! Vaistinu Voskrese!
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Hristos a inviat! Adevarat a inviat!

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome were blessed to hear the words that Jesus Christ was risen from the dead. The message of Jesus' Resurrection changed the course of history forever.

The image of the messenger in white at the tomb is on the walls as the White Angel at the Serbian Monastery Mileseva for pilgrims to see. The message of Jesus' Resurrection is always timely.

Pascha is celebrated in great joy in God's Holy Church in the present. Believers greet each other with Hristos Voskrese!, Christ is Risen! Lives changed forever when Jesus' rose from the Tomb.

The women going to the Tomb to anoint Jesus were courageous. They demonstrated their love for Jesus when acting on their desire to anoint His Body.

The Church continues to celebrate the Resurrection liturgically until the Feast of the Ascension. Each Sunday Divine Liturgy throughout the year is a celebration of the Resurrection.

Resurrection joy cannot be stifled. The Light of Christ cannot be eradicated. Jesus overcame the darkness of death. The women going to the Tomb heard the good news.

The Church proclaims and celebrates the news of the Resurrection down through the centuries and throughout the world. Each believer sharing the Paschal greeting confirms the message that Jesus is Risen from the dead.

Christ's Resurrection is the guiding Light for the remainder of each believer's life. The Resurrected Christ leads believers through the pathways of life from Baptism to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Attentive believers see the Light of Christ each day and follow it. Moments of darkness are overcome by the Light of Christ. Dark days are replaced with the Brightness of the Resurrected Christ.

The Resurrected Christ has a place in each heart, mind and soul. The Resurrected Christ rooted in the believer is stronger than any external force of evil.

Saints and martyrs through the centuries prove the Light of Christ prevails against the greatest external threats. God's Holy Church continually educates believers about the Risen Christ.

Believers experience the Risen Christ in the Church. The Risen Christ unites with believers in the Holy Mysteries. The Myhrrbearing Women's lives changed forever.

The Myhrrbearing Women's experience at the Empty Tomb is firmly engrained into history. The courage of the Myhrrbearing Women is a lesson for believers of every century.

Thank God for the courage of the Myhrrbearers. Thank God for the message that Christ is Risen! Each day is a day to fully give thanks to Crucified and Risen Christ.

Each day is the time to think carefully about Jesus' love for each person. It is always time to remember the suffering Jesus was willing to endure to show his love for every person.

In these days of joy, demonstrate appreciation and love for Jesus Christ by being attentive to His teachings. Embrace the teachings of Christ and make them a part of daily life.

Show love in the home, at work and in the community. Make the extra effort to be forgiving of others. Stand against all forms of hate, violence or discrimination. Be courageous like the Myhrrbearing Women!

Hristos Voskrese! Christ is Risen!

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