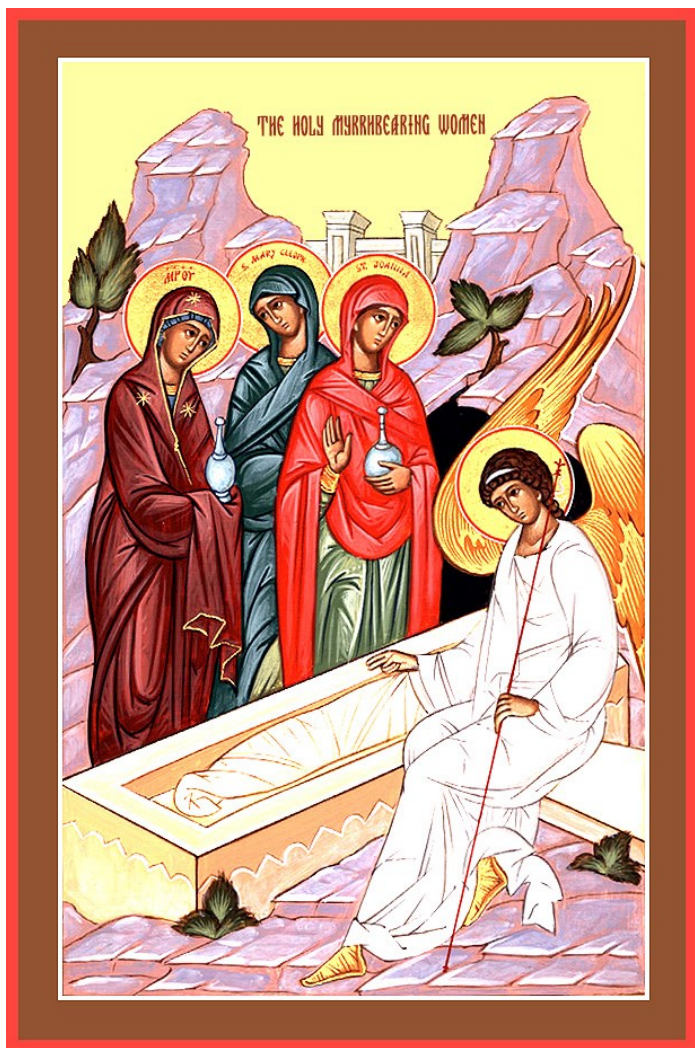
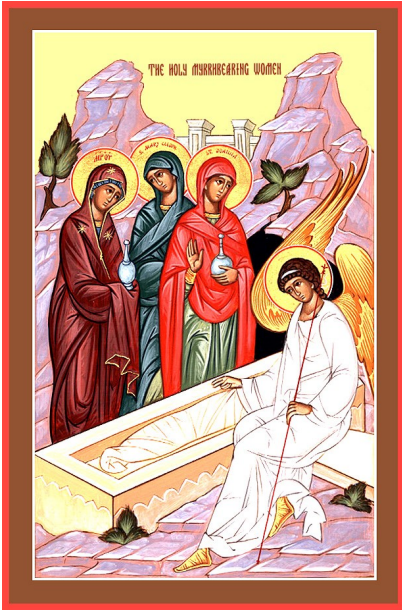


Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph



*You did command the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ! /
By Your Resurrection, You did stop the lamentation of Eve,
O God! / You did command Your apostles to preach: The
Savior is Risen!*

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Today we commemorate the Holy Myrrh-bearing women Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Clopas, Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4). Also Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), and Nicodemus.

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is commemorated twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

Synaxis of all Saints of Thessalonica.

Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610)

New Martyr Elias Ardunis (January 31, 1686)

Troparion — Tone 2

The Noble Joseph, / When he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree, / Wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, / And placed it in a new tomb. / But You did rise on the third day, O Lord, / Granting the world great mercy.

Troparion — Tone 2

The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: / Myrrh is meet for the dead; / But Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! / So proclaim: the Lord is risen, / Granting the world great mercy!

St Anthony the Great Orthodox Church, Rock Hill SC

Third Sunday of Pascha/Tone 2

Holy Myrrh bearing Women

Holy Apostle James, the brother of St John the Theologian

April 30, 2017

Great Vespers and Confession: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Vespers and Teaching Wednesday 5:30 pm

Divine Liturgy: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Services and Announcement

Christ is Risen!

Congratulations Horstman Family

Welcome Henry!

Today: Common meal after Divine Liturgy
Presentation from Father Silouan [Orthodox Africa]

Upcoming Services:

May 3rd (Wed) Vespers and teaching at 5:30pm

May 6th (Sat) Great Vespers at 5:30pm

Next Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Pascha/Tone 3

Paralytic

Repose of St Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America

Upcoming Events:

Church School takes place during coffee hour on many Sundays. Classes will be announced after the Liturgy on the days they will be held.

If you are interested in joining the Rock Hill Fellowship Group, please contact John and Linda Chura at lindachura@yahoo.com for upcoming times and dates. If you are interested in joining the Charlotte Fellowship Group, please contact Mark and Lynn Lockyer for upcoming times and dates at marlynclng@aol.com

Volunteering at Project Hope takes place Mon-Thurs, 9-11AM. Please contact John Chura if you are interested in volunteering.

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Today's Gospel

Mark 15:43-16:8 (Gospel)

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 44 Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. 45 So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. 46 Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. 47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James observed where He was laid. 1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. 2 Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. 7 But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." 8 So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Today's Epistle

Acts 6:1-7 (Epistle)

1 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, 6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. 7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Visitors and the Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you are visiting today and are not a member of the Orthodox Church, your presence and prayers with us are most welcome! Yet due to the nature of the sacrament, only Orthodox Christians who are active in the Church may receive holy communion. (But don't be surprised if someone hands you a piece of the blessed bread that is taken after communion, of which all may partake, even if not a member of the Orthodox Church.) Please introduce yourself to one of the priests and tell him a little about your own faith background, if any, sign our guest book, and stay for the coffee hour meal to follow.