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***We are each of us angels with only one wing...
And we can fly embracing each other...***

Luciano DeCrenzenzo

April 19, 2026 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women; Our Venerable Father John the Ancient Hermit.

Intentions this Sunday

Saturday at 4:15pm: Parishioners; Sunday at 9:30am: Parishioners; Sunday at 11am: Parishioners.

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death. And to those in the tombs He granted life.

First Antiphon

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,* sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

Say unto God, "How awesome are Your works!* Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You".* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You,* let it sing to Your name, O Most High!* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

Glory. Now. Only-begotten Son.

Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,* let us acclaim God, our Saviour. *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise,* and acclaim Him in psalms.* *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord,* and the great king over all the earth.* *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Entrance

Come, let us worship* and fall down before Christ.* *Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of

Пасхальний Тропар

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав,* і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

Перший антифон

Воскликніте Господеві, вся зємле,* співайте ж імені Його, віддайте славу в хвалі Йому! *Молитвами Богородиці,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Скажіте Бóгові: як страшні діла Твої!* У мно́жестві сили Твоїї лєстїтимуть Тобі ворогї Твої. *Молитвами Богородиці,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Вся землѣ нехай поклонїться Тобі і співає Тобі,* нехай же співає імені Твоєму, Всевїшній!* *Молитвами Богородиці,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Слава. І нині. Єдинорóдний Сїну.

Третій антифон

Прийдіте, возрадуємся Господеві,* воскликнім Богу, Спасителеві нашому.* *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що воскрес із мѣртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلїя.*

Ідїм перѣд лицѣм Його з ісповїданнѣм,* і псалма́ми воскликнім Йому.* *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що воскрес із мѣртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلїя.*

Бо Бог – великий Господь* і цар великий по всїй землі.* *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що воскрес із мѣртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلїя.*

Вхідне

Прийдіте поклонїмся* і припадїм до Христá.* *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що воскрес із мѣртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلїя.*

Тропарі ѓ кондаки

Тропар (г. 2): Колї зїйшов Ти до смѣрти, Життѣ безсмѣртне,* тоді ад умертвїв Ти зблїском божествá.*

Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Troparion, Tone 2: The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree.* He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices* and placed it in a new tomb.* But on the third day You arose, O Lord,* granting the world Your great mercy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 2: You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God,* and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection.* You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all:* “The Saviour is risen from the tomb.”

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!* and giving peace to Your Apostles.* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

Prokeimenon

Tone 6: Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.

Repeat: Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Repeat: Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.

Epistle Acts 6:1-7

Alleluia, Tone 8

verse: You have shown favour to Your land, O Lord; You brought back the captives of Jacob.

verse: Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced.

Gospel Mark 15:43-16:8

Hymn to the Mother of God, in the place of It is truly right

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ,* taste the fountain of immortality.* Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Коли ж і умёрлих із глибін підзёмних воскресів Ти,* всі сили небесні взивали:* Життєдавче, Христе Бóже наш, слава Тобі.

Тропар (г. 2): Благообразний Йосиф, з древа знявши пречисте тіло Твоє,* плащаницею чистою обвив,* і ароматами в гробі новім, покривши, положив,* та по трьох днях воскрес еси, Господи,* даруючи світові велику милість.

Слава Отцю, і Сїну, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (г. 2): Радуватися мироносицям повелів Ти,* плач праматері Єви втихомирив Ти воскресінням Твоїм, Христе Бóже,* апостолам же Твоїм проповідувати повелів Ти:* Спас воскрес із гробу.

І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

Кондак (г. 8): Хоч і у гріб зійшов Ти, Безсмертний,* та а́дову зруйнував Ти силу,* і воскрес еси́ як переможець, Христе Бóже,* жінка́м-мироносицям звістивши: Ра́дуйтеся,* і Твоїм апо́столам* мир дару́еш,* па́дшим пода́еш воскресіння.

Прокімен

(г. 6): Спасі, Го́споди, наро́д Твій і благослові́ спадко́ємство Твоє.

Всі: Спасі, Го́споди, наро́д Твій і благослові́ спадко́ємство Твоє.

Стих: До Те́бе, Го́споди, взива́тиму, Бóже мій, щоб не відверта́вся Ти мо́вчки від ме́не.

Всі: Спасі, Го́споди, наро́д Твій і благослові́ спадко́ємство Твоє.

Апостол Ді. 6, 1-7.

Алилуя (г. 8)

Стих: Благоволив Ти, Господи, землю Твою, Ти повернув полон Яковів.

Стих: Милість і істина зустрілися, правда і мир обцілувалися.

Євангеліє Мр. 15, 43 – 16, 8.

Замість Достойно співаємо:

А́нгел сповіща́в Благода́тній: Чистая Діво, ра́дуйся! І зно́ву кажу́: Ра́дуйся! Твій Син воскрес триднє́вний із гробу, і ме́ртвих воздві́гнув Ві́н. Лю́ди, веселі́теся!

Сві́тіся, сві́тіся, новий Єрусали́ме, сла́ва бо Го́сподня на то́бі возсія́ла! Ра́дій нині й веселі́ся, Сіоне. А ти, чиста Богоро́дице, втіша́йся воскресінням Сі́на свого́.

Причасний

Ті́ло Христо́ве прийми́ть,* джерела́ безсмер́тного споживи́ть.* Хвалі́те Го́спода з небес,* хвалі́те Йо́го во ви́шніх.* Алилу́я, алилу́я, алилу́я..* Алилу́я, алилу́я,* алилу́я.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, April 20 Our Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas.	Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60 John 4:46-54				
Tuesday, April 21 The Holy Hieromartyr Januarius and those with him	Acts 8:5-17 John 6:27-33				
Wednesday April 22 Our Venerable Father Theodore of Syceum.	Acts 8:18-25 John 6:35-39				
Thursday, April 23 ✠ The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George..	Acts 8:26-39; Acts 12:1-11 John 6:40-44; John 15:17-16:2				
Friday, April 24 The Holy Martyr Sabbas Stratelates.	Acts 8:40-9:19 John 6:48-54				<i>Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat.</i>
Saturday, April 25 ✠ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.	Acts 9:20-31; 1 Peter 5:6-14 John 15:17-16:2; Mark 6:7-13	4:15pm 5:30pm	Divine Liturgy (English) Great Vespers		Intention: Parishioners
Sunday, April 26 Sunday of the Paralytic	Acts 9:32-42 John 5:1-15	9:30am 11am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) Divine Liturgy (English)		Intention: Parishioners Intention: Parishioners

Other Events This Week

Monday, April 20 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Wednesday, April 22 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Thursday, April 23 at 7am: Perogy and cabbage roll making. Lunch provided.

Saturday, April 25 at 7pm: Narcotics Anonymous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CHRIST IS RISEN! We welcome our visitors joining us for Liturgy this morning.
2. All-you-can-eat brunch today (Sunday) from 10-12:30pm. Adults \$15; Children (6-12) \$6; Children (under 5) free.
3. WELCOME SPRINGTIME TAKE-OUT FUNDRAISER: Friday, April 24, pick up from 4-6pm. Menu: 6 perogies, 3 cabbage rolls, ½ lb sausage patty, mixed vegetables, sour cream. \$20 per meal. Get your tickets today! Tell your friends!

PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR: Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Stratichuk, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barsanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepecawer, MaryAnn & Art Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Irene O, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenmany, Tracey Burmaster, Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan, Clark Hutton, Gerry, Moira O’Pallie, Chris Applejohn, Barb and Gerry, Olena Hankivsky, David Bell, Gary Driver, Rod Stone.

Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen

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A man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, “I’m very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, making hand gestures to the guy in front of you, and shouting foul language at him. I noticed the ‘What Would Jesus Do’ bumper sticker, the ‘Choose Life’ licence plate holder, the ‘Follow Me to Sunday-School’ bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian emblem on the trunk. Naturally... I assumed you had stolen the car.”

Remember when you could call someone 57 times, and hang up, and they never knew it was you.

Today's Commemoration: The Myrrh-Bearing Women

The Myrrh-Bearing Women Icon can have from three to seven women depicted. They are shown as either an assembly by themselves, holding the jars of spices used to anoint the dead, or at the tomb where they are met by the angel who announces the Resurrection. The central figure is always St Mary Magdalene, Mary of Magdala, from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons, and to whom He first appears. She is shown by her bright red robes.

Tradition, through Sacred Scripture, preserves these names as the women who came to fulfill their duty to their slain Lord on Easter Sunday morning:

- Mary Magdalene, who is known in the liturgy as “equal to the apostles”, and whose name Magdalene means either having come from Magdala, or being a hairdresser;
- Mary, the wife of Cleophas, and mother of James and Joses; traditionally said to be relatives of Saint Joseph;
- Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward, Chuza, who held a very important position under King Herod and Joanna benefited from his high place in the royal court. Joanna is credited with rescuing the head of Saint John the Baptist from Herod's court, and she abandoned a life of luxury and power to follow Jesus in His preaching ministry;
- Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, James and John. She and her sons left Zebedee and a comfortable life as middle-class fishermen in order to walk with Christ;
- Susanna - of whom nothing is known other than that she is one of the women who supported Jesus out of her own pocket;
- Mary, the sister of Lazarus , the one who sat at Jesus' feet in Bethany and anointed Him before Palm Sunday;
- Martha, the other sister of Lazarus , the one who was “busy with details of hospitality” but after the death of her brother testified to her living faith in Jesus as the Son of God and the Messiah.

Saint Luke writes that there were “many” women who followed Jesus during His preaching ministry and that they supported Him “*out of their own substance,*” or from their own money. These were women who came not only from comfortable lives, or even from privileged backgrounds but who also had the courage to break out of the traditional semi-enclosure of Jewish women in that time and publicly follow this rabbi, without their male relatives to chaperone them.

We don't always realize just how radical Jesus' preaching and ministry was. Men were never supposed to be alone with women to whom they were not related by marriage or blood. But Jesus defies that barrier, along with other barriers. His family is composed of those who “*hear the word of God and act upon it.*” The disciples included married and single people, young and elderly, former public sinners, and upright citizens. *And they were a mixed company in gender – even today such things would be considered unusual in most of the Asian world, and Jesus and his fellow Jews were indeed Asians.* Those who push for women's ordination and claim that the early Church had not ordained women because of patriarchal pressures in society forget that the same early Church was a radical community, which kept up Jesus' other radical practices and gave women a prominent role in the formation of the Body of Christ.

Today's liturgical tradition also remembers Saint Joseph of Arimathea and sometimes Saint Nicodemus as well, since they were the ones who went to Pontius Pilate to retrieve Jesus' body from the Cross and arranged for the burial in the new grave owned by Joseph. But today's emphasis is properly on these holy women. While it was their religious obligation to finish the anointing and wrapping of the body of Jesus, they came at dawn, as early as possible, as a sign of their great love for Christ, and they came in grief. Mary Magdalene's plaintive conversation with Jesus, when she thinks that He is the gardener, shows us how much she wishes to care for the sacred Body.

Source: *Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix*