THEY FOUND AN EMPTY TOMB!

The Church’s celebration of Christ’s Resurrection from the grave continues. This second Lord’s Day after the Feast of Feasts is in commemoration of the MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. What a lesson they provide us of faith, devotion, love and service to the Lord.

These were women who watched under the Cross as Jesus suffered and died. They watched when Joseph and Nicodemus took down the Lord’s body from the Cross and carried it for burial. They watched at the grave as their Loved One was laid to rest. Apparently the internment was hurried since the great Feast of the Passover was at hand. How the women wanted to minister to the Lord at this time of need!

It is no wonder that as soon as the Passover was over, the women hurried to the tomb of Christ, armed with the proper ointment. It was still dark, but they knew the way. They wondered who would roll away the stone from the door of the tomb, but still kept going. Love would find a way.

And when they finally came to the tomb, they see to their surprise that the stone had been rolled back. They discovered that the grave is empty! An Angel of the Lord proclaims the good news: “You seek Jesus Who was crucified. He is not here. He is risen! Behold the place where they laid Him . . .”

The icon for today depicts the scene in a traditional way. The burial garments lie in place, but the body is gone. The angelic messenger bids them to hurry and tell the disciples of the Lord that He has risen from the tomb. But the women, trembling and astonished at what they have learned, depart in awe.

The Orthodox Weekly Bulletin ............... Vernal, Utah, New Jersey ............... Lithos in U.S.A.

You seek Jesus Who was crucified. He is not here.

He is Risen!
May 16, 2021  
Sunday of the Myrrh—Bearing Women  
Orthros 8:30am / Divine Liturgy 9:30am

Memorials

Herbert Hampel +40 Days  
Cathy Zotos +5 Years  
Magdalene Karagiannakis +1 Year  
Emmanuel Karagiannakis +7 Years  
Fr. George Hatz +1 Year  
James G. Pyrros +3 Years  
Stylianos Xydas +3 Years  
Michael Xydas +6 Years  
Catherine Xydas +15 Years  
Maria Kalafatis +18 Years  
Athanasios Anastasiou +76 Years  
Katherine Filaris +78 Years  
Maria Sheker +15 Years  
William Stamolos +4 Years  
Stella Halaris +4 Years  
George T. Ansen +4 Years  
Robert L. Ball +17 Years  
Elithiria L. Ball +6 Year

Flowers & Candles  
Donated by Their Loving Families

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING: Our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has mandated that all individuals who interact with our youth must participate in online abuse prevention training and a screening program through Presidium. Online training is done using the Armatus® Learn to Protect System. The training sessions need to be completed annually and the background check every two years. You will be receiving (or have received) reminder emails from them indicating that you are due to renew your training certification. Log in at http://praesidiuminc.com/login to see your updated requirements. If you cannot remember your password, please click the link on the login screen to reset your password. The Praesidium Support Team is also available to help you log in at: support@praesidiuminc.com. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to maintaining a safe environment for our children!

BOOKSTORE: Christos Anesti/Christ is Risen/Χριστός Ανέστη! New book title now in stock: Hymn of Entry by author Archimandrite Vasileios, $18.00, the book selected for the upcoming Book Club, see flyer for more details. For other book or icon inquiries, contact Maria at bookstore@stnicholastroy.org or 248-362-9575. The bookstore opens immediately after and not during Divine Liturgy until 12:30 p.m. and also, weekdays during regular office hours.

Y.A.L: Y.A.L will be partnering with FOCUS Detroit from 10-2 p.m. on May 15 and 22 to help work on the garden at Oasis of Hope Christian Church in Detroit. Sign up at https://bit.ly/3M1jgZ. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the group, please reach out to YAL@stnicholastroy.org for more details or email links!

St. Nicholas Book Club

All Meetings In Zoom  
All Are Welcome!

We Look Forward To Your Participation!

MONDAY 11:00 a.m.  
https://bit.ly/3m53965

THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.  
https://bit.ly/3m1zdC0

Come share your thoughts and reflections on Orthodox liturgical works in good fellowship.

MONDAYS – 11:00 a.m.  
May 17 • May 24 • June 7  
- OR -  
THURSDAYS – 7:00 p.m. (*note earlier time**)  
May 20 • May 27 • June 3

For more information: bookstore@stnicholastroy.org
Stewardship Report Out End of April 2021

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2021 ST. NICHOLAS ENDOWMENT FUND—Grant Applications Being Taken!

The 2021 St. Nicholas Endowment Fund Grant Application process has started. Endowment Fund Grants are available to all ministries of our St. Nicholas Church. Grant Application Forms are available for download via the Church’s Website at: https://www.stnicholastroy.org/ministries_and_organizations/st_endowment_fund/index.php or via email by contacting Stephen Karniotis at: EndowmentFund@StNicholasTroy.org. Applications must be submitted by October 31st.

METROPOLIS OF DETROIT SUMMER CAMP (MDSC): Camper registration opened on March 15! We are moving forward with hope and a mission to gather safely in Rose City for the 2021 camp season, but also working on a backup plan should our circumstances change. We welcome registration for campers entering grades 3-11 for Weeks 1-5 and entering grade 12 or first year of college for Week Zero. Note, our capacity will be adjusted this season, so don’t wait to register! Staff positions are also available for ages 17 and older. Please visit www.gomdsc.org to register and learn more about our camp programs or call us at 248-909-6372 for more information.

PARISH PROCEDURES AND DIRECTIVES UPDATED BY OUR METROPOLIS: Please visit the church’s website for the updated parish procedures and directives as provided by the Metropolis of Detroit. www.stnicholastroy.org

ECHO DEADLINE THE 10TH OF EVERY MONTH: All Echo items must be submitted NO LATER than the 10th of every month. Please e-mail your flyers or announcements to Maggie at echo@stnicholastroy.org. Make certain all submissions have been spell-checked, grammar-checked and reviewed before submitting them.

CAREFUL IN THE NARTHEX! Though we might be all tired of COVID-19 safety measures, it is still important ESPECIALLY IN THE NARTHEX that we maintain social distancing, wear our masks correctly, and keep our conversation to a minimum. Please arrange to socialize outside the church whether in the parking lot or your homes, but in church please respect safety measures that are in place. For more information related to our COVID-19 protocols and procedures please visit our website: www.stnicholastroy.org ~Thank you for your support and cooperation.

KOLIVA and COVID-19: Koliva that will be distributed after Divine Liturgy must have already been placed in individual sealed plastic bags and placed in a basket for distribution. Koliva will not be served from a tray in church until further notice. If you should bring Koliva on a tray, you may not serve it yourself, you must take it home.

Outfitted for Good is a Ministry of the St. Nicholas Y.A.L in partnership with Focus Detroit

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The Gospel According to Mark
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.

Mark 15:43-47

Εὑρίσκοντες γὰρ οὖν ὅτι οὐκ ἦσαν πρόσωπα τοιχίας ἢ ἀνθρώπων, ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. Ὅταν δὲ διαλέγοντος τοῦ ναὸς ἐγέρθη ὑμῖν προσώπων καὶ μυστηρίου ἐπηρώθησαν καὶ ἐκήρυξαν τῷ διδάσκαλῳ τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ: ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὅπου τίθεται ἡ ἡμέρα τῆς αἰωνίου." 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. Mark 15:43-47

Hi All,

Christos Anesti! We have received approval from the Metropolis of Detroit that we can move forward with an abbreviated OPA! Dance Program for 2021 with all health and safety protocols in place (below are the protocols, please review them in their entirety, as they are also posted on the registration webpage).

Along with an abbreviated dance program, we will be hosting a limited dance recital during our OPA FEST Drive Thru! OPA FEST Drive Thru June 19th (Stay tune for more details!)

Our goal is to have limited dance practice and an abbreviated dance recital during our OPA FEST Drive Thru!

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Οἱ τεκμήριοι εἴκειν, ἐλθὼν Ἰσιώφ ο ἀπὸ Ἀριμαθαίας, εὐσχήμων βουλευτής, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλᾶτον καὶ ᾐτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. Ὁ δὲ Πιλᾶτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εἰ πάλαι ἀπέθανεν καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἐδωρήσατο τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. Καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδόνα καὶ καθελὼν αὐτὸν ἐνείλησε τῇ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείῳ, ὃ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσεκύλισε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. Ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσῆ ἐθεώρουν ποῦ τίθεται.

Τίμιος τοῦ Μάρκου
Epistle Reading
Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

The Lord is my strength and my song.
Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

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.

Apostles 6:1-7

When You descended unto death, O Lord who Yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

APOLYTIKIA

When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, and granted the world Your great mercy.

The Angel standing at the sepulcher cried out and said to the ointment-bearing women:

\[ \text{Ὅτε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ᾍδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον: Ζωοδότα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.} \]

\[ \text{Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελών, τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρᾷ, εἰλήσας καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ, κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο · ἀλλὰ τριήμερος ἀνέστης Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.} \]

\[ \text{Ταῖς μυροφόροις Γυναιξί, παρὰ τὸ μνῆμα ἐβόα · Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἁρμόδια, Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾶς ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος, ἀλλὰ κραυγάσατε · Ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.} \]

\[ \text{Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλο, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια · διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε · πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.} \]

KONTAKION

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resuscitation.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τῷ ὑπάρχων Ἀδάνατος, ἀλλὰ τὸ ἄδω καθαλέκες τὴν δυναμίνην· ἀνέστης δὲ νόητης, Χριστὲ ὁ θεὸς, γυναικεῖς Μυροφόροις φιλήθηκας, Χαῖρετε, καὶ τοσὶς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνας δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχεις ἀνάστασιν.
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