

# Divine Liturgy Variables for Third Sunday of Pascha

## Sunday, May 3, 2020 / Tone 2

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Pious Joseph of Arimathea and Righteous Nicodemus

### TODAY'S SAINTS

Martyrs Timothy the Reader and Maura of Egypt; St. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev-Caves; St. Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argolis; St. Alexander I, Pope of Rome; St. Ecumenius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Trikala; Martyrs Alexander, Eventius, and Theodulus; St. Juvenal, Bishop of Narni; St. Adalsindis; St. Ethelwin, Bishop of Lindsey; St. Philip of Worms; St. Ansfried, Bishop of Utrecht

- *The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with "Blessed is the Kingdom" and the choir responds "Amen." The Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Troparion:*
- *Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (twice). Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death ...*
- *The Choir then sings: and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!*

### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou descended to death, O Life Immortal, Thou destroyed hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

### TROPARION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA IN TONE TWO

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

### TROPARION OF MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN IN TONE TWO

The angel came to the myrrh-bearing 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!

- *Now sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

### KONTAKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN IN TONE TWO

Thou didst command the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ! / By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, O God! / Thou didst command Thine apostles to preach: The Savior is Risen!

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

### KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend in to the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrh-bearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

### PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!  
v. *To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

## THE EPISTLE

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (6:1-7)**

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 Prochorus, 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.

## ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. O Lord, Thou hast been grace to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.*

*v. Mercy and truth and met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)**

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 Jesus 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 James saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, 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—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.

## MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE

*The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day ...*

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the fountain of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing "Christ is Risen" ONCE.*
- *At Liturgy Dismissal: When priest says "Glory to Thee, O Christ . . ." the Choir responds with "Christ is Risen" THRICE. The Paschal Dismissal is used.*

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy to our parishioner André Moses, whose father, Cleveland Henry Moses, passed into blessed repose on April 22, 2020 at the age of ninety. Memory Eternal!