

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Ανέστη!

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Indeed He is Risen!
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Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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22 April, 2012: Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sykeote

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Apr.	21	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil <i>+Richard Spirko requested by Joanne H. Krynicky</i>
Sun.	Apr.	22	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Ointment Bearers: For Our Parishioners
Sat.	Apr.	28	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil <i>+George & Christine Kopcho requested by Michael Soich & Tamara Kopcho Soich</i>
Sun.	Apr.	29	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Paralytic Man: For Our Parishioners
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			<u>Acolytes</u> <u>Readers</u> <u>Ushers</u>
Sat.	Apr.	21	M. Mihalko D. Cholock J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun.	Apr.	22	E. Hess B. Chirdon J. Overdorff, D. Hess
Sat.	Apr.	28	M. Mihalko L. Knouse J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Apr.	29	D. Cianciotti S. Vacha W. Furwa, G. Krynicky

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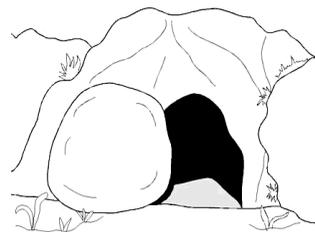
04/15/12: Adult \$1000; Student \$4; Candles \$42; Easter \$100; Lenten \$3; **Total: \$1149**



Week of the Myrrh-bearing Women (μυροφόρες): We honor those women who served Jesus throughout His ministry and who were faithful to Him even to the Cross. After His burial, they came with great love and reverence to anoint His most pure body with myrrh (as foreshadowed by one of the gifts offered to the infant Jesus by the Magi) and instead became the first witnesses and apostles of His resurrection. As we honor them, we too proclaim our faith in the resurrection and rejoice in His gift of Life.

Kontakion Tone 2: By Your resurrection, O Christ our God, You told the women bearing ointment to rejoice, and You stilled the weeping of Eve, the first mother. You instructed the women to announce to Your apostles: “The Savior has risen from the tomb.”

The **faithfulness of the women** shows that in Christ, divine order is being restored to the fallen world. Whereas Eve was created to complete Adam, but instead led him to sin, now the women disciples remain faithful while the men flee and hide. It is the women who bring the message of the Resurrection to the men, thus restoring that which had been broken through sin.



If the apostles had buried Christ, doubters could claim His body was simply hidden away. **Joseph of Arimathea**, being a **council member** and a **good and just man** refutes any possibility that the Lord's body was deceptively hidden by the apostles. The spiritual significance of a tomb **where no one had ever lain before** is that Christ died a death unlike any person had ever died: a death without corruption, a death leading to **victory** over the grave itself.



The women made their way unto thy tomb in the deep dawn, O Christ God, and though they did not find Thy sought-for body, O Jesus, they did not discern Thy rising, but straightway saw an angel standing before them, who asked them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen. And seeing Thy Resurrection with great gladness they cried out these praises unto Thy life-bearing tomb:

Rejoice, life-bearing tomb, for by Christ's abiding within thee Hades was seized with great fear!
Rejoice, for with trembling did the Abyss give up the dead which it had held down through the ages!
Rejoice, for by Christ's rising we are all restored to newness of life!
Rejoice, for by Christ's rising from thee Thomas was taught to say, My Lord and my God!
Rejoice, for in Christ's rising all creation hath found joy!
Rejoice, too, O Arimathean, for within thine own garden thou hast acquired so great a treasure!
Rejoice, life-bearing tomb whence Christ is risen!

Taken from the *Akathist to the Life-bearing Tomb and the Resurrection of the Lord*
Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY



Plight of Christians in Syria is URGENT!!!

240 Christian families have had to flee

the embattled city of Homs, Syria!!!

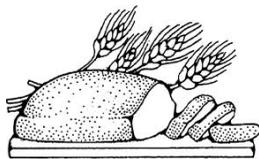
These displaced Christian families

are in desperate need

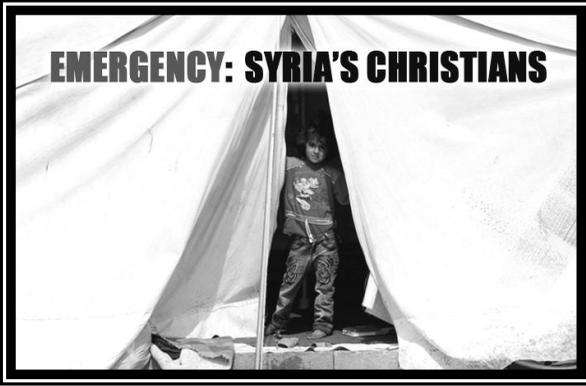
of emergency food

and medicine!!!

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EMERGENCY: SYRIA'S CHRISTIANS



Jesus says to us: "If you doubt that I was crucified for you and that I was raised from the dead, pay attention to the suffering members of my Body. Touch me in stretching out a rescuing hand to them. In giving to them, you shall find me. Do something for them which is costly to you. Sacrifice yourself for them as much as you can. And, behold, in them you shall discover Me. I will answer you

with special grace, for you shall feel me living and present. You shall experience the reality and power of My Resurrection."

Indicate that your contribution is for the plight of Syrian Christians and send it to the following address:

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