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**MAY 19th - 3rd Sunday of PASCHA -Myrrh-Bearing Women- Tone 2  
(Remembering the Holy Righteous Job the Long-suffering)**

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: ACTS 6: 1-7

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Mk. 16: 9-20/Liturgy: Mk 15: 43-47; 16: 1-8

**The Paschal Troparion**

"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!"

**Resurrection Troparion (Tn.2):** "When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal; Thou did slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths, Thou didst raise the dead; all the powers of Heaven cried out to Thee: 'O Giver of Life, Christ our God, Glory to Thee!'"

**Troparion of Myrrh-bearing Women Sunday (Tn. 2):** "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!'"

Hymn to the Mother of God: "*The Angel cried...*"

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our Fall "*Taste Of Serbia*" Event is scheduled for October 4th and 5th - make your plans to be here!

Today's Special Announcements and Events In Our Parish:

**(1) TODAY:** We joyfully honor our graduating Senior, **Mila O'Brion**, "*God grant you many years!*"

*(Our teachers decided that because of the inconsistent attendance this Year that there was no need to officially recognize them...)*

**(1-A) FRIDAY:** Paschal Matins for Sts. Cyril & Methodius - 9:30AM!

**(2) THIS SATURDAY:** Paschal Vespers at 6 PM!

**(3) Please pray for the health & well-being of our loved ones:**

Petar Vukelic Michael Repasky Xenia Vranesevich Helen Magdic  
Melva Lugares Helen Trkula Melva Buzzelli-NH Dorothy Medic-NH  
Helen Mochan Jenifer & Nadia Belo Prot. Mira Filipovic  
Fr. Chris Bender AP Joseph Abud Peter Lihass Demetrius Yandrich

**(4) Also pray for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:**

+Milan (Jerry) Drobac +Mark Belo +Stevan "Rick" Zivic  
+Stella Medich +Margaret (Tootsie) Ivkovich +Gary Trbovich  
+Sara Greyno +Eva Orr +Betsy Cannon +Danijela Belo  
+Arc. Polycarp Ramaeus +AP Angelo Artemas +AP Paul Lazor  
+AP Herman AP Adam Yonitch +Eli Vojnovich +Eugene Gould  
+Amelia Opacic +Marsha Cugalj +Olga Yandrich  
+Vlade Baskot +Joseph Stercula +Delores Belich

**(5) REMINDER:** the Calendar of Events for this Bright Week:

- **Leave-taking of Pascha: Wednesday, June 12th**

**(Great Vespers of Ascension at 6 PM)**

- **Thursday, June 13th: Ascension of Our Lord - 9:30AM!**

- **Saturday, June 22nd: Parish Parastos - 9:30AM!**

**(Blessing of McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery After)**

- **Sunday, June 23rd: PENTECOST - HTC Kolo Slava!**

**(Palachinke & Sausage Breakfast right after!)**

## THE STRENGTH TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES

**S**urely we can learn much from the MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN whom our Church honors this day. These were the women who watched under the cross as Jesus died. They saw how Joseph & Nicodemus buried Christ. On Saturday, they remained at home, for it was the big feast of the Passover & they were not allowed to go out.

Sunday, the first Resurrection morn, while it was still dark, they went through the streets of Jerusalem and made their way to the tomb of Jesus to anoint His body. Certainly they had their own families & homes. Surely there was work to be done. But Jesus had a first claim on their hearts. They carried spices & ointments used to anoint the body. One wonders how they were able to obtain such materials, for it was the Passover time. But love always finds a way to express itself.

One thing, however, concerned them. Who was going to roll away the huge stone from the door to the tomb? In spite of this, they kept going. That's the amazing thing. Love overcomes obstacles.

Upon entering the sepulcher, the women saw an angel sitting on the stone. They were fearful. He spoke to them saying "Be not afraid; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified; HE IS RISEN, HE IS NOT HERE."

May our love of Christ prod us to seek Him out. May we be rewarded with joy, as the Myrrh-Bearing Women were, upon learning of Christ's Resurrection. May we continue to believe in spite of obstacles. These women provide a lesson in faith sorely needed for our times. Their belief & love were genuine, overcoming difficulties to express their devotion. We see in their act that close tie between faith & works.

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