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Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8 May 3rd, 2020 Myrrhbearing Women

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Christ is Risen!

Sunday, May 3, Divine Liturgy 9: 00 a.m. – St. Tikhon's Monastery have resumed live streaming: Please click on: stmichaeljermyn.org and press the live stream button.

Saturday, May 9, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. St. Tikhon's Monastery have resumed live streaming: Please click on: stmichaeljermyn.org and press the live stream button.

Sunday, May 10, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. St. Tikhon's Monastery have resumed live streaming: Please click on: stmichaeljermyn.org and press the live stream button.

A Special Thank You to all who continue to send in their weekly envelopes. We are in a survival mode and want to pay our basic utility and insurance bills. A full written report will be sent this week to all our parishioner's. Also in the letter will be the CDC and Archbishops Mark's guidelines for opening our Church. You will also be asked to fill-out an anonymous 9 questions survey to be sent out with a self-addressed envelope.

<u>St. Michael's Church Committee Special Meeting</u> will be held this Monday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m. to go over the CDC guidelines and Archbishop Mark's directive for opening our Church for services.

St. Michael's Center and all Pascha and Ethnic Food Sales have also been cancelled due to the Pandemic Crisis. Once we are able to resume going to Church, Protodeacon Gabriel stated; "we will be having a huge Ethnic Food Sale"

<u>Fr. John continues with his Sunday homily</u>, during the Pandemic Crisis, <u>Please tune in at our parish</u> website; **stmichalejermyn.org and listen to his message on the second Sunday of Pascha.**

<u>A Special Donation of \$1,000.00</u> was received this week from an anonymous parishioner. May our Risen Lord continue to bless him for many years. <u>Na Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita.</u>

<u>Please remember in your prayers: Annabel Franchak</u> who is guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. <u>Peter Senio</u> who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa., <u>Marie Derkash</u> is a guests at the Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507.

Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling down death by death, And upon those in the tombs Bestowing life.

Troparion

The <u>noble Joseph</u>, when he had taken down Your most pure <u>Body</u> from the Tree, <u>wrapped</u> it in fine linen and anointed it with <u>spices</u>, and <u>placed</u> it in a <u>new</u> tomb.

But You <u>rose</u> on the <u>third</u> day, O Lord,// granting the <u>world</u> great <u>mer</u>cy.

Troparion

The <u>Angel</u> came to the myrrhbearing women at the <u>tomb</u> and said: "Myrrh is <u>fit</u>ting for the dead; but <u>Christ</u> has shown Himself a stranger to cor<u>rup</u>tion! So proclaim: 'The Lord is <u>ris</u>en,// granting the world great mercy.'"

The **Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women** falls on the second Sunday following <u>Pascha</u>. The <u>myrrh-bearers</u> had brought funeral spices and ointments to finish committing <u>Christ</u>'s body to the grave. They were the first to see the empty tomb and were instructed by the risen <u>Lord</u> to bring the joyful news to the apostles. Ss. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus are also commemorated on this day.