

July 22, 2018
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Myrrhbearer and Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene

Mary was born and grew up in the small city of Magdala, on the banks of Lake Genesareth (Galilee), between the cities of Capharnum and Tiberias. The Gospel tells us nothing of Mary's younger years, but Tradition informs us that Mary of Magdala was young and pretty, and led a sinful life. It says in the Gospels that the Lord expelled seven devils from Mary (Luke. 8:2). From the moment of her healing Mary led a new life, and became a true disciple of the Savior.

The Evangelist Luke, evidently, has her in view together with the other women, stating that at the moment of the Procession of Christ onto Golgotha, when after the Scourging He took on Himself the heavy Cross, collapsing under its weight, the women followed after Him weeping and wailing, but He consoled them. The Gospel relates that Mary Magdalene was present on Golgotha at the moment of the Lord's Crucifixion. While all the disciples of the Savior ran away, she remained fearlessly at the Cross together with the Mother of God and the Apostle John.

She was faithful to Him not only in the days of His Glory, but also at the moment of His extreme humiliation and insult. As the Evangelist Matthew relates, she was present at the Burial of the Lord. And she was one of the women who brought the first preaching of the Resurrection to the world, as she proclaimed to the Apostles the joyous message, "I have seen the Lord!" The Apostles proclaimed the Glad Tidings to the world, but she proclaimed it to the Apostles themselves.

Holy Tradition testifies that when the Apostles departed from Jerusalem to preach to all the ends of the earth, then Mary Magdalene also went with them. A daring woman, whose heart was full of reminiscence of the Resurrection, she went beyond her native borders and went to preach in pagan Rome. Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. According to Tradition, she brought him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: "Christ is Risen!"

From Rome, Saint Mary Magdalene, already bent with age, moved to Ephesus where the holy Apostle John unceasingly labored. There the saint finished her earthly life and was buried.

Her holy relics were transferred in the ninth century to Constantinople, and placed in the monastery Church of Saint Lazarus. In the era of the Crusader campaigns they were transferred to Italy and placed at Rome under the altar of the Lateran Cathedral.

Text (adapted) and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/07/22/102070-myrrhbearer-and-equal-of-the-apostles-mary-magdalene>



The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)



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COMMEMORATIONS:

MARY MAGDALENE, MYRRH-BEARER AND EQUAL-TO-THE
-APOSTLES

ST. CYRIL I, PATRIARCH OF ANTIOCH (298).

ST. WANDREGISILUS OF CAUX (668)

VIRGIN-MARTYR MARCELLA OF CHIOS (1500)

ST. CYPRIAN, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST OF SUZDAL (1622)

ST. CORNELIUS, MONK, OF PEREYASLAVL, AND
CONFESSOR OF ALEXANDROV CONVENT (1693).

Tone 7 - Eothinon 8

Matins Gospel: St. John 20:11-18

Epistle: 1 Cor 1:10-17

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 14:14-22

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE - Tone 1 - When Christ God had been born for our sakes from the Virgin, * thou faithfully didst follow Him, keeping His statutes * and heeding His sacred laws, O august Mary Magdalene. * Hence, as we today observe thy holy remembrance, * we receive the loosing of our sins and transgressions * through thy holy prayers for us.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, 11:45 am

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (July 29):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	MaryLynne B.	Justin G.
EPISTLE READER:	Jennifer Howanetz	Jack Morrash
ALTAR CANDLES:	Larry & Louise S.	---
GREETERS:	Michael & Helen H.	Angela Drăghici
CLEANING TEAM:	The Teens	Serge & Alex
COFFEE HOUR:	Tadesse/Hirut & Natalia	Bushelli Baptism

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS NEEDED! Many upcoming weeks do not have sponsors - can you take a turn, partner with another family? Sign-up sheet is by the coffee pots in the Great Room.

Church Etiquette — Lighting Candles

Lighting candles is an important part of Orthodox worship. We light them as we pray, making an offering to accompany our prayers. Orthodox typically light candles when coming into the church, and that is usually the best time to light them. But there are times when candles should not be lit. It is not proper to light candles during the Epistle or Gospel readings, during the Little or Great Entrances, or the sermon. Candles remind us that Christ is the Light of the world. They are also a financial offering to the Church and a "burnt offering" to God.

Mark Your Calendar:

Vacation Church School

July 30 - Aug 3

Dormition Fast

Aug 1 - Aug 15

Altar Boy & Parents Meeting

August 5 immediately after Liturgy

Feast of the Transfiguration

August 6

Feast of the Dormition

August 15

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

August 29

Sunday School Resumes

September 9

International Food Festival

September 21-22

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Baby Simeon	R. Herman
Natalie	Alexandra
Paul (H)	George
Paul (M)	
James E	
Christine S	
Angela G	
Mary K.	
R. Maxime	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
Elizabeth D	Catechumens
Stephanie	New & Ex-
M. Emiliani	pectant Mothers
Mebrat	& children
Gregory	Couples prepar-
Aristidis	ing for marriage
Thomas, Elizabeth & all Missionaries	Joseph G.
Tadesa, Eyala, Yorgo	Faith
	Mary
	Michael
Suffering in Syria, Ethiopia, Egypt & unstable lands	

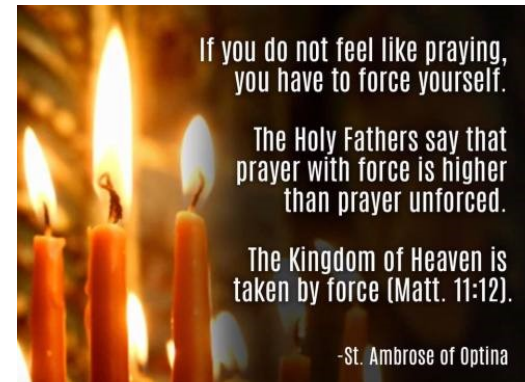
Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none" (Lk 3.11)

This Week:

- Monday, July 23:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Tuesday, July 24:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Wed, July 25:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Thurs, July 26:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Friday, July 27:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Saturday, July 28:** Men's Fellowship, 8 am
Sacrament of MARRIAGE (Helinski-Carpenter), 2 pm
VESPERS 6 p.m.
Pre-baptismal Prayers (Bushelli), 7 pm
- Sunday, July 29:** ORTHROS 8:30 a.m.,
Baptismal LITURGY 9:45 a.m. (Bushelli)
Coffee Hour, 11:45 am



OUTREACH COLLECTION: Oral Care Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: "The devil's favorite lie is, 'there is plenty of time to repent.'"

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Jul 14: 29 Divine Services on Jul 15: 163
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$122. Collections, \$1,237.77. Youth, \$8. Book Shelf, \$31. Burial Ministry, \$808. Christmas in July, \$150. One-time gift, \$200. Stewardship, \$11,308. Total received: \$13,864.77.
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!