

## Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph (April 26)

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikódēmos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

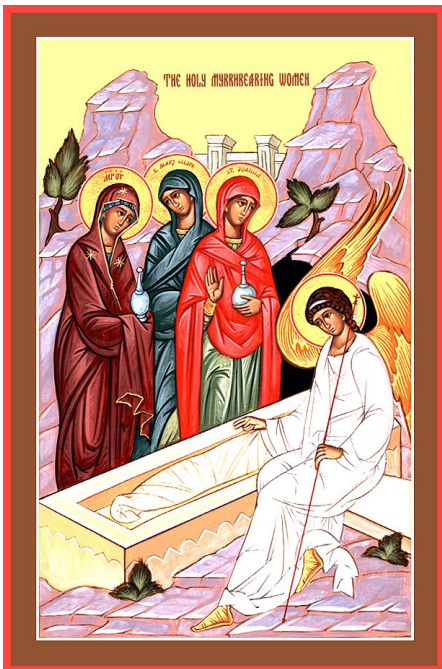
According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikódēmos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

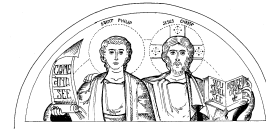
The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610), the New Martyr Elias Arduis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).

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



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## April 26, 2026 SUNDAY OF THE MYRRHBEARING WOMEN AND SAINTS JOSEPH AND NICODEMUS



**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**Orthros Gospel:**  
St. Luke 24:1-12 (Eothinon 4)  
**Epistle:** Acts 6:1-7  
**Gospel:** St. Mark 15:43-16:8

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - TONE 2** - When thou didst submit thyself unto death, O thou deathless and immortal One, then thou didst destroy hell with thy godly power; and when thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto thee, O Christ, thou Giver of Life, "Glory to thee!"

**APOLYTIKION OF JOSEPH - TONE 2** - Pious Joseph, having brought down thy pure Body from the tree, and wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, prepared it, and laid it in a new tomb. But thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting to the world the great mercy!

**APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN - TONE 2** - Verily the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment bearing women: "The ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ has been shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye, 'The Lord is risen, granting to the world the great mercy!'"

**TODAY:** Orthros, 8:15 am  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Coffee Hour 11:15 am

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