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## **Sunday, May 4, 2025 – Sunday of the Ointment Bearing Women**

**Epistle:** Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 (*Arabic, Nuhad Haddad + English, Mirna Marji*); **Gospel:** Mark 15: 43-16:8

**The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠Victoria Scalora** (Nancy McCarthy); ✠**Louise Ryan Perrine** (Eric & Christine Goodsell); ✠**Phillip Tarquinio** (Nicholas & Barbara Borrello); ✠**Clara Kane** (Michel & Hala Hourani)

**The Great Doxology** (*Hymnal p. 97*): Glory to You, O Giver of Life, glory to God in the highest...

**After, Blessed is the Kingdom...** the **Troparion of Pascha** (3x) (*Hymnal p.226-27*): Christ is Risen...

**Antiphon Prayer:** O Christ God, You alone are the Light of the world. Enlighten our spirit as You enlightened the eyes of the Marys. Gladden our hearts with faith and peace; and as You raised us up from the grave of our sins and delivered us from the power of Darkness, make us also worthy, in your great mercy, to light the lamps of our souls from the resplendent Light of your Glorious Resurrection, for You are our Light, our Life and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

### **Antiphon of Pascha:**

1 - Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia

2 - Sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise.

Khallisna Ya-Bnallah, Ya Man qama min baynil-amwaat, nahnu muranneemeena Laka. Haleloueya.

3 - Say to God how tremendous are your deeds! For your great strength your enemies fawn upon You.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia

**The Incarnational Hymn:** O Only begotten Son and Word of God, immortal as you are ...

**Little Entrance** (*Hymnal p. 228*): **Priest:** In your assemblies bless the Lord our God, from the springs of Israel.

**All:** O Son of God, who are risen from the dead save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

**Troparion of the Resurrection** (Tone 2) (*Hymnal p. 8*): When You descended to death, O immortal Life...

**Troparion of Joseph (Tone 2):** The Noble Joseph took down from the tree your spotless body and wrapped it in pure linen and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day, You arose, O Lord, and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

**Troparion of the Myrrhbearers (Tone 2):** The angel stood by the tomb and cried out to the Myrrhbearing Women: "Myrrh is proper for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself free from corruption. Cry out, then: "The Lord is risen and has bestowed great mercy upon the world."

**Kontakion of Pascha** (*Hymnal p. 230*): Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One....

**Instead of the Trisagion** (*Hymnal p. 108*): All of you who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ, Alleluia!

**Prokimenon: Ps.117: 14, 18:** My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.

**Stichon:** The Lord has chastised me through his teaching, yet He has not delivered me to death.

**Epistle, Acts of the Apostles Acts 6:1-7:** In those days, as the number of disciples increased; there arose a complaint among the Greeks against the Hebrews, in that their widows were being neglected in the daily service. And so, the twelve summoned the many disciples and said, "It is not good that we give up the Word of God and serve at tables. Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom that we could put to this service, while we devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word." And the plan was pleasing to the whole crowd, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicholas, a recent convert from Antioch. These they presented to the apostles, who then prayed and laid

their hands upon them. And God's word was growing, and the number of the disciples increased considerably in Jerusalem; and many of the priests also accepted the faith.

**Alleluia: Ps.19: 1, 10:** The Lord shall hear you on the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob shall defend you.

**Stichon:** O Lord, save your king and listen to us on whatever day we call upon you.

**Gospel: Mark 15: 43-16:8:** At that time there came Joseph, the one from Arimathea, a councilor of high rank, who was himself looking for the Kingdom of God. And he went in boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. But Pilate wondered whether he had expired so soon. And sending for the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen cloth, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone to the entrance of the tomb. But Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jose were looking on and saw where he was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, in order to go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, when the sun had just risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll the stone back from the entrance of the tomb for us?" And looking up they saw that the stone had been rolled back—now, it was very large. But on entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, "Do not be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see him, as he told you." And they left and fled from the tomb, for trembling and fear had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Hirmos (Hymnal p. 231):** The angel cried out to the one who is full of grace, "Hail, O immaculate virgin...

**Kinonikon (Hymnal p. 235):** "Exalt the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Sion! Alleluia!"

**Communion Hymn - Kinonikon of Pascha (Hymnal p. 232):** Receive the Body, the body of Christ, and drink from the Fountain of immortality. Alleluia. (Repeated during communion of the faithful instead of "Receive me now...")

**Post Communion Hymn - Troparion of Pascha (Hymnal p. 227):** Christ is risen from the dead... (1x)

**Instead of Blessed be the Name of the Lord - Troparion of Pascha (Hymnal p. 226-227):** Christ is risen from the dead (3x)

**Memorial Service for Pope Francis (Liturgy Book p. 76)**

**St. Ann Prayer List:** Please remember in your prayers the suffering handmaids and servants of God: George Ayoub, Marilyn Baiad, Paul Davis, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Linda Noujaim, Doreen Parrella, Victoria Scalora, and Claire Sirgy

**Palm Sunday Bake Sale Report:** Gross Sales \$3,899; Net income \$3,669.55. The Baking Ladies Rule! Thank you and God bless you for all your generous effort and support.

**June 8 Walk for Boston Children's Hospital:** Joe & Jenna Kane are sponsoring **Clara's Sidekicks**, a fundraiser in memory of their daughter Clara. The Walk raises money for sick children and their families. Please visit this link for more information:

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### Sunday, May 11, 2025 - Sunday of the Paralytic

**Epistle:** Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42 (Randa Antous); **Gospel:** John 5: 1-15

**The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠Mothers of St. Ann Parish (Fr. Thomas); ✠Elizabeth Hardiman (Fr. Thomas & Khouria Joanne); Elsie Fatse (Fr. Thomas & Khouria Joanne); ✠Clara Kane (Michel & Hala Hourani)**

#### Sunday Collections:

4/6/2025	4/13/2025	4/20/2025	4/27/2025
Reg: \$1,137 Easter Flowers: \$205 Clergy Ret: \$144	Reg: \$3,120 Holy Land: \$572. Clergy Ret: \$15 Easter Flowers: \$50 Home Missions: \$20 Fundraising: \$50 Donation: \$10,000	Reg: \$1,281. Fuel/Elec: \$10 Spec. Proj: \$62 Donation: \$200	Reg: \$1,882 Home Mission: \$47

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