

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Holy Myrrhbearing Women

May 3rd, 2020

“The tireless women! They would not give sleep to their eyes nor slumber to their eyelids until they found their Beloved!”

St. Theophan the Recluse



**MARTYRS TIMOTHY AND MAURA.** The third-century Christian persecutions by the emperor Diocletian had reached even to Egypt. Timothy was from a village called Penapeon, and he was a Reader in the church. After twenty days of marriage to Maura, he was captured by the governor Arianos and ordered to relinquish his sacred books. Refusing to give over his “children,” hot burning rods were placed into his ears. He was fastened to a wheel with a bridle over his mouth. Then he was hung upside down until his flesh was torn. Timothy’s wife received this news and prayed that God would relieve her husband’s pain. Her prayers were answered, and Timothy was healed. Many who saw this confessed the faith, but the governor thought it was sorcery. Maura confessed her faith before the governor, and this angered him. He had her hair shaved off her head, fingers cut off, then submerged in a cauldron of boiling water, but she remained unharmed. Finally, Timothy and Maura were crucified and left hanging for nine days. She had a vision of their reward in heaven before she died. The governor later became a Christian and martyr. The demon-possessed have been miraculously healed before the icon of St. Maura, in the church dedicated to her on the island of Zakynthos.

## **DIOCESAN RESOURCES**

Please visit the diocesan web site:

<https://www.nynjoca.org/>

On the home page you will find:

- Updates on the quarantine/situation
- Statements from His Eminence, Archbishop Michael
- Resources for home prayer -- Reader's Vespers, Typika Service, and Home Prayer rule information (updated regularly)
- Links to online streamed services

## **Keeping Your Offerings Current**

Remember to keep your offerings current by sending your check to:

**Holy Spirit Orthodox Church**  
**102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ 07461**  
(make check payable to "Holy Spirit Orthodox Church".)

Sincere thanks for continuing to support your church during these difficult times.

## Announcements

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

Christ is Risen!

It has been over six weeks since we were able to worship as a community. So much has happened in that time.

I want to take this opportunity to offer our thanks and gratitude to all those who have done so much to respond to this crisis. May our Lord bless them abundantly.

I am hoping that we will be able to be together before the end of the Paschal season, so that we can lift our voices in praise and sing the Paschal hymn:

"Christ is risen from the dead..."

As it looks now, we might be able to have Vespers on May 16th and Divine Liturgy on the 17th. This is still subject to change.

I hope you are all well and safe. Be assured of my continued prayers for all of you.

"Christ is Risen!"  
"Indeed, He is Risen!"

Father George



*We Thank You for your Offerings*

*In Memory of +Pighi Mardaloesc  
Joanne Hosbach*

*In Memory of +Carol Lynn Benda  
Joanne Hosbach  
William & Donna Benner  
Edward & Jane Dellert  
Robert Thomson  
Frank & Irene Sherwood  
Kerry C. Jordan*



“When I said, My foot slippeth;  
Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.”

Psalm 93:18



## Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

### Troparion — Tone 2

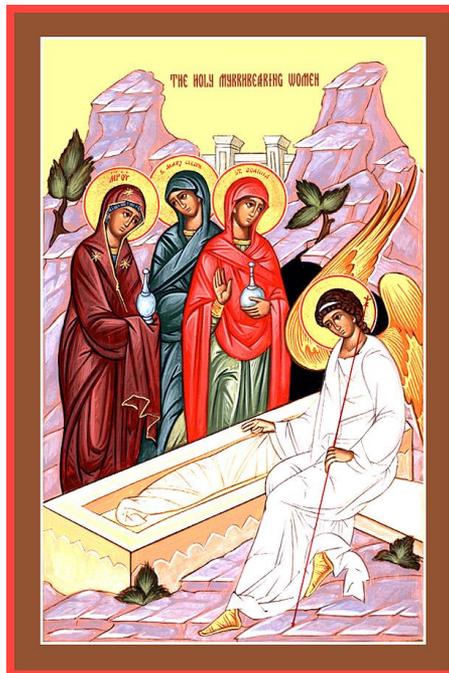
The Noble Joseph, / when he had taken down Your most pure Body  
from the tree, / wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, /  
and placed it in a new tomb. / But You rose on the third day, O Lord,  
/ granting the world great mercy.

### Troparion — Tone 2

The angel came to the myrrhbearing 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!

### Kontakion — Tone 2

You commanded the myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ! / By Your  
Resurrection, You stopped the lamentation of Eve, the first mother! /  
You commanded them to preach to Your apostles\*: The Savior is  
Risen from the tomb!



We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, but our special prayers are for the sick and suffering:

The Archpriests Samuel, Joseph & John, the priest Gregory, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine Engelsman, Nadine Olsen, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Ellen, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Joseph Belli, Bonnie Shaffner. Amen!!!

\*\*\* To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski\*\*\*

We also pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus: First responders, doctors, nurses, health care workers, and all essential workers who are under the impending threat of the Coronavirus, as well as those who are suffering and those who are recovering from this affliction.

Download the Reader's Service of Prayer for Protection  
from the Coronavirus  
(This service takes place in front of our Icon Corner)

<https://www.nynjoca.org/files/2020/covid-19/covid-19-prayer-service.pdf>

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