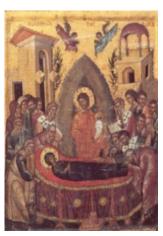


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#### Κυριακή τῶν Μυροφόρων

Μυφοφόφες εἶναι οἱ γυναῖκες ποὺ ἀκολουθοῦσαν τὸν Κύφιο μαζὶ μὲ τὴ Μητέφα του, ἔμειναν μαζί της κατὰ τὴν ὥφα τοῦ σωτηφιώδους πάθους καὶ φρόντισαν νὰ ἀλείψουν μὲ μύφα τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Κυφίου. Ὅταν δηλαδὴ ὁ Ἰωσὴφ καὶ ὁ Νικόδημος ζήτησαν κι' ἔλαβαν ἀπὸ τὸν Πιλάτο τὸ δεσποτικὸ σῶμα, τὸ κατέβασαν ἀπὸ τὸ σταυφό, τὸ πεφιέβαλαν σὲ σινδόνια μαζὶ μὲ ἐκλεκτὰ ἀφώματα, τὸ τοποθέτησαν σὲ λαξευτὸ μνημεῖο καὶ ἔβαλαν μεγάλη πέτφα πάνω στὴ θύφα τοῦ μνημείου. Παφευφίσκονταν, κατὰ τὸν Εὐαγγελιστὴ Μᾶφκο, ἡ Μαφία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ ἡ ἄλλη Μαφία ποὺ καθόταν ἀπέναντι τοῦ τάφου. Ἄλλη Μαφία ἐννοοῦσε ὁπωσδήποτε τὴ Θεομήτοφα. Δὲν παφευφίσκονταν μόνο αὐτές, ἀλλὰ καὶ πολλὲς ἄλλες γυναῖκες ὅπως ἀναφέφει καὶ ὁ Λουκᾶς. Ἰμοφοκορος ἐτοίμασαν τὰ μύφα καὶ τὰ ἀφώματα, κατὰ τὴν ἐντολή, τὸ Σάββατο ἡσύχασαν. Ὁ Λουκᾶς ἀναφέφει: «Τὴν πρώτη τῆς έβδομάδος, ὄρθρο βαθύ, ἤρθαν στὸ μνῆμα, ἡ Μαρία Μαγδαληνή, ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου, ἡ Ἰωάννα

καὶ ἄλλες μαζί τους». Ὁ Ματθαῖος λέγει: «ἀργὰ τὸ Σάββατο, ξημερώνοντας τὴν πρώτη τῆς έβδομάδος καὶ δύο μυροφόρες προσῆλθαν». Ὁ Ἰωάννης λέγει: «Τὸ πρωί, ἐνῶ ἦταν σκοτεινὰ καὶ ἦταν μόνο ή Μαρία Μαγδαληνή». Ἐνῶ ὁ Μᾶρκος ἀναφέρει: «Πολύ πρωὶ τῆς πρώτης τῆς έβδομάδος καὶ ἦταν τρεῖς οἱ προσερχόμενες μυροφόρες». Πρώτη τῆς έβδομάδος ποὺ αναφέρουν ὅλοι οἱ εὐαγγελιστὲς εἶναι ἡ Κυριακή. Άργὰ τὸ βράδυ, ὄρθρο βαθύ, πολὺ πρωὶ καὶ πρωὶ σκοτεινὰ ἀκόμη, ονομάζουν το χρόνο γύρω ἀπὸ τον ὄρθρο, ἀνάμικτο ἀπὸ φῶς καὶ σκοτάδι. Οἱ μυροφόρες ἦταν πολλὲς καὶ ἦλθαν στὸν τάφο ὄχι μιὰ φορά, ἀλλὰ καὶ δύο καὶ τρεῖς φορές, συντροφιὰ μέν, ἀλλὰ ὄχι οί ἴδιες, κατὰ τὸν ὄρθρο μὲν ὅλες, ἀλλ΄ ὄχι τὸν ἴδιο χρόνο ἀκριβῶς. Απὸ ὅλους τοὺς εὐαγγελιστές, πρώτη ἀπ΄ ὅλους ἦλθε στὸν τάφο τοῦ Υίοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡ Θεοτόκος, ἔχοντας μαζὶ τὴ Μαγδαληνὴ Μαρία. Τὸ συμπεραίνω ἀπὸ τὸν Εὐαγγελιστὴ Ματθαῖο. Γιατί λέγει, «ἦλθε ἡ Μαγδαληνἡ Μαρία καὶ ἡ ἄλλη Μαρία», ποὺ ἦταν ὁπωσδήποτε ἡ Θεομήτωο, «γιὰ νὰ δοῦν τὸν τάφο. Καὶ ἔγινε μεγάλος σεισμός, γιατί ἄγγελος Κυρίου ήλθε, σήκωσε τὴ μεγάλη πέτρα ἀπὸ τὸ μνημεῖο καὶ κάθισε πάνω της. Ήταν ή μορφή του σὰν ἀστραπὴ καὶ τὸ ἔνδυμά του λευκὸ σὰν χιόνι καὶ ἀπὸ τὸ φόβο τους ταράχθηκαν οἱ φύλακες καὶ ἔγιναν σὰν νεκροί». Νομίζω ὅτι γιὰ τὴ Θεοτόκο ἀνοίχθηκε ὁ ζωηφόρος τάφος (γιατί γι' αὐτή πρώτη καὶ μέσω αὐτῆς ἔχουν ἀνοιχθεῖ σ' ἐμᾶς ὅλα, εἴτε στὸν οὐρανὸ εἴτε στὴ γῆ) γι' αὐτὴν ἄστραψε ὁ ἄγγελος νὰ δεῖ τὸν ἄδειο τάφο καὶ τὸ μέγα θαῦμα τῶν ἐνταφίων χωρὶς τὸν ἀναστάντα Κύριο. Καὶ προφανῶς ὁ εὐαγγελιστής αὐτὸς ἄγγελος ἦταν ὁ Γαβριήλ, ποὺ ἀνάφερε τὴν ἀνάσταση δείχνοντας τὸ κενὸ μνημεῖο καὶ λέγοντας στὶς μυροφόρες νὰ τὴν ἀναγγείλουν στοὺς μαθητές. Καὶ τότε «ἐξῆλθαν μὲ φόβο καὶ χαρὰ μεγάλη». Καὶ πάλι τὸν φόβο ἔχει ἀκόμη ή Μαρία Μαγδαληνή καὶ οἱ ἄλλες γυναῖκες, ἐνῶ ή Θεομήτωρ ἀπέκτησε τὴ μεγάλη χαρά, γιατί κατενόησε τὰ χαρμόσυνα λόγια τοῦ ἀρχαγγέλου τὰ ὁποία πίστεψε καὶ ἀπὸ τὰ τόσα ἀξιόπιστα γεγονότα, τοῦ σεισμοῦ, τῆς μετάθεσης τοῦ λίθου, τοῦ ἄδειου τάφου, τῶν ἄλυτων ἐνταφίων ἀδειανῶν ἀπὸ τὸ σῶμα. Καὶ τέλος πρώτη ἡ Θεοτόκος ἀναγνώρισε τὸν ἀναστάντα καὶ προσέπεσε στὰ πόδια του καὶ ἔγινε ἀπόστολος πρὸς τοὺς Ἀποστόλους, ὅταν ἐπιστρέφοντας ἐμφανίσθηκε ὁ Ἰησοῦς στὶς μυροφόρες, λέγοντας τό: «Χαὶρετε».



#### Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulchre, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to annoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers. Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous

marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14). Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Saviour, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Saviour's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counsellors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).

#### Άπολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον. Ήχος β'.

Ότε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωἡ ἡ άθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἅδην ένέκρωσας τῆ άστραπῆ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας έκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αὶ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων έκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

#### Ήχος β'.

Ό εύσχήμων Ίωσήφ, άπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελών, τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρᾳ, είλήσας καὶ άρώμασιν, έν μνήματι καινῷ, κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο· άλλὰ τριήμερος άνέστης Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

#### Ήχος β'.

Ταῖς μυροφόροις Γυναιξί, παρὰ τὸ μνῆμα έπιστάς, ὁ Ἅγγελος έβόα· Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια, Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾶς έδείχθη άλλότριος, άλλὰ κραυγάσατε· Ἁνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμω τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

# Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 2.

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

#### Mode 2.

When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, and granted the world Your great mercy.

#### Mode 2.

The Angel standing at the sepulcher cried out and said to the ointment-bearing women: The ointments are appropriate for mortal men, but Christ has been shown to be a stranger to decay. So go and cry aloud, The Lord has risen and granted the world His great mercy.

#### Άπολυτίκιον ΚΟΙΜΗΣΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ First Tone

Εν τή Γεννήσει τήν παρθενίαν εφύλαξας, έν τή Κοιμήσει τόν κόσμον ού κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε, Μετέστης πρός τήν ζωήν, μήτηρ υπάρχουσα τής ζωής, καί ταίς πρεσβείαις ταίς σαίς λυτρουμένη, εκ θανάτου τάς ψυχάς ημών.

#### Κοντάκιον τοῦ Πάσχα. Ἡχος πλ. δ'.

Εί καὶ έν τάφω κατῆλθες Άθάνατε, άλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ άνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Άποστόλοις είρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων άνάστασιν.

# Apolytikion Dormition of the Theotokos. First Tone

In birth, you preserved your virginity; in death, you did not abandon the world, O Theotokos. As mother of life, you departed to the source of life, delivering our souls from death by your intercessions.

#### Kontakion of Pascha. Mode pl. 4.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

#### ΜΝΥΜΟΣΥΝΑ

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### ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ TODAY'S EPISTLE READING

Ίσχύς μου καὶ ὕμνησίς **Προκείμενον. Ήχος β'** ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 117.14,18

μου δ Κύριος.

Στίχ. Παιδεύων έπαίδευσέ με ο Κύριος.

Πράξεις Άποστόλων 6:1-7 τὸ άνάγνωσμα

Έν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν, ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αὶ χῆραι αὐτῶν. Προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οὶ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν, εἶπον, Οὐκ ἀρεστόν ἐστιν ἡμᾶς, καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ, διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. Ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας έξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπτά, πλήρεις πνεύματος ὰγίου καὶ σοφίας, οὺς καταστήσωμεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης. Ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσομεν. Καὶ ἤρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἑνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλήθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρης πίστεως καὶ πνεύματος ὰγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον, καὶ Πρόχορον, καὶ Νικάνορα, καὶ Τίμωνα, καὶ Παρμενᾶν, καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Ἁντιοχέα, οὺς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων· καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. Καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ηὕξανεν, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλἡμ σφόδρα, πολύς τε ὅχλος τῶν ἱερέων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.

#### Prokeimenon. Mode 2 Psalm 117.14,18

The Lord is my strength and my song. Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

# ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΥ

# TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

#### Έκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 15:43-47, 16:1-8

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθὼν Ἰωσὴφ ὁ ἀπὸ Ἀριμαθαίας, εύσχήμων βουλευτής, ὂς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλᾶτον καὶ ήτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. Ὁ δὲ Πιλᾶτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εί πάλαι ἀπέθανε· καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἐδωρήσατο τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. Καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδόνα καὶ καθελὼν αὐτὸν ἐνείλησε τῆ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείῳ, ὂ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσεκύλισε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. Ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσῆ ἐθεώρουν ποῦ τίθεται. Καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλώμη ἡγόρασαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι ἀλείψωσιν αὐτόν. Καὶ λίαν πρωἳ τῆς μιᾶς σαββάτων ἔρχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, ἀνατείλαντος τοῦ ἡλίου. Καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ὲαυτάς· Τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημεῖον; Καὶ ἀναβλέψασαι θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκύλισται ὁ λίθος· ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδρα. Καὶ είσελθοῦσαι είς τὸ μνημεῖον εἶδον νεανίσκον καθήμενον ἐν τοῖς δεξιοῖς, περιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκήν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. Ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς· μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε· Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζαρηνὸν τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἡγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. Άλλ΄ ὑπάγετε εἴπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς είς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. Καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου· εἶχε δὲ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ ούδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον· έφοβοῦντο γάρ.

#### The Gospel According to Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

ΒΑΠΤΙΣΕΙΣ ΒΑΡΤΙSMS

#### ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ, 25η ΜΑΪΟΥ

Γιός του κυρίου και κυρίας Thomas Baudille. Κουμπάροι: Κώστας Μισιριότης και Μαρία Νασόπουλου.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 25th

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Baudille. Godparents: Kostas Misiriotis and Maria Nasopoulos.