Sunday, April 30, 2023

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women
+ St. James the Apostle, brother of St. John
Mode of the Week: Second/Δεύτερος

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:
Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σώσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To our Visitors and Guests: We extend a warm welcome to all worshiping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!
The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation. 

Verse: The Lord chastened and corrected me, but He did not give me up to death. (Ps. 117)

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 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 Nicolas, 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.
Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (page 8 in the Pego Book):

- Hymn of the Resurrection (Χριστός ανέστη, Plagal 3rd Mode): Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρών, θανάτου θάνατον παρέστη, καὶ τὴν ἐν τῇ μασίᾳ, ἔχων χαραγμένον.
- Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Οὗτος έκ νεκρῶν, 2nd Mode): When you descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life, You who were put to death for our sake, grant resurrection to those in the tombs He has granted life.
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Prayers for those recently reposed:
- Fr. Angelo (+April 20), Stanley (+April 24)

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:
- Nate, Chad, Alexander, and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church.

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:
- St. Silouan the Athonite on our Lord for us: “A certain monk told me that when he was very sick, his mother said to his father, ‘How our little boy is suffering. I would gladly give myself to be cut up into pieces if that would ease his suffering.’ Such is the love of Christ for us, Fr. listened people so much that he wanted to suffer for them, like their own mother, and even more. But no one can understand this great love without the grace of the Holy Spirit.”