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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request

Epistle Act 6: 1-7

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Gospel: Mark 15: 43-16: 8

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!
XPNECTOC BOCKPECE! VOISTINNU VOSKRES!
Holy Myrrh- Bearing Women - Third Sunday of PASCHA**

PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Pat Federonko, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Mildred Cislo, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Brian Kurtyka, Ryan Kerrigan, and Frances Munaco.

Father Timothy and Matushka are continuing with services. If you can, pray with them at the time the services are scheduled. Please continue to pray for those who are afflicted with this disease, as well as those who put their lives on the line administering to the sick, and also for those who serve our communities – police, emergency personel, fireman, government officials, and those working to provide necessities for us.

THANK YOU: I wish to thank our parishioners for their continued support of St. Michael's. We will come through this uncertain time with your love and support.

I also wish to thank Chris Muzzin and his son Matthew for their technical support in getting St. Michael's on line to live-stream services during Holy Week. There are many parishioners who took advantage of this service. We thank Chris and Matt for volunteering their hard work to make this possible. *View services at:* youtube.com go to search section: **Saint Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church Redford**

From The ORTHODOX WEEKLY BULLETIN ...Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey
"HE IS NOT HERE, BUT IS RISEN!"

In the beginning of His public ministry, our Lord spent much of His time in the region of Galilee, where His miraculous works brought Him a large following. In addition of the 12 Apostles and other trusted disciples, a group of holy women loyally ministered to Christ. They believed in the Lord so strongly that, when all others deserted Him, these saintly women remained at His side, standing sorrowfully in the shadow of the Cross when Christ was crucified.

Christ's death on the Cross did not end the devotion of this speical group that will forever be commemorated as the, MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. The Resurrection narrative tells us that "very early in the morining on the first day of the week," these dedicated women went to the Lord's tomb. They brought myrrh and spices with them, hoping to anoint the Body of their Master, performing one, final act of service for Him. Imagine their wonder when they found the grave empty! Bewildered at first, their dismay quickly turned to joy as they heard the words of the angel: **"WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE, BUT IS RISEN!"**

Indeed, the Myrrh-bearing Women were the first to know that Christ had arisen, just as He had foretold. Their faith in the Saviour was rewarded in this privileged manner!

On this Third Sunday of Pascha, our Holy Church also remembers two secret disciples of Jesus: Nicodemus, leader of the Pharisees, and Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy nobleman who buried Christ in his own tomb in a garden near Golgotha.

7 DAY VIGIL LIGHTS: *St. Michael's had 168 vigil lights lit on Holy Friday and for all of Pascha week. These candles were lit for various occassions. I want to thank you all for your support in beautifying the church with all these candles.*

SPECIAL THANK YOU: Because of the Covid 19 situation we were unable to get flowers from our usual source. We thank *Patric Hermes* for being able to find and pick up 18 beautiful lillies that were surrounding the Grave of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and also beautifying the church for Pascha!

RED CROSS DRIVE: This past Friday, April 24th - St. Michael's opened our Church Cultural Center to the Red Cross for a blood drive. They collected 37 units of blood to help those in need of blood. Thank you Red Cross and those of the community who came and supported the Red Cross blood drive!!!