

“He is risen! He is not here.”

∴THE MYRRHBEARERS∴



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“Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Mark 10:14

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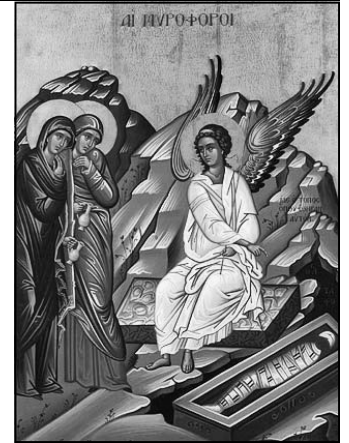
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Sadness to joy

Have you ever visited the grave of a friend or a relative? Maybe you brought some flowers to put there, or maybe you visited to say a prayer.

Today we remember a group of women who woke up early one morning to visit the grave of somebody they loved very much, our Lord, Jesus Christ. They brought bottles of myrrh so that they could give the tomb a sweet smell. On the way, they were sad and worried. They knew a big stone lay across the tomb, and they wouldn't be able to get inside. But when they got to the tomb, they were amazed! The huge stone was rolled away, and an angel was inside!



“You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen!” said the angel. Later, we see how their sadness turned into joy! Sometimes, we might think about what God has planned for us, how He opened heaven for us so that we can be with Him forever. In heaven, there is no pain or suffering. When we think about that, our sadness will turn to joy too!

The angel told the women to tell everybody the good news. We can also tell people the good news when we say, “**Christ is risen!**”

Today, we remember the love these women had for their Lord. And we know we can try to follow their example too!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Baptism
- Christopher
- Faith
- Feasting
- Humble
- Myrrh
- Risen
- Stone
- Women

V O L G Q Q H O H U Z K L C V
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 O K R C W E Z R R H T B N Y M
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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Do you know the Myrrh-bearing women, who visited Jesus's tomb?

Here we have Saints Mary Magdalene, Mary (the wife of Cleopas), Joanna, Salome, Martha and Mary (the sisters of Lazarus), and Susanna.



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SAINT CHRISTOPHER

WE CAN ALL CARRY CHRIST!

Do you have a name that means something? Maybe you have looked up the meaning of your name. The name "Sarah" means "princess." The name "Philip" means "lover of horses."



Tomorrow, we celebrate Saint Christopher, whose name means "The one who carried Christ." In the icon, you can see a young Jesus on Saint Christopher's shoulder. St. Christopher was a big, strong man, and one story about him says that he would carry people back and forth across a river. Once, he even carried Christ on his shoulder, and he wanted to become Christian after that.

We don't know if this is a true story, or just a legend, or maybe that the story really meant that Christopher carried Christ in his heart after his baptism. We know that part is true, for sure. Christopher was a pagan, who worshiped false gods. The biography of Christopher says that he was a very ugly man. His face was something nobody even wanted to look at. But after Christopher chose to become a Christian, he was baptized, and his whole appearance changed. He was gentle, and humble, and had a sweet face. Everyone around him knew that Christopher had changed. Later, Christopher even was martyred because he wouldn't give up his strong faith.

We can try to follow St. Christopher's example. Always remember that when you became a Christian, you changed too! And you carry Christ in your heart too!

We celebrate Saint Christopher on Monday, May 9th (OC: May 22nd).