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# EPISTLE

## ACTS 6:1-7

1 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,

6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith

### PROKEIMENON

#### Prokeimenon - Tone 6

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! (Ps 27/28:9)

v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)



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# GOSPEL

## MARK 15:43-16:8

43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 44 Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. 45 So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. 46 Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. 47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph observed where He was laid. 1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. 2 Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. 7 But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." 8 So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



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**April 22, 2018**

**3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA**  
Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing  
Women with the Noble Joseph

### WELCOME

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tomorrow night at 6:30 pm we have **Parish Council**

Our weekly **Bible Study** will resume this Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 pm with a study of the Ten Commandments. The Bible Study is at Vivian Zimmerman's house, 807 2nd St. NE

The **Eastwood Park Neighborhood Association** is meeting this coming Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 pm at the church.



## TROPARION

### 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

### 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

### 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!

## KONTAKION

### Kontakion - Tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou  
didst destroy the power of death. In victory Thou didst  
arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the  
Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Thine  
Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.



## EPISTLE

### ACTS 12:1-11 (ST. GEORGE)

1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to  
harass some from the church.

2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3  
And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded  
further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of  
Unleavened Bread.

4 So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and  
delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending  
to bring him before the people after Passover. 5 Peter was  
therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to  
God for him by the church. 6 And when Herod was about to  
bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two  
chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door  
were keeping the prison. 7

Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light  
shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and  
raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off  
his hands. 8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie  
on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on  
your garment and follow me." 9 So he went out and followed  
him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was  
real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they were  
past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the  
iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its  
own accord; and they went out and went down one street,  
and immediately the angel departed from him. 11 And when  
Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain  
that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from  
the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish  
people."

## TROPARION

### Troparion - Tone 4

As a martyr of Christ, Thou wast bound for good  
deeds, O George; by faith thou didst conquer the  
torturer's godlessness. Thou wast offered as a  
sacrifice pleasing to God, thus receiving the  
crown of victory. // Through thine intercessions,  
forgiveness of sins is granted to all.

## GOSPEL

### JOHN 15:17-16:2

(ST. GEORGE)

17 These things I command you, that you love one  
another. 18 If the world hates you, you know that it hated  
Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the  
world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the  
world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world  
hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A  
servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted  
Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they  
will keep yours also.

21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's  
sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have  
no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 He who hates Me hates My Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works which no one  
else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen  
and also hated both Me and My Father.

25 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which  
is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you  
from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the  
Father, He will testify of Me.

27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been  
with Me from the beginning.

1 These things I have spoken to you, that you should not  
be made to stumble.

2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is  
coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God  
service.

## KONTAKION

### Kontakion - Tone 4

God raised thee as His own gardener\*, O George, for thou  
hast gathered for thyself the sheaves of virtue. Having sown in  
tears, thou dost now reap with joy; thou hast shed thy blood in  
combat and won Christ as thy crown. // Through thine  
intercessions, forgiveness of sins is granted to all.