

*Welcome to St. Olympia Orthodox Church,
 a young and, God willing, growing community of worshipers.*

*Our priest is Fr. Peter Irfan, Acting Rector.
 You may reach him at 716-342-8520 (cell) or at fatherpeter777@yahoo.com.*

*Please join us for prayer and fellowship.***

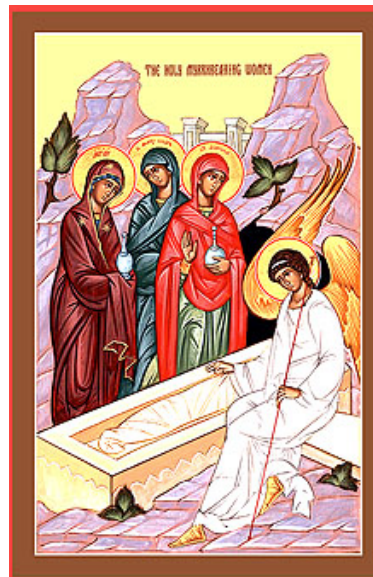
***** In keeping with
 OCA guidelines, we
 need to have a
 rotation schedule for
 those who wish to
 attend. Please contact
 Father Peter or the
 Parish Council for
 more information. *****

**Upcoming Services:
 Sunday, May 3, 10
 Divine Liturgy: 10am**

**No coffee hour
 following services**

***The above services are
 at St. Olympia Chapel
 123 Main Street
 Potsdam, NY, 13676***

Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women



*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!*

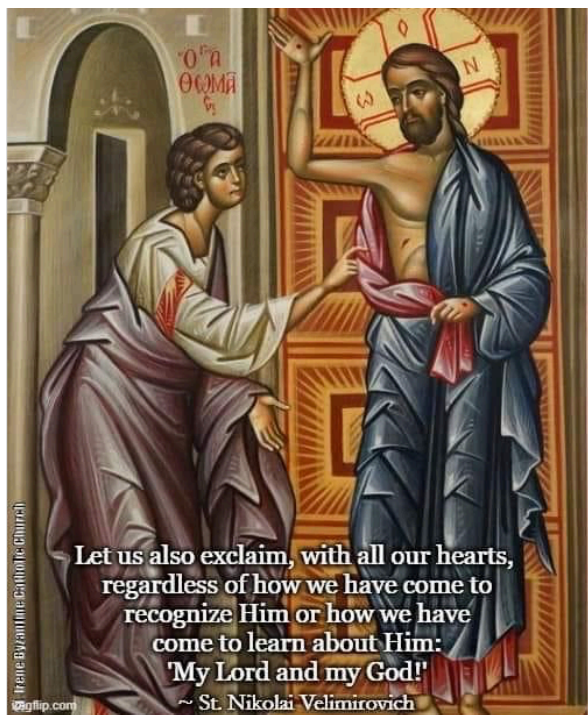
*You commanded the myrrhbearers
 to rejoice, O Christ!
 By Your Resurrection, You stopped the
 lamentation of Eve, the first mother!
 You commanded them to preach
 to Your apostles:
 The Savior is Risen from the tomb!*

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikodemos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, laid it in a tomb, and finally placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulcher, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Joanna, Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee, Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus, and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James and Joses. We also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea, who was a secret disciple and Saint Nikodemos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The Belief of Saint Thomas: The Icon of Saint Thomas Sunday



Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.
Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.
Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the
elders of the church, and let them pray over him,
anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and
the Lord will raise him up. And if he has
committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray
for one another, that you may be healed.

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man
avails much."

James 5:13-16

Our Chapel on Pascha 2020



Pascha 2019

