

## WEEK 27: JESUS' RESURRECTION

1ST & 2ND GRADE

### GOALS

Learn about the icons: Myrrh-bearing women at the Tomb; Myrrh-bearing women worship the risen Lord; the Resurrection (Descent into Hades); Adam and Eve

### LESSON

**Materials Needed:** Orthodox Children's Bible Reader

**Extended Learning Opportunity for Teachers:**

*The Gospel of Matthew: Torah for the Church* by Fr. Lawrence Farley, pgs 385-391

*The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew* by Blessed Theophylact, pgs 253-259

*The Icon of the Resurrection* <https://www.goarch.org/-/the-icon-of-the-resurrection>

*Icon of the Myrrh-bearing Women* - Trisagion Films <https://youtu.be/dp02v7pjUds>

*Icon of the Resurrection of Christ* - Trisagion Films <https://youtu.be/9d6Bn6Kqzgg>

### CLASS ROUTINE

Continue routine - move photo, light candle, venerate icon, prayer

### HE IS RISEN!

It is important for us to teach our children how to read icons, just as we teach them how to read the Bible. Our children will see icons within their own parish, when they move or visit a new parish, visiting a monastery, when they travel to other countries and go to a church, and when they are on the Internet. We want our children to be able to read the story of the icon in front of them.

Summarize Matthew 28:1-10 while the students are looking at the icons of Christ's empty tomb and then the icon of the myrrh-bearing women who saw Jesus on the road after visiting His empty tomb or read pages 257-258 of the Orthodox Children's Bible Reader.

Christ's Empty Tomb Icon: We see Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (left) at the empty tomb of Christ (right). There are two angels depicted in this icon as shared by

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both Luke (24:1-12) and John's (20:1-10) gospels. We also see the guards at the bottom right of the icon - "And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men." (Matthew 28:4)

Myrrh-bearing Women Who See Jesus on the Road Icon: Jesus shows Himself to two myrrh-bearing women on their way to tell the disciples that Jesus had risen! "And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, 'Rejoice!' So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him."

Then, show the icon of the Resurrection to the students and discuss what is happening in the icon.

In the center of this icon of the Resurrection, we see Christ dressed in white - He is the light of the world. On either side of Him, we see Adam and Eve (pages 17-22 of the Orthodox Children's Bible Reader). Christ is pulling Adam and Eve up by the wrists. Below Christ in the icon, the gates of Hades have been broken by Him. On the left side of the icon, we see several people - three of whom are Kings David and Solomon, as well as St. John the Baptist and Forerunner. On the right side of the icon, the person holding the shepherd's staff is Abel, the first person to die. You will often see all of these people in the icon of the Resurrection (or Descent into Hades). Further details about this icon can be found on the G.O.A. website: <https://www.goarch.org/-/the-icon-of-the-resurrection>

OPTIONAL REVIEW ACTIVITY:

Mix up the icons pertaining to Christ's betrayal, death and resurrection from the last three classes and ask the students to place them in correct order, as they happened in the Gospel of Matthew.

**"CHRIST IS RISEN!"**

Continue singing "Christ is Risen!" or learning the responses to "Christ is Risen!" in multiple languages.

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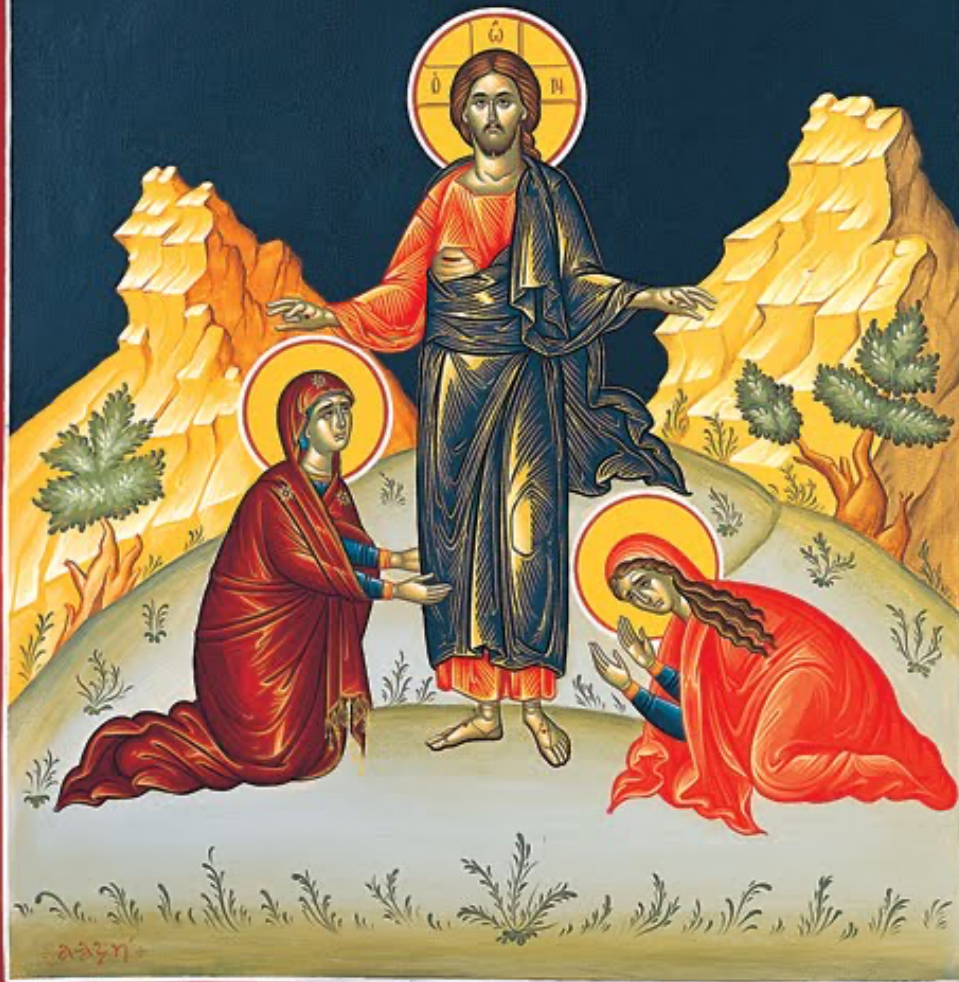
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