

Journey OF Faith

April 4, 2010

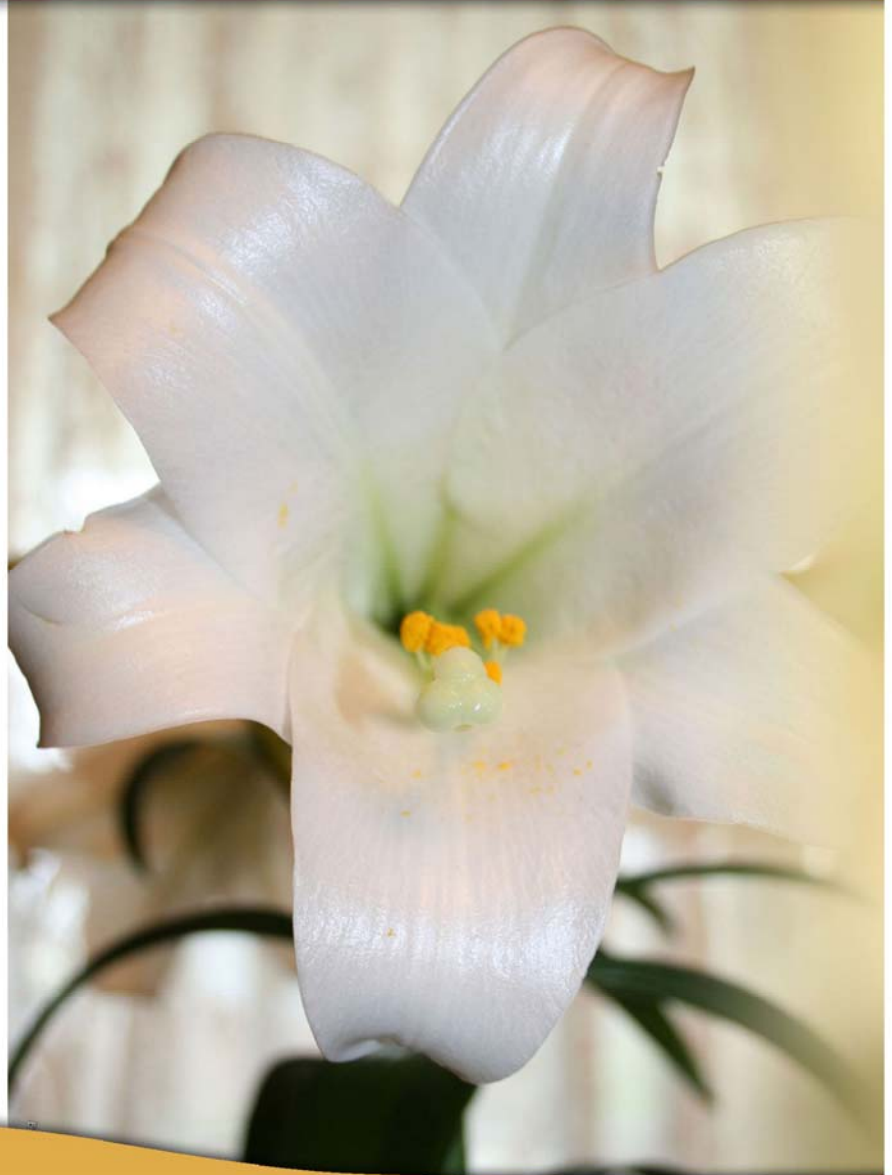
EASTER SUNDAY

In Word & Deed

A story on the local news described how a woman's life was changed in the course of a single day. She woke up on a Friday, unemployed, almost broke, depressed about life and wondering what would go wrong next. Within a few hours, she had received a job offer, won some money in the lottery, got good news about her mother's health and while she was out celebrating her good fortune, met one of her best friends from school who she had not seen in 15 years. Quite a day!

The Apostles woke up that first Easter morning, still confused, scared and uncertain of what would happen next. Greeted with the news that the tomb is empty, Peter and the disciple Jesus loved rush to see what happened. Peter enters the tomb first, and then the other disciple. He was the one who first believed. From that morning on, life is changed. Their

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It is on Sunday that we all assemble, because Sunday is the first day: the day on which God transformed darkness and matter and created the world, and the day on which Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead. He was crucified on the eve of Saturn's day, and on the day after, that is, on the day of the sun, he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them what we have now offered for your examination.

~Justin / Second century

Scripture Readings

Sunday **April 4**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

Monday **April 5**

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday **April 6**

Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday **April 7**

Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday **April 8**

Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday **April 9**

Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday **April 10**

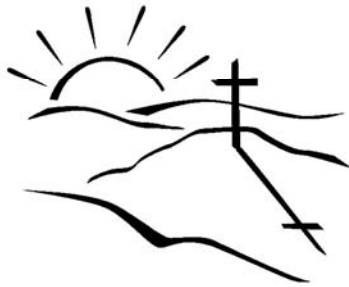
Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday **April 11**

Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/
Jn 20:19-31

Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by
death and upon those in the tombs
bestowing life.

~TROPARION | ORTHODOX LITURGY



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FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

A couple of my brothers took a trip to New York with the grade school their kids attend and walked the city to see some of the sights. The one brother called out to our 5-year-old nephew, "Aidan, I love you." No response. He said it louder and again, nothing. On the third attempt, the quick-witted nephew answered in his most matter-of-fact tone, "I heard ya!" That ended his uncle's teasing in a hurry!

I love you. Three little words that many of us rarely say; we just assume that our family and friends know what we think and how we feel about them, so we skip saying it. Yet people often need to hear it, not so much because they don't know, but because they appreciate the thought and the

reassurance. It takes no effort on our part, and it offers so much to those we love.

The other side effect of not saying 'I love you' is that we stop believing we are loveable, even by God. Assuming something that is never affirmed can lead to doubt, uncertainty and rejection. If we don't hear it, we can wonder if we are making it up, or if we believe something because we want to, not because it's true. So today, right now, let your family know that you love them. Don't show it, say it. Make sure they heard ya!

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confusion turns to understanding,
their fear becomes strength and their
mission is made firm by the power of
the Holy Spirit. Quite a day!

Easter gives us great hope that nothing
in our life is beyond the power of
God. When we are weak, sinful,

confused or uncertain, God will save
and redeem us. We are His children
and it was for us that Jesus died and
rose from the dead. He gives us life,
hope, peace and joy. Quite a day!

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