

Lesson 25

The Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

(Third Sunday of Easter)



On the third Sunday of Easter our Church celebrates a special feast in honour of Jesus' deeply devoted disciples, the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary, the wife of Cleopas, Salome, the mother of James and John, and the sisters Mary and Martha. The Myrrh-Bearing Women followed Jesus from Galilee, where He started His ministry, to Jerusalem and Golgotha. They were with Jesus during His arrest and crucifixion; they stood by the cross and accompanied Him to His burial. The women's love for Jesus knew no fear even in dangerous times, when the men who followed Him *denied* Him.

For their faith and *selfless* service, the Myrrh-Bearing Women were chosen to be the first to hear about Christ's Resurrection.

Early in the morning, on the third day after Jesus' death, the women brought expensive fragrant *oils* and myrrh to the tomb. They came to *anoint* the Body, as was the *ancient* tradition. Instead of the Body of Jesus, they found an angel in the tomb who told them that Christ had risen. The angel instructed the women to tell the other disciples about Jesus' Resurrection.

Not much is known about the lives of the Myrrh-Bearers after Christ's Resurrection. The sisters Mary and Martha traveled to various lands with their brother Lazarus and *proclaimed* the Gospel. They reposed in Cyprus. Mary Magdalene helped St. Evangelist John to preach the word of Jesus in Asia Minor. Our Church honours Mary Magdalene as equal-to the Apostles.

The Myrrh-Bearing Women represent all that is good and pure in the Christian faith. They are examples of true Christian women – selfless, devoted and loving.

Exercises

A. Ответьте на вопросы по тексту.

1. When is the feast of the Myrrh-Bearing Women? **The feast of the Myrrh-Bearing Women is on the third Sunday of Easter.**
2. Who were among the Myrrh-Bearers? **Mary Magdalene, Mary, the wife of Cleopas, Salome, the mother of James and John, and the sisters Mary and Martha were among the Myrrh-Bearers.**
3. Why were they chosen to be the first to hear about Christ's Resurrection? **They were chosen to be the first for their faith in Jesus and selfless service.**
4. Why did the women bring myrrh and fragrant oils? **It was the ancient Jewish tradition to anoint the body of a person who died.**

5. When did they come to the tomb? **They came early in the morning, on the third day of Jesus' death.**
6. Whom did the Myrrh-Bearing Women see in the tomb? **They found an angel there.**
7. What do we know about the lives of the sisters Mary and Martha after Jesus' Resurrection? **Mary, Martha and their brother Lazarus traveled to different places and proclaimed the Gospel.**
8. Where did Mary Magdalene preach the Gospel? **Mary Magdalene preached the Gospel in Asia Minor.**

B. Подчеркните суффиксы. Объясните, как они изменили основу слова и какая часть речи образовалась.

selfless самоотверженный fearless бесстрашный anointment помазание faithful верный
 lovingly любящий fearful боязливый dangerous опасный devotedly преданный

D. Скажите по-английски названия церковных праздников, которые мы отмечаем в указанные дни.

1. On January 7th we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
2. January 19th is the feast of the Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ
3. On April 7th we celebrate the Annunciation of the Most-Holy Virgin
4. September 21st is the day of the Nativity of the Theotokos
5. On September 27th we celebrate Exaltation of the Life-Giving Cross
6. October 14th is the feast of the Protection of the Theotokos



F. Grammar Practice

Заполните пропуски, используя глаголы в форме Present Simple, Past Simple или Past Perfect Tense.

occupy, start, take place, die, lead, destroy, translate, be (3), win

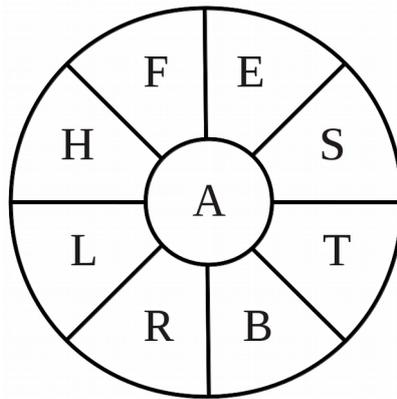
1. King Alfred is the only English king known as “the Great.”
2. Before he was born, the Vikings [ˈvɪkɪŋz] occupied many parts of England.
3. Even as a young boy, Alfred was deeply religious.
4. He became King of Wessex [ˈwɛsɪks] in 872, after his father and two older brothers died.
5. King Alfred defended his country and led the Anglo-Saxon army into many battles.
6. An important battle took place in 878, when the Anglo-Saxons won a great victory.

7. Alfred brought teachers to England because the Vikingsdestroyed..... all monasteries and churches years ago.
8. The king loved to learn. When he was almost forty, hestarted..... studying Latin.
9. Alfredtranslated..... many religious books from Latin into Old English.
10. In England, King Alfred the Greatis..... also remembered as the founder of the navy.



G. Из букв диаграммы составьте как можно большее количество слов.

Каждое слово должно содержать букву **A** и состоять не менее чем из трёх букв; ни одна буква в слове не должна повторяться.



Некоторые примеры.

Real, feast, fast, sat, salt, hat, has, fat, seat,

tale, late, heal, table, fate, safe, lab, last, east



Н. Прочтите цитату из Псалтири вслух, вслед за учителем. Найдите её в Псалтири на русском языке.

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer!*

Psalm 18:15





Homework

- A. Прочитайте текст. Предложения, выделенные курсивом, цитируются из Евангелия от Марка (16:1-7). Найдите их в русском тексте Евангелия.

Christ Is Risen!

The Body of Jesus was laid in a tomb in a garden, near the place where He was crucified. A large, heavy stone was rolled in front of the door of the tomb. At the end of the sabbath (суббота), Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought fragrant oils to anoint the Body.

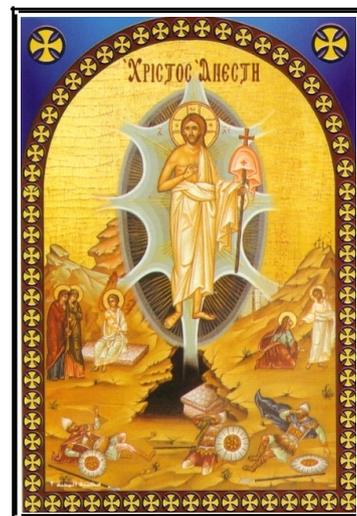
And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?"
(Mark 16:2-3)

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had already been rolled away. As the women entered the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side. His clothes were as white as snow. The women became very afraid.

"And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you."
(16:6-7)

The women were so afraid that they fled from the tomb trembling.

Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene and cast seven demons out of her. Mary went and told the grieving disciples that she had seen Jesus, but they did not believe her.



- B. Впишите в предложения подходящие по смыслу слова.

became, tomb, believe, stone, anoint

1. A large stone was put in front of the door of the tomb to block the entrance (вход).
2. The women bought spices because they wanted to anoint the Body of Jesus, as was the ancient tradition.
3. Inside the tomb, the women saw an angel and became very afraid.

4. Jesus' disciples did not believe Mary Magdalene when she said that she had seen Jesus.

- C. Найдите в тексте домашнего задания предложения в Present Perfect и Past Perfect и подчеркните их. Устно объясните употребление этих времён. (Предложения подчеркнуты.)

Present Perfect (have/has + глагол в третьей форме) используется, когда важен результат действия. Past Perfect (had + глагол в третьей форме) обозначает действие, которое произошло вначале, ранее другого.

- D. Выпишите из следующих предложений все глаголы и образуйте от них три основные формы.

Образец. Pilate gave the order to the soldiers to guard the tomb.

to give – gave – given

to guard – guarded – guarded

1. Joseph, a secret disciple of the Lord, came to Pilate and begged for the Body of Jesus.

come-came-come

beg-begged-begged

2. The women followed Jesus from Galilee and witnessed His death on the cross.

follow-followed-followed

witness-witnessed-witnessed

3. The women who came to anoint the Body saw an angel in the tomb.

come-came-come

anoint-anointed-anointed

see-saw-seen

4. They trembled with fear and fled from the tomb.

tremble-trembled-trembled

flee-fled-fled

- E. Выучите наизусть цитату из урока.

* * *