

October 25



Calvary, Church of the Holy Sepulchre

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery **The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord**

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

(Lk 23:33-34b)

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. (Lk 23:44-46).



Entrance, Church of the Holy Sepulchre

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery

The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord

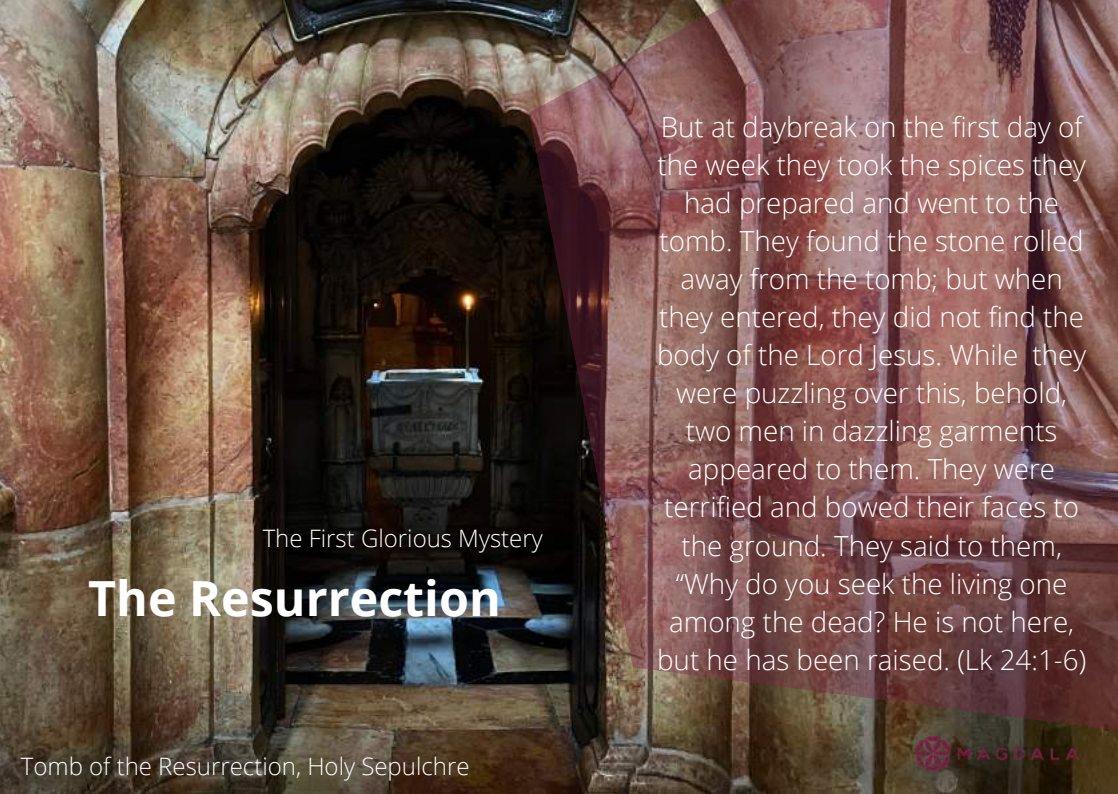
Bringing It Home:

Set up an image of Jesus crucified, or place a crucifix in the center of your prayer table today. Read Mathew 27:32-56 and reflect on the reactions of those witnessing the crucifixion, particularly the "Seven Sorrows of His Mother."

The Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary

1. The prophecy of Simeon
2. The flight into Egypt
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross
7. The burial of Jesus


October 26

The image shows the interior of the Tomb of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. The entrance is a large, arched opening with a scalloped top. The walls are made of reddish-brown stone. In the center, a white stone slab is rolled away from the entrance, revealing a dark interior. The floor is made of dark and light tiles. The lighting is dim, with a small light source visible in the distance.

The First Glorious Mystery

The Resurrection

But at daybreak on the first day of the week they took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. (Lk 24:1-6)

The image shows the interior of a large, domed church, likely the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul. The central focus is the ornate, golden altar structure, which is highly detailed with intricate carvings and multiple tiers of lights. The altar is flanked by tall, slender golden columns. The background features a large, circular dome with a series of arched windows around its base. The lighting is warm and focused on the altar, creating a dramatic atmosphere. A semi-transparent purple graphic element is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The First Glorious Mystery

The Resurrection

Bringing It Home:

Wear white clothes today, and at some point, listen to Handel's Hallelujah chorus, Bach's "Easter Oratorio", Mahler's Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection" or Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov's "Russian Easter Festival Overture."

October 27

The Second Glorious Mystery

The Ascension

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. (Mk 16:19)

Chapel of the Ascension, Jerusalem



The Second Glorious Mystery

The Ascension

Bringing It Home:

Take time to sit outside today, and look up at the sky. Consider how Christ awaits you in Heaven.

October 28

The "Apostolic Mysteries"

Jesus Sends His Apostles Out to Evangelize

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:18-20)

Capital of the Ascension, Jerusalem


The "Apostolic Mysteries"

Jesus Sends His Apostles Out to Evangelize

Bringing It Home:

With simplicity and courage,
share something of your
personal experience with
Christ with someone whom
you feel the Holy Spirit is
asking you to share with today.


October 29



The Third Glorious Mystery

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:1-4)

A bronze sculpture of a tree with olive branches, set against a background of a stone wall and a red fabric. The sculpture is the central focus, with its trunk and branches rendered in a textured, patinated bronze. The branches are adorned with small, dark green leaves and clusters of olives. The background consists of a light-colored stone wall on the left and a red fabric on the right. The overall composition is a still life with a religious or historical theme.

The Third Glorious Mystery

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

The Upper Room, Mount Zion

Bringing It Home:

In the face of an important decision or need today, take a moment to invoke the Holy Spirit before pressing forward with action.

October 30

The Fourth Glorious Mystery


The Assumption of Mary Into Heaven

For he has looked upon
his handmaid's lowliness;
behold, from now on will
all ages call me blessed.

The Mighty One has
done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

(Lk 1:48-49)

Dormition Abbey, Mount Zion.



The Fourth Glorious Mystery

The Assumption of Mary Into Heaven

Bringing It Home:

Place an image of Jesus and Mary on your prayer table today, and take some time to consider her in Heaven with Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit. Address her with the words of the Angel Gabriel and Elizabeth today reciting the Hail Mary, or address your needs to her through the words of the classical words of the 'Memorare' prayer


MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

October 31

The Fifth Glorious Mystery
**The Coronation of
Mary as Queen of
Heaven and Earth**



A great sign appeared
in the sky, a woman
clothed with the sun,
with the moon under
her feet, and on her
head a crown of twelve
stars. (Revelation 12:1)

The Fifth Glorious Mystery
**The Coronation of
Mary as Queen of
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Bringing It Home:

Place flowers next to the image of Jesus and Mary on your prayer table, and if you have a statue of Mary, make a crown for her, and together with the Father and the Son, crown her in honor of her role as Queen Mother.

