Delivering the message

Did anybody ever tell you, “Be sure to tell your parents” something? Probably, a neighbor or one of your teachers told you to give your mom or dad an important message. Did you remember to do it?

Today, two weeks after Pascha (Easter) we are still celebrating the Lord’s holy Resurrection! And today, we celebrate the faithful women who came to Jesus’s tomb to bring sweet-smelling myrrh. We celebrate them because they had such faith and love for the Lord!

When these women came to the tomb, an angel was waiting for them there. He told 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.” Then the angel gave the women a message. He told them, “Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.”

The angel told the women to tell the disciples something. They had a very important message to deliver. They needed to tell them the news that Christ had risen! They needed to tell them where they could find Him.

God wants us to deliver this important message too. Let’s keep the good news in our hearts, but let’s spread this good news, too! Christ is risen!
WORD SEARCH
Can you find these words in the jumble?

DISCIPLES
FAITHFUL
MARRIAGE
MARTYRS
MAVRA
MYRRH
TIMOTHY
TOMB
WOMEN

SAINTS TIMOTHY AND MAVRA
THE HOLIEST MARRIAGE

Have you ever been to a wedding? In the Orthodox Church, you might hear some prayers about how the husband and wife should help each other become better Christians. Did you know that is why a man and women get married? God wants them to grow closer to Him, and that is one way they grow closer to God...together!

Saints Timothy and Mavra were husband and wife. They had only been married a few weeks when the pagan governor found out about Timothy. Timothy was a reader in the church, and he kept a lot of the holy books. The governor told Timothy he had to give up his Christian faith or be killed. Timothy wouldn’t give up his faith, because he loved Christ so much. He was put in a lot of pain. Later, the authorities even took his young wife, Mavra, and they hurt her too. Timothy tried to strengthen his wife’s faith. He told her not to give in. He told her to show her love for Christ. Finally, the pagan governor made fun of the two saints. He put them on the cross, like our Lord Jesus Christ was. He had them face each other to see if they would give up.

But these two wonderful saints kept their faith, and now they are holy saints in heaven. You can pray to them to help keep any Christian marriage strong and holy!

We remember Sts. Timothy and Mavra today, May 3rd (May 16, OC).