

GREAT FRIDAY VIGIL

APRIL 6, 2007

An Enlightening Experience



Come join us as we watch over the Lord's tomb, remembering His suffering and death for our salvation. Let us all take time out of our often too hectic schedules to wait with expectation for our Lord's Resurrection from the dead as we prepare ourselves to exclaim, "*Christ is Risen!*"

If you would like to keep vigil at the tomb of Christ this Great Friday, please contact a member of your local SOYO chapter or your parish priest.

More information can be found on the NAC Teen SOYO website.



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In order to fully appreciate the wonder of Christ's Resurrection from the dead, it is important that we understand the significance of His suffering that we may behold His glorious Resurrection.

An ancient tradition in the Orthodox Church, which NAC Teen SOYO has committed itself to honor, is the Vigil at the Tomb of Christ. After our Lord died on the Cross, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus, bound it in linen cloths with spices and buried it in a new tomb. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary sat opposite the tomb watching as their Lord was buried. The Church over the centuries has joined with these two women in keeping watch over Jesus' tomb. The Holy Friday Vigil at Christ's tomb is our opportunity to keep vigil at the tomb of Christ as He descends into Hell to loosen the bonds of death. What better way to understand the death and resurrection of Jesus than to participate in the Vigil by His tomb.

The Church has given us this opportunity to watch and wait with the countless saints and myriads of angels as our Lord conquers death.

