

Thomas Sunday

Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Saviour wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29).

This day is called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Orthros at 8:45 a.m. Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee Hour will follow Divine Liturgy

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SUNDAY LITURGICAL GUIDE FOR

April 15, 2018 Sunday after Pascha (Thomas Sunday)

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The Second Antiphon

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Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, we sing to You, Alleluia.

Only begotten Son and Word of God, being immortal, You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without change, became man. Christ, our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death. Being one [of] the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: Save us.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

The Small Entrance

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In the churches Bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, who are from the dead,

Apolytikion

O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even though the tomb was secured with a seal, O Christ God. And though the doors had been bolted, You came to Your disciples, O Resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit in us, according to Your great mercy.

Kontakion

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Hymn

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Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

The Readings—

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20.

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

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The Reading is from John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

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Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

Holy Communion: Orthodox Christians prepared to receive Holy Communion should come forward, quietly and reverently, at the direction of the ushers.

Prayers of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion can be found on pages 40-42.

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Hymn: Blessed be the name of the Lord, from now and to the ages.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, April 15 8:45 AM Othros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, April 17 7:30 AM Breakfast Fellowship
11:00 AM Adult Fellowship
5:30 PM Parish Council

Wednesday, April 18 5:30 PM Paraclesis
5:45 PM Junior Choir

Thursday, April 19 6:00 PM Adult Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- One year memorial for Jim Leventis. May his memory be eternal.
- **Today** join us for refreshments in the coffee hour room right after Liturgy.
- Breakfast Fellowship will return this Tuesday, April 17, at 7:30 AM, followed by Adult Fellowship at 11:00 AM.
- Let's get to know our neighbors! **The St. Katherine's Philoptochos will host Elizabeth Igleheart, Vice President of Advancement for Transitions Homeless Center** on Tuesday, April 24th, at 6:00 PM in the coffee hour room. Refreshments will be served and a brief program on the center will be presented. This will be a great time to get to know our neighbors and fellow parishioners!
- **General Assembly** will be held on Sunday, April 22, immediately following Liturgy.