



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

Sun, April 26, 2020 - Thomas Sunday

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on 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, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Hymns for Today

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!
Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples,
O Christ God. Renew in us through them an upright
spirit, // by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of
all!

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand,
O Christ God, when Thou didst come to Thy Apostles
through closed doors. He cried out with all: "Thou art my
Lord and my God!"

Epistle Reading - Acts 5:12-20

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought

Gospel Reading - John 20:19-31

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, 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. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive the Holy Sacrament through prayer and fasting.*

have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His 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.

THIS WEEK’S SERVICE SCHEDULE

(Livestreamed on Facebook)

TODAY: Hours @ 8:40 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 AM

WED: Prayer for Protection against the Coronavirus

SAT: Great Vespers @ 5:00 PM

SUN: Hours @ 8:40 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 AM,

Virtual Coffee Hour @ 1:00 PM

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Living: Cynthia Dulsky, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Valletta Family, Nadine Breisch, Luke Austin, Rosalie Bagenski, Connie Padrezas, Denise Meck, Sonja & Leighann Kay, Stephen & Mary Krill, Anna Hutz Lehr, Madaline, Brian Cawley, Josie Bissett, Lisa Harvey, Daniel & Shannon Bissett, Johnny Soucek, Rebecca King, Ray Zavada, Chad, Barbara Clark **Departed:** Daniel Bissett

Bazaar Committee Meeting: There will be a bazaar committee meeting this Tuesday at 6 PM by video chat. We will discuss this year’s bazaar in light of the current pandemic. For more information contact Alexanne Conklin or Joanne Dutko.

Weekly Bible Study: We will resume our online Bible Study this Wednesday morning at 10 AM. Our focus will begin with the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and the beginning of the spread of the Christian faith in the book of Acts. A link to our online study will be sent via email.

Prayer for Protection against the Coronavirus: Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM we offer a very brief prayer service for protection against coronavirus. This service has been sent to everyone via the mail. It will be livestreamed on our Facebook page. Join us – or if you are not able please say the prayer service when you can.

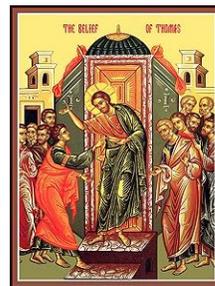
Virtual Coffee Hour NEXT WEEK: We will have another Virtual Coffee Hour for those who can join us NEXT Sunday via Google Hangouts at 1 PM. A link will be sent out via email. These times together have been very

uplifting. If you have the technology to join in I think you will find it very good to be together in this limited way.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM FR. INNOCENT

Christ is Risen! I would like to offer a very big thank you for everyone who helped to make this Lent and Pascha as successful as possible during this difficult time. Many people came together (in a very coordinated and social distanced way) to conduct the services, beautify the church, make phone calls, send mail, maintain the property, fix equipment, remove fallen limbs, buy groceries for folks who could not leave the home, and much more. We have such a beautiful community and we should all be very thankful to God for this. I also want to thank Matushka Melanie and my family for their patience and love during this exceptionally busy time. Since Lent has ended it feels like the pandemic should end with it, but unfortunately it has not. Let’s continue to support one another through calls and offering assistance to anyone who might need it. As always, please know that YOUR parish is here for you. If you have material (especially food), spiritual, mental or physical needs please let me know so that we can help and be sure ALL of us come out of this healthy in all aspects of life. Any need you have would of course be kept confidential. I hope to see all of you before too long. Until then may God protect and keep all of you! Christ is Risen! – Fr. Innocent

ANTIPASCHA: ST. THOMAS SUNDAY



Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” The Slavonic inscription is, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

This day is also known as “Antipascha.” This does not mean “opposed to Pascha,” but “in place of Pascha.” Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord’s Resurrection. Sunday is called “Resurrection” in Russian, and “the Lord’s Day” in Greek.
