

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, May 9, 2021

Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm • Sunday Matins & Liturgy, 8:30 am

Second Sunday of Pascha: St. Thomas the Apostle



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Troparion for Pascha:

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Entrance Hymn for Pascha: In the gathering places, bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. O Son of God who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Troparion for St. Thomas Sunday (Tone 7): While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

Kontakion for Pascha (Tone 8): O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: ‘Rejoice!’ And Thou gavest peace to Thy disciples, O Bestower of resurrection to those who had fallen.

THE EPISTLE

For the Sunday of St. Thomas

Great is our Lord, and great is His strength. Praise ye the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy 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 with one accord in Solomon’s porch. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people magnified them. 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 cities around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the chief priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the sect of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they 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 and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

THE GOSPEL

For the Sunday of St. Thomas

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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 to 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 to 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 to 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, "Thomas, you have 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.

Hymn to the Theotokos for St. Thomas Sunday: O most radiant lamp, the Theotokos, the immeasurable honor, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we magnify thee!

Hymn to the Theotokos for Pascha: The angel cried to the lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O pure Virgin! Again, I say rejoice! For thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself, He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice O ye people! Shine, shine, shine O New Jerusalem: The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. Exult now, exult, and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos in the resurrection, the resurrection of thy Son!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

This week at All Saints:

- **Church school** for children and teens, following Liturgy and coffee hour.
- **Fr. Pat's Zoom Bible class**, 1pm.
- Fr. Andrew will be out of town for a few days this week. No morning prayers or Wednesday evening Vespers; regular services will resume next Saturday at Vespers.
- **Saturday, May 15:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, May 16: Holy Myrrh-bearing women, with St. Joseph of Arimathea and St. Nicodemus.** Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am.

MEMORIAL DAY RETREAT

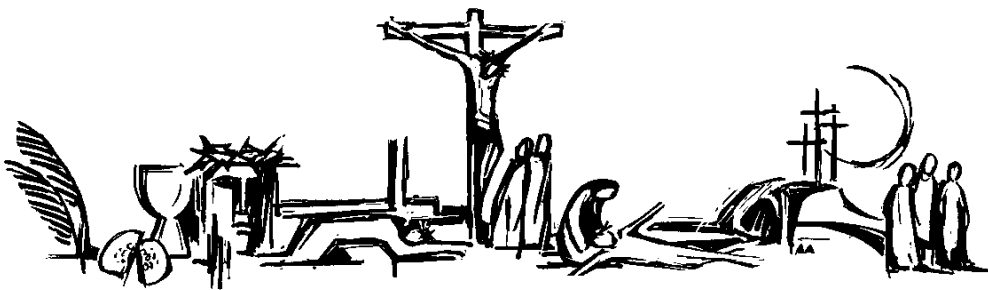
Join us for a Memorial Day weekend church retreat at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, WI, May 29-31 (Saturday-Monday). We are still working out the final cost per family/individual, but please see Khouria Patty, Octavian, or Sarah S. if you have any questions. Regular weekend services will still be held at All Saints that weekend, for those not attending.

BISHOP ANTHONY'S VISIT

Bishop Anthony plans to visit us Pentecost weekend, June 19-20. His Grace will be serving Saturday morning Divine Liturgy on the 19th, Saturday Vespers, and Sunday Divine Liturgy on the 20th. More information will be forthcoming.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee
Sunday May 9 <i>St. Thomas Sunday</i>	Polycarp	Pat K.	Sandy A.	Lydia A.
Sunday, May 16 <i>Holy Myrrh-bearers</i>	Paul K	Domitille N	Azizeh C	Zach C
Sunday May 23 <i>Paralytic</i>	Jim K	Cristina P	Nancy L	Domitille N
Sunday May 30 <i>Samaritan Woman</i>	Joseph L	Dn Walid	Domitille N	Alina S



:: THE SYNAXARION READING FROM MATINS ::



On May 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Prophet Isaiah; Martyr Christopher of Lycia; and the translation to Bari of the relics of Nicholas the wonderworker, archbishop of Myra in Lycia.

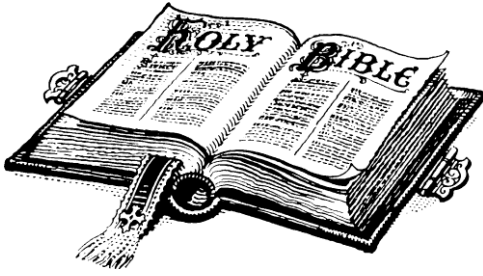
On this day, the second Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the inauguration of Christ's Resurrection, and the occasion whereon the Holy Apostle Thomas touched the Savior's side.

*"If seals of neither womb nor of tomb could check Thee,
Then how could the seals of doors do so, O Savior?"*

This day is called New Sunday, Thomas Sunday or Anti-Pascha. The last term means "in place of Pascha" because Thomas did not immediately hear of Christ's Resurrection and disbelieved it. We remember his doubt but do not repeat it. After this Sunday, the Church dedicates Sunday to the Resurrection.

As the Disciples were gathered together on the Sunday of the Resurrection, Jesus entered and greeted them in His usual way, saying, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed them His hands, feet and side. Jesus ate before His Disciples and reassured them of His Resurrection. However, Thomas was not with them at that time, and insisted upon seeing the Savior's scars—the print of the nails in His hands and feet, and the spear in His side—before he would believe that Jesus was risen. Eight days later Christ appeared again to the Disciples, this time with Thomas present. The Master told Thomas to see and feel. Then Thomas immediately cried out, "My Lord and my God!" But Jesus tells His Disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." This event also clearly illustrates the human and divine Natures of Christ.

By the intercessions of Thine Apostle Thomas, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY 9-15, 2021

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Sunday, May 9: St. Thomas the Apostle

Matthew 28:16-20 / Acts 5:12-20 / John 20:19-31

Monday, May 10: Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot

Jonah 3 / Acts 3:19-26 / John 2:1-11

Tuesday, May 11: Sts. Methodius & Cyril, Equals-to-the Apostles & Enlighteners of the Slavs

Jonah 4 / Acts 4:1-10 / John 3:16-21

Wednesday, May 12: Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus

Joshua 5:10-15 / Acts 4:13-22 / John 5:17-24

Thursday, May 13: Holy Martyr Glyceria

Exodus 13:17-22 / Acts 4:23-31 / John 5:24-30

Friday, May 14: Isidore the Martyr of Chios

Exodus 14:1-20 / Acts 5:1-11 / John 5:30-6:2

Saturday, May 15: Pachomius the Great

Acts 5:21-33 / John 6:14-27

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