



# ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am

**The Sunday of 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!

**Entrance Hymn for Pascha:** In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, who art risen from the dead: Save us who sing unto Thee, ‘Alleluia, alleluia, 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):** Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming ‘rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):** Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.



### THE EPISTLE

*For the Second Sunday of Pascha*

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 Second Sunday of Pascha*

### **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!



**THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS APOSTLE THOMAS** was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: “Unless I 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” (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. “My Lord and my God,” the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). “Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles,” says Saint John Chrysostom, “toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations.”

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

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia, and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr’s death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos. The name of the Apostle Thomas is associated with the Arabian (or Arapet) Icon of the Mother of God (September 6).

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website [www.allsaintsorthodox.org](http://www.allsaintsorthodox.org)*

This week at All Saints:

- Church school resumes today for all ages
- No weekday services or office hours this week, but please call Fr. Andrew if an emergency arises.
- **Saturday, May 7:** Vespers, 7pm. *Sacrament of Confession available before and after.*
- **Sunday, May 8: Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by coffee hour and Church school.

**FASTING DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON:** It is the custom of our Patriarchate of Antioch that we are not required to fast from meat, dairy, etc. during the entirety of the 40-day Paschal season, even on Wednesdays and Fridays. (We do, however, still observe the pre-communion fast. Please see Fr. Andrew if any questions.)

**COLLECTION FOR THE PATRIARCHATE OF ANTIOCH:** As it's been our parish custom for many years, during this season we're collecting donations for the benefit of the Antiochian Patriarchate in Damascus. Now through May 8<sup>th</sup>, if you'd like to contribute, please mark "Patriarch" on your check or envelope.

**CAMP ST. GEORGE:** Our diocesan summer camp resumes this year for ages 9 through high school! It will take place July 3-9 at Camp Ewalu in Strawberry Point, Iowa. Please see Fr. Andrew if you are interested, so we can coordinate transportation and scholarship funds.

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sunday May 1</b> <i>St Thomas</i>	Richard C	Domitille	Sandy A	Alina S	G-K
<b>Sun May 8</b> <i>Myrrhbearers</i>	Sd Joseph	Cristina P	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P
<b>Sun May 15</b>	Polycarp	Dn Walid	Nancy L	Zach C	R-Z
<b>Sun May 22</b>	Doug J	Sandy A	Domitille	Lydia A	A-F
<b>Sun May 29</b>	Jim K	Octavian	Sandy A	Alina S	G-K
<b>Wed June 1</b> <i>Ascension</i>	Paul K	Debbie K	Azizeh C		Potluck
<b>Sun June 5</b>	Jason L	Pat K	Nancy L	Domitille	L-P
<b>Sun June 12</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	Joseph L	Domitille	Domitille	Zach C	R-Z

***For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.***

*If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves.*

***Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour. And of course, things go faster when we can all pitch in and help.***



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY 1-7, 2022

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*The Old Testament readings listed here for the next few weeks are the Paschal and baptismal readings from the Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday*

**Sunday, May 1: Holy Apostle Thomas**

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

**Monday, May 2: St. Boris, King & Enlightener of Bulgaria**

Genesis 1:1-2:3 / Acts 4:1-22 / John 4:1-4, 43-54

**Tuesday, May 3: Holy Martyrs Timothy and Maura**

Isaiah 60:1-16 / Acts 4:23-37 / John 5:16-30

**Wednesday, May 4: Pelagia the Nun-martyr of Tarsus**

Exodus 12:1-11 / Acts 5:1-11 / John 5:31-47

**Thursday, May 5: Great Martyr Irene**

Jonah 1 / Acts 5:17-39 / John 6:1-14

**Friday, May 6: Righteous Job the Long-Suffering**

Jonah 2 / Acts 5:40-6:7 / John 6:15-21

**Saturday, May 7: St. Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem**

Acts 6:8-7:16 / John 6:22-27

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