

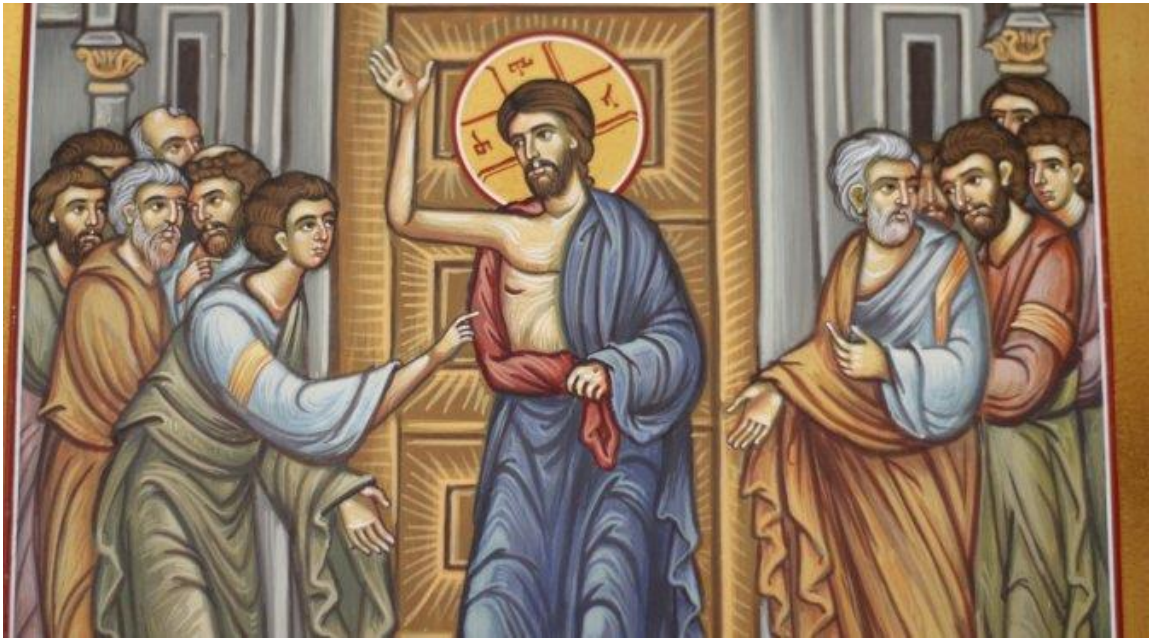
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Sunday, April 27, 2025

Sunday of St. Thomas the Apostle

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



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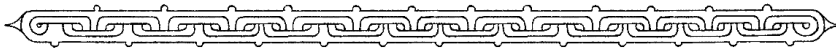


Paschal Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Entrance Hymn: 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, 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.



THE EPISTLE

For St. Thomas Sunday

Prokeimenon – Psalm 146:5, 134:3

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people through the hands of the Apostles. 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 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.” When they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught.

Alleluia – Psalm 94:1, 3

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

THE GOSPEL

For St. Thomas Sunday

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.” 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.



Megalynarion for St. Thomas Sunday (Tone 1): O most radiant lamp, the Theotokos, the immeasurable honor, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we magnify thee.

Paschal Megalynarion to the Theotokos (Tone 1): The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your 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 you. Exult now, exalt, and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 147): Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today: Sunday of St. Thomas the Apostle

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am, followed by coffee hour and church school for all ages.
- Coffee hour provided by last names L-P
- Adult church school, taught upstairs in the church by Joseph Letendre

Father Andrew will be in Ohio visiting family this week, and will be out of the office Monday through Friday. There will be no morning prayers this week, but do not hesitate to call if an emergency arises.

Tuesday, April 29: Miloshevski karate class, 5:30pm in church hall

Wednesday, April 30: Vespers, 7pm, with Fr. Pat presiding and preaching

Thursday, May 1: Miloshevski karate class, 7pm

Saturday, May 3:

- Men's group service day, beginning 8:30am. *See Subdeacon Joseph for details*
- Bible Bowl study of St. Luke's Gospel, 5pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, May 4: Holy Myrrh-Bearers

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am, followed by coffee hour (last names R-Z) and church school for all ages. Fr. Pat will teach the adult class.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- On **Tuesday, May 6**, we are hosting the priests and deacons of the Chicago deanery for a Divine Liturgy and a lunch meeting. Divine Liturgy begins at 10am and all are welcome!
- This summer's Parish Life Conference will take place in Louisville, Kentucky, **June 18-22**. Come cheer on our Bible Bowl team if you are able! Registration is online at antiochianevents.com/Toledo.
- The Archdiocese national convention will be here in Chicago, **July 20-27** at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Register at ac2025chicago.org.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE. Here are a few reminders from your priest as we seek to give the Lord the best of our time and efforts when we gather for worship, fellowship, and study.

- **During Divine services**, everyone present should be in the church participating in worship, unless there is a good reason to be downstairs or elsewhere (noisy children, trips to the restroom, illness, etc.). Food prep should be kept to a minimum, and under no circumstances should anyone (adults or kids) be socializing during services.
- **During Church school**, I'd like to see adults making more of an effort to attend Church school upstairs, to honor and learn from our teachers. Church school for children, teens, and adults is a vital part of our Christian formation, and our teachers put much time and effort into their presentations. Feel free to carefully bring your food and drink to class if you need more time for coffee hour. Thank you!



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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Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun April 27 <i>St. Thomas</i>	Paul K	Pat K	Richard B	Domitille	L-P
Sunday, May 4 <i>Myrrh-Bearers</i>	Richard C	Cristina P	Tobey L	Alina S	R-Z
Sunday, May 11	Michelle C	Dn Walid	John O	Zach C	A-F
Sunday, May 18	Sd Joseph	Sandy A	JoAnne T	Lydia A	G-K
Sunday, May 25	Christy K	David J	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P
Wed., May 28 <i>Ascension</i>	Jim K	Debbie K	Richard B	n/a	Potluck
Sunday, June 1	Paul K	Pat K	Nancy L	Alina S	R-Z
Sunday, June 8 <i>Pentecost</i>	Joseph L	Domitille N	Tobey L	Zach C	A-F
Sunday, June 15 <i>All Saints</i>	Richard C	Cristina P	Domitille	Volunteer	TBD
Sunday June 22	Michelle C	Dn Walid	John O	Lydia A	G-K

For Sunday coffee hour, the last names of our church members have 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, monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and make sure they don't take more than they can eat. Please also help your children clean up after themselves.

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



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL 27–MAY 3, 2025

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Sunday, April 27: Sunday of St. Thomas the Apostle

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

Monday, April 28: Nine Martyrs of Cyzicus

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

Tuesday, April 29: Jason and Sosipater, Apostles of the 70

Jonah 4 / Acts 4:23-37 / John 5:16-30

Wednesday, April 30: James the Apostle, brother of St. John the Theologian

Joshua 5:10-15 / Acts 5:1-11 / John 5:31-47

For St. James: Acts 12:1-11 / Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, May 1: Holy Prophet Jeremiah

Exodus 13:17-22 / Acts 5:17-42 / John 6:1-14

Friday, May 2: Boris, King & Enlightener of Bulgaria

Exodus 14:1-20 / Acts 6:1-15 / John 6:15-21

Saturday, May 3: Holy Martyrs Timothy and Maura

Acts 7:1-16 / John 6:22-27

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