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Saturday Great Vespers @ 4:00 p.m. :: Sunday Orthros @ 9:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 a.m.



May 12, 2024





NEW SUNDAY OR ANTI-PASCHA SUNDAY OF THOMAS THE APOSTLE, CALLED "THE TWIN"

GERMANOS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE;
EPIPHANIOS, BISHOP OF CYPRUS



DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

APOLYTIKION OF THOMAS SUNDAY

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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 OF PASCHA TONE 8

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

WELCOME!

We welcome all our visitors and are eager to share our faith with you! Please join us for coffee hour and take a few moments to fill out the VISITORS INFORMATION CARD that is found in the narthex

As a friendly reminder, only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion.

Confession is available after Divine Liturgy, as well as before or after Vespers on Saturday evenings. You can also Contact Fr. Steven to set up an appointment.



The Resurrection of Christ means that despair has no place among us. No matter how much adversity and darkness, the light of the Resurrection remains our invincible guide. Christ did not endure great suffering in vain before He died and arose. His Resurrection happened after passing through brutal Golgotha. The sufferings of this age, no matter how severe, are nothing compared to the joy of the age to come, as the Apostle Paul teaches us. Christ is risen!

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THE EPISTLE READING

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 READING

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.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY! Coffee Hour Class – *Orthodox Jeopardy!*

**Wednesday, May 15 @ 6 PM – Daily Vespers for St. Theodore the Sanctified
@ 7 PM – Catechumen Class**

Thursday, May 16 @ 10:30 AM – St. Maria of Paris Ladies' Prayer Group (at church)

REMEMBER, O LORD: The Catechumens: Olga, Gabriel, Anthony, Marina, Gabriel, Elias; Suffering Orthodox Christians of Ukraine and Palestine; Andrew, Theodore, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Carmen-Mariana, David-Michael, Robert-Gabriel, Kenneth, Rosetta, Cecelia, Mandi, Evan, Sarina, Shelby, Leo, Tamara, Photini, Joey, John, Megan, Brittany, Samuel, Edward, Helen, Angelina, Thomas, Elizabeth, Randy, Megan, Lindsey, Susan, Joshua, Clint, Michael, Lilah, Ellen, Pam, Anastasia, Marino, Kristen, Brendan, Jerome, Nectarios, Nelia, Roger, Leah, Joe, Gabriel, Spenser, Panayiota, Graham, Jeanette, Crystal, Fanny, Maria, Shirley, Benjamin, Anne, Russell, Mitzi, Pam, Susan, Cindy, Dan, Juan, Josh, Hollie and family, Melinda, Pasquale, Crystal, Patricia, Michael, Elaine, Corly, Thomas, James, Pani Sue, Priest Frederick, Penelope, Sheryl, Tina, Logan, Thomas, Basil, Mary, Jacob, Chloe, Patti, John, Diana, Barbara, Joy, Mary, Helen, All Orthodox who perished in Ukraine and Palestine, Newly-departed: Priest Andrew

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES



If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like more information about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Fr. Steven info@stjamesorthodox.org.

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