

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS - MOTHER'S DAY – Ladies meeting immediately following Divine Liturgy in Sunday School room – agenda: Mother's Day Dinner; - ODO dinner for homeless at Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Cathedral pls. arrive bet. 1 & 1:30 if assisting

MAY 1 DONATIONS: In memory of (IMO): ALEXANDER TSAKOFF – George Tsakoff

For Health of Family (FHO): OUR CHURCH FAMILY - Pete & Jann Petroff; FHO FAMILY ON GOOD FRIDAY – Lazar family

A THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO MADE SPECIAL EASTER OFFERINGS: Colleen Pandoff, Tom & Kristine Eftoff, Joyce Christoff, Menka Kabrovich, Angie Panzoff, Muzzin Family, Tom Kabrovich, Mary Todoroff, Pete & Jann Petroff, Kris & Joan Branoff, Lazar Family, Mary Roley, David & Karen Rehn, Timpko Family, Donna Sekulidis, Daria Tsakoff, Sam Petlichkoff, Norm & Violet Zayed, Don & Cheryl Travis

MANY, MANY MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY ARE TO BE THANKED FOR DYING OUR EASTER EGGS, DECORATING OUR CHURCH, CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEEDS OF OUR KITCHEN. I am sure I will forget some and for that I apologize NOW (no list was kept & I am trying to do from memory): Karen Rehn, Delphine Connor, Helen Petroff, Joan Branoff, Sandy Arnaut, Joyce Christoff, Timpko family, Valerie & Linda Lazar, Mary McPhee, Tom & Kristine Eftoff, Virginia Torosian, Cheryl Travis, Coleen Pandoff,

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 15 – Church Council Meeting following Divine Liturgy
Monday, May 16 – Mother's Day Dinner – Park Place - \$30.00 – dinner served 6 p.m. w/doors opening at 5 p.m. – See MARY TODOROFF for tickets. If making a donation for this event, please see Delphine.



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Sunday after Pascha: St. Thomas Sunday



TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE DIVINE LITURGY OF
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle – Acts 5:12-20

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. 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 towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sad'ducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested 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."

Gospel – 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 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. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with 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 with 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, "Have you 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.

St. Thomas Sunday: Antipascha

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 St 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.

Thomas' doubt and absence from the original gathering of the disciples and the appearance of the risen Christ is seen by the Church as providential, granting to those who follow Thomas in his doubt a gentle rebuke, but also a blessing.

When the doors were shut, Jesus came to His Disciples.
The Apostle Thomas, by divine dispensation, was not with them,
for he spoke these words:
"Unless I see the Master myself,
unless I see His side flowing with baptismal blood and water,
unless I see those wounds, which have healed all mankind,
unless I see not a spirit, but flesh and bones, I will not believe."
Glory to You, O Lord,
for You confirmed Thomas in faith, //
and have trampled death by death!
-Sung at the "Glory..." at Great Vespers for St. Thomas Sunday.