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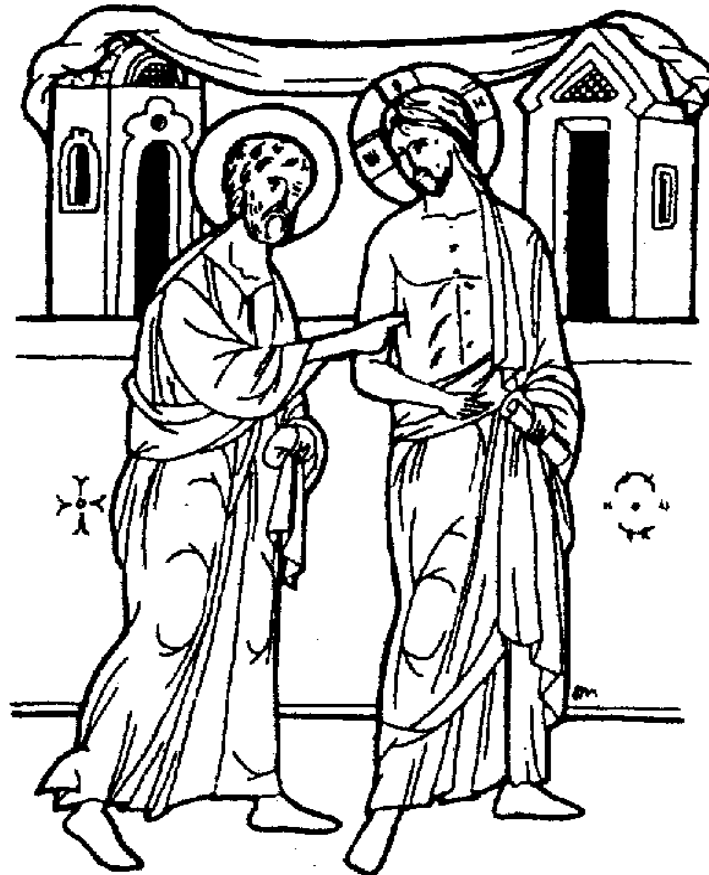
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CHRIST IS RISEN

· THE DOUBTING THOMAS ·



MAY 1, 2022

THOMAS SUNDAY

DURING THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Feast Tone 5: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life.

Arabic: Al-ma-sih gam min bai-ni l-am-wat, wa-wa-ti-a l-mowt bil-mowt, wa-wa-ha-ba l-hayah, lil-la-dhi-na fi l-qu-bur (sung alternately with Psalm verses in between).

THE PASCHAL ENTRANCE HYMN

Priest: In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. People: Save us O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Feast Tone 5: (slow melody, in Greek, see p. 26 in the Pascha service book)

Troparion of St. Thomas Sunday in the Seventh Tone: While the tomb was sealed, thou didst shine forth from it, O Light. 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: Down to the grave though thou wentest immortal Lord. Yet didst thou there hurl down death by thy throne of might and art risen with vict'ry crowned, O Christ our true God; And hast hailed with glad greeting the women that came with myrrh; And unto thine Apostles hast graciously sent thy peace, O Lord that grantest the fallen to rise with thee.

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Prokeimenon (146:5; 134:3) Great is our Lord, and great is his power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Reading from the Acts of the 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 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 Sadducees, 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."

Alleluia Verse (Psalm 94:1,3) O come let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to God our Savior. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

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 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.

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OTHER CHANGES FOR THOMAS SUNDAY

Instead of "The angel cried...", the chanters will sing: **"O most radiant lamp, the Theotokos, the immeasurable honor, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we magnify thee"**.

Communion Hymn: "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, O Praise Thy God, O Zion, Alleluia".

Instead of "We have seen the true light..., we sing "Christ is risen..."

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PLEASE NOTE: TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY for the Departed may not be said as a 9th day, 40th day, 6th month, or an anniversary memorial from Lazarus Saturday through Thomas Sunday. The only Trisagion Prayers of Mercy permitted during that period are those said for the faithful who pass from this life in these holy days. Thus, the next Sunday at which the Trisagion Prayers of Mercy can be sung will be May 8.

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Holy Oblations are offered today by the Fakhouri family for Omar (sub-deacon Athanasius) on the occasion of his birthday (May 2) and by the Rodriguez-Anter family for the health and salvation of June Anter.

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Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, May Dabbah, Sylvia Saba, Fatin Fakhouri (burns), Tarek Fakhouri, Adib and

Nabila Zabaneh, Laura Anter (brain surgery), and the suffering people of Haiti, India, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.

This Week

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Little Compline

Next Week

Sunday May 8, Mother's Day

Upcoming Events

Sunday May 15, Last Day of Church School Instruction

Sunday May 22, Church School Awards

Monday May 23, St. Michael Orthodox Church Van Nuys Golf Tournament (see flyer for more details)

Fr. Michael's Retirement Luncheon

We are gearing up to celebrate over 3 decades with our Abouna. This is a bittersweet time for us since we are happy for Fr. Michael but sad to see him go. Fr. Michael's retirement has been moved to mid-August. **Therefore, the Retirement Celebration has been moved to Sunday July 31.** Please save the date for his celebration with reservation information coming out in the next few weeks.

July 31, Social Hour at 2:30 PM, Mediterranean meal at 3:00 PM.

St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church Hall, Irvine

Limit of 300 seats

Sincerely,

Retirement Party Committee

Nelson and Jerri Lynn Mamey, Rima Tarazi, Barbara Scholl, Kristin Chala and Paula Rodriguez

Quote of the Day

What miraculous wonder, that lack of faith became conviction of faith; for Thomas exclaimed, Unless I see, I will not believe. Wherefore, when he searched the side he spoke of the Godhead of the Incarnate, who is Son of God, and knew that he verily did suffer in the flesh, and thus cried proclaiming the Risen God, shouting in a loud voice, My Lord and my God, glory to thee.

From the Vespers of Thomas Sunday

Thomas Sunday (the Sunday after Pascha)

Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Saviour wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall 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." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29).

This day is called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

The Orthodox Christian greeting of Pascha

CHRIST IS RISEN!

TRULY HE IS RISEN!

AL-MASSIH QAM!

HAKKAN QAM! (Arabic)

CHRISTOS ANESTI!

ALITHOS ANESTI! (Greek)

CHRISTOS A INVIAT!

ADEVERAT A INVIAT! (Romanian)

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!

VOISTINU VOSKRESE! (Slavonic)

CRISTO HA RESUCITADO!

EN VERDAD HA RESUCITADO! (Spanish)