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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



April 27, 2014
The Sunday of St. Thomas the Apostle
Tone: Of the Feast ~ Eothinon: 1 ~ Ps. 109:8

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Saints du Jour (April 27)

Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop of Jerusalem and the kinsman of the Lord; Venerable George; John the Confessor, Abbot of the Monastery of the Chaste; Eulogios the Hospitable of Egypt; Stephen, Abbot of the Kiev Caves and Bishop of Vladimir; incineration of the relics of Sabbas, first archbishop of Serbia, by Simon Pasha (1595).

Apolytikion of Thomas Sunday – Varys or Grave 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 – Plagal Tone 4: When Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of hades. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming ‘Rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Prokeimenon: Great is our Lord, and great is His power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Epistle: The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.
(Chapter 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 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.”

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
(Chapter 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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Saturday, May 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
- Sunday, May 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
- Saturday, May 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
- Sunday, May 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
- Saturday, May 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
- Sunday, May 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second collection on Palm Sunday (for the Antiochian Patriarchate) totalled \$404.00. The donation was forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery. Thank you for your generosity.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall have their monthly meeting next Sunday after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens are invited to attend.

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