

## St. Thomas Sunday:

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.

## Antipascha:

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.

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Belief of Thomas

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

### On this day the Church remembers:

- Antipascha - St. Thomas Sunday** • Prophet Jeremiah (6<sup>th</sup> c. B.C.)  
• Ven. Paphnutius, Abbot of Boróvsk (1478) • New Martyrs Euthymius (1814),  
Ignatius (1814), and Acacius (1816), of Mt. Athos • Hieromartyr Makáry (Macarius),  
Metropolitan of Kiev (1497) • Martyr Bata the Persian (4<sup>th</sup> c.) • Rt. Blv. Tamára,  
Queen of Georgia (13<sup>th</sup> c.) • Ven. Nicephoros of Chios (1821)  
• Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, "Unexpected Joy."

*Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand  
O Christ God,  
When You did come to Your apostles through closed doors.  
He cried out with all: You are my Lord and my God!*

(Kontakion St Thomas Sunday)

May 1, 2011

St. Thomas Sunday

Pentecostarion  
Week 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Pascha

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**Today's Bulletin is Sponsored:****For the health of:****Richard** Dantinne on his birthday, offered by his family.**Lisa** Vetla on her birthday, daughter of Lore Stefy.**Peter** Freed on his birthday, nephew of Lore Stefy.**Readings:**

- Acts 5:12-20
- 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.

**Sunday service:****Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy - 10:00 AM**  
Except St Thomas Sunday - 9:00 AM**Church School - 9:30**  
(No classes today because of early service.)**Coffee hour** after Liturgy  
(No coffee hour today because of Blessing of graves.)

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors.**  
**Please visit us again.**

**Announcements:**

- **Today, May 1, 2011** (St. Thomas Sunday), **Divine Liturgy** will start one hour earlier at **9:00 am**. After the Liturgy there will be **Blessing of graves**.
- Remember to check out our church store for fine and reasonably priced items. We have icons, matrushka dolls, and other handcrafted items that would be perfect gifts for Holy days, birthdays, weddings or baptisms.
- There will be no church school classes today, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Special Announcements:**

- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- Dues and assessments are being collected for the year 2011, Total is \$175. (\$30 dues, \$145 assessment) Partial payments are gladly accepted.