



**Antipascha: 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 Saint 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 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 – Tone 8

**To read more about the saints remembered today, see:**

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/05/05>

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**Christ is Risen!**

Христос  
Воскресе!

**Indeed, He is  
Risen!**

Воистину  
Воскресе!

*From the sealed tomb, You did shine forth O Life!  
Through closed doors You did come to Your disciples, O Christ God!  
Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,  
By the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!*

Troparion – Tone 7

**Today the Church remembers:**

**ANTIPASCHA • St. Thomas Sunday • Great Martyr Irene (1st-2nd c.) •  
Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Jacob (James), Abbot of Zheleznobórovsk.**

**May 5, 2019**

**Pentecostarion Week 2**

**2nd Sunday of Pascha**

**Tone 2 of the Octoechos**

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