

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are for:****The health of:**

**John** Dantine on his birthday, offered by his family, with love.

Matushka **Barbara** and Matushka **Holly**.

**All Mothers** of the Parish

**Eternal Memory of**

Recently departed **Robert** Hartzel Sr., father of Joe Hartzel

Our mothers **Ann** and **Anne** on Mother's Day, offered by Linda and Richard

Grandparents **Peter** and **Mary** Wasenda offered by Elizabeth Wasenda

**All Mothers** now in repose

**Christopher** Dawson, offered by his family.

**Readings:** **Acts 5:12-20** (*2nd Sunday of Pascha*)

**John 20:19-31** (*2nd Sunday of Pascha, Thomas Sunday*)

**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."

**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**

**Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been cut back for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page [nynjoca.org](http://nynjoca.org) has online services for viewing.**

**Sunday services are celebrated with only the allowed number of people in attendance. Please contact Fr Matthew if you wish to attend as part of the restricted number. (No one else should attend in person.)**

**Church School**

Church School is temporarily not meeting.

We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

**Announcement:**

- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:**

**Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,  
111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234**

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.

**Reminders:**

- Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org) (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer in time to get it into the bulletin.
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

**Antipascha: Saint 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

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To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/05/09>

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Antipascha: Saint Thomas Sunday

**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 •** Prophet Isaiah (8th c. B.C.) • Martyr Christopher of Lycia, and with him Martyrs Callinika and Aquilina (ca. 250) • Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari (1087) • Ven. Shio of Georgia (6th c.)

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**May 9, 2021**

**2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

**Tone 1**

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