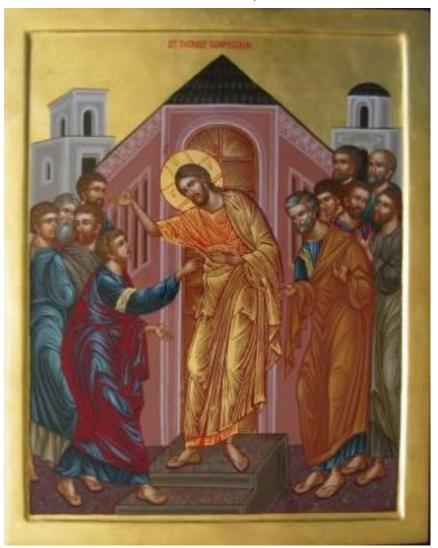
## 88. Peter & Paul Church Bulletin 8t. Thomas Sunday (The Second Sunday of Pascha)

# Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!



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### May 5, 2019 St. Thomas Sunday (Antipascha)

St. Theodore the Sykeote, bishop of Anastasiopolis (613). Apostles Nathaniel, Luke, and Clement. St. Vitalis of the monastery of Abba Serid (Seridos) at Gaza (609-620). **Epistle:** Acts 5:12-20; **Gospel:** John. 20:19-31



### Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-20)

In those days, the Apostles performed many miracles and wonders among the people. They all used to assemble together in Solomon's Porch. None of the others dared to associate with them, but the people held them in high honor. Men and women in increasing numbers believed in the Lord and joined them. They even carried the sick out into the streets and placed them on beds and mats to have at least Peter's shade fall on some of them, as he went by. Crowds also flocked together from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing sick persons and those, who were troubled by unclean spirits.

All of them were healed. But the high priest and his followers, who belonged to the sect of the Sadducees, were aroused and filled with jealousy. So, they arrested the Apostles and put them in the public jail. But an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors by night, led them out, and said to them: "Go, stand up in the temple, and preach to the people all the doctrines of the new way of life."

### Gospel According to Saint John (20:19-31)

On the evening of that first day of the week, though the doors where the Disciples were assembled had been locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came in, stood in their midst, and said to them: "Peace unto you." After these words he showed them his



### Gospel (Continued)

hands and his side. The Disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Then Jesus said to them again: "Peace unto you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you also." Thereupon he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whatever sins you forgive, they are forgiven; whatever sins you retain, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve Apostles called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. Therefore, the other Disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord."

But he answered them: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

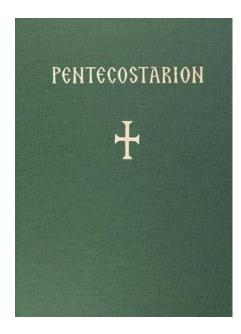
Eight days later the Disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them this time. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came in again, stood in their midst, and said to them: "Peace unto you."

Then he said to Thomas: "Put your finger here and look at my hands; place your hand in my side, and do not be unbelieving but believing." Thomas answered: "My Lord and my God." Jesus said to him: "You believe now, because you have seen me.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Many other miracles performed by Jesus in the presence of his Disciples, are not to be found in this Book. But these few miracles have been recorded because they will help you to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and this belief will enable you to find life in his name.

### **PENTECOSTARION**

A liturgical book containing all the prayers, hymns, and services performed during the period of fifty days between the feasts of Easter and Pentecost.



### **Church Basics**

Before Great Lent, the Bulletin had information about the Lenten Triodion—the service book that sets forth the changeable parts the cycle of services offered by the Orthodox Church—from The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee through Great Saturday.

The **Pentecostarion** (also known as the *Flowery Triodion* or *Festal Triodion*) is the service book of the Orthodox Church that provides the texts for the moveable portions of the divine services from Pascha through the feast of All Saints (the Sunday following Pentecost).

### Pascha: The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

During this 40 Day Feast:

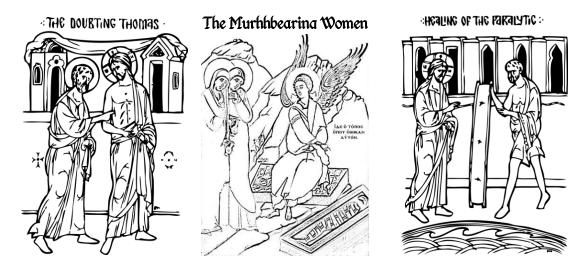
- The Paschal Troparion is sung at each of the daily services until Ascension Day.
- At each of the Sunday services the Easter canon and hymns are repeated.
- The epistle readings are taken from the Acts of the Apostles, telling of the first Christians who lived in communion with the Risen Lord
- All of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of John.
- Every day during the week of Easter, called Bright Week, the paschal services are celebrated in all their splendor. The procession is repeated daily. The doors of the sanctuary remain open. A day without end.

### Second Sunday of Pascha: St. Thomas

The Sunday after Easter is the Sunday of St. Thomas, also known as Second Sunday or Antipascha ("opposite" Pascha, i.e., at the other end of Bright Week). Historically, this day in the early Church was the day that the newlybaptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world. This day is also known as Antipascha. This does not mean "opposed to

Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." The Orthodox Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection starting on this Sunday, the eighth day of the Paschal celebration, the last day of Bright Week.

Liturgically, the Church remembers the Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ after eight days. At that time, 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" (John 20:26-29).



Third Sunday of Pascha: The Holy Myrrhbearing Women

The third Sunday of Pascha is dedicated to the myrrhbearing women who cared for the body of Christ at his death and who were the first witnesses of his Resurrection.

### Fourth Sunday of Pascha: The Paralytic

The fourth Sunday is dedicated to Christ's healing of the paralytic, from the Gospel of St John (5). The man is healed by Christ while waiting to be put down into the pool of water. The Church reminds the faithful that through baptism in the church we, too, are healed and saved by Christ for eternal life. Thus, in the church, we are told, together with the paralytic, to sin no more that nothing worse befall you" (John 5:14).

# Wednesday of the Fourth Week after Pascha: Mid-feast of Pentecost

Wednesday of the Fourth Week, thus the 25th day of Pascha, is called the feast of Mid-Pentecost, at which Christ, "in the middle of the feast" teaches men of his saving mission and offers to all "the waters of immortality", from the Gospel of St. John (7:14).

Again, the faithful are reminded of the Master's presence and his saving promise: "If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink" (John 7:37).

The icon of the feast depicts the young Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem speaking with the Elders (Luke 2:46-47), the first biblical example of Jesus as teacher



(rabbi). In traditional Orthodox icons of this subject, the figure of Jesus is depicted larger than those of the Elders, showing his superior spiritual status.

### Fifth Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman

The fifth Sunday of Easter deals with the woman of Samaria with whom Christ spoke at Jacob's Well from the Gospel of St John (4). Again. the theme is the "living water" and the recognition of Jesus as God's Messiah (John 4:10-11; 25-26).

This is a reminded of new life in Christ, of drinking of the "living water," of true worship of God in the Christian messianic age "in Spirit and in Truth" (John 4:23-24). Salvation is offered to all: Jews and Gentiles, men and women, saints and sinners.

### Sixth Sunday of Pascha: The Blind Man

The sixth Sunday commemorates the healing of the man blind from birth. The Gospel of St John(9) tells how Jesus used clay of spittle and told the man to wash in the waters of Siloam. He did so because it was the Sabbath day on which spitting, clay-making and washing were strictly forbidden. By breaking these ritual laws of the Jews, Jesus showed that he is indeed the Lord of the Sabbath, and, as such, that he is equal to God the Father Who alone, according to Jewish tradition, works on the Sabbath day in running his world. A reminder that the Lord has anointed our eyes with his own divine hands and washed them with the waters of our baptism.

### **UPCOMING PARISH AND OTHER EVENTS**

Please contact the church office to schedule Panikhidas, request Bulletin Dedications, or make Prosphora Offerings.

### PRAYER LIST

Please pray for good health for our following parish family members and others:
Fr. Gregory Becker, Fr. Andrew Gall, Fr. Paisius McGrath, Fr. John
Nakonachny, Pani-matka Mary Ann Nakonachny, Mykola Prychodczenko,
Walter Duzzny, Nancy Tiedeman, James Bobersky, Kay Malys, Marie Pupa,
Deborah Harvey, Mary Lapushansky, Stella Woytek, Kathy Duzzny, Mary Ann
Owens, Pauline Witkowsky, Dr. Dinah Fedyna, Mary Goncy, Marianne
Carmack, Kenneth, Matthew, Peter, Michelle, Basil, Richard

- 9:30 AM, May 5, 2019: ST. THOMAS SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY
- Immediately following Liturgy, Fellowship Sunday in The Ukrainian Orthodox Center.
- 6:30 PM, Tuesday, May 7, 2019: **Meeting of the Church Council at The Orthodox Center.**
- 9:30 AM, Sunday, May 12, 2019: DIVINE LITURGY SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN
- Immediately following Liturgy, MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH hosted by Sts. Peter
   & Paul Brotherhood
- 6:30 PM, Thursday, May 16, 2019: **Adult Education** at Father Becker's
- Saturday, May 18, 2019: CEMETERY AND CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY (Rain Date May 25)
- If you would like to have a loved one's grave decorated, please contact THE JUNIOR UOL Telephone (330) 538-3447
- 9:30 AM, Sunday, May 19, 2019: DIVINE LITURGY SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC
- Immediately following the Divine Liturgy MEETING OF THE SENIOR
   UOL in The Orthodox Center
- 6:30 PM, Thursday, May 16, 2019: Adult Education at Father Becker's
- Sunday, May 19, 2019 is the LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday, May 26, 2019

# Memorial Service and Blessing of Graves

Annual Memorial Day Potluck

Cemetery Chapel

SS. Peter & Paul UOC Cemetery

### NEXT PEROGIE SALE FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019 (PICKUP 10 AM – NOON)

Don't forget: your help is always welcome and needed.

Task	MAY	JUNE*
Potato Prep	8 <sup>th</sup> (Wed)	5 <sup>th</sup> (Wed)
Pinching	9 <sup>th</sup> (Thurs)	6 <sup>th</sup> (Thurs)
Pick-up	10 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	10 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)
Potato Prep	22 <sup>nd</sup> (Wed)	
Pinching	23 <sup>rd</sup> (Thurs)	
Pick-up	24 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	

\*Also, making pyrohy for Slavic Fest
DON'T FORGET WE CAN ALWAYS USE YOUR HELP!!

### **CUSTODIAL HELP WANTED**

Because of a forthcoming vacancy, our Parish Board is looking for a Custodian for The Orthodox Center. Flexible work hours. We are seeking a self-motivated person.

Contact Walter Duzzny at 330-774-4490 for more info.

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