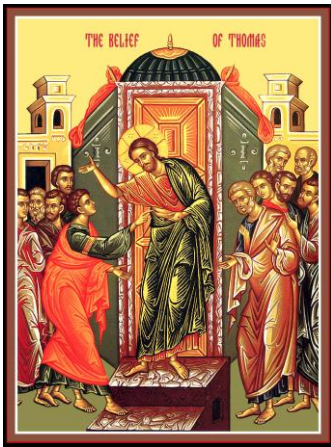


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COMMEMORATED TODAY

- "SLADKOE LOBZANIE" ICON OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS (9TH C.) (MOVABLE HOLIDAY ON THE ANTIPASCHA).
- HIEROMARTYR ARTEMON, PRESBYTER OF LAODICEA IN SYRIA (303).
- NEW HIEROMARTYR STEPHEN (BEKH) BISHOP OF IZHEVSK (1933).
- VIRGIN-MARTYR MARTHA (1941).
- MARTYR CRESCENS OF MYRA IN LYCIA.
- MARTYR THOMAS OF ALEXANDRIA (476).
- MARTYR DEMETRIUS OF THE PELOPONNESUS WHO SUFFERED AT TRIPOLI (1803).
- MARTYR ELEUTHERIUS OF PERSIA (4TH C.).
- MARTYR ZOILUS OF ROME
- VENERABLE MARTINS, ABBOT, OF CLERMONT (GAUL).
- ST. MARTIN THE CONFESSOR, POPE OF ROME (655) (GREEK).

April 26 / 13, 2020

THOMAS SUNDAY

~ SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS ~

Troparion of the Feast in Tone 7

While the tomb was sealed Thou O Life / didst shine forth from the grave, O Christ God / And while the doors were shut, Thou didst come unto Thy disciples / O Resurrection of all / renewing through them an upright spirit in us // according to Thy great mercy

(Glory...Both Now...) Kontakion of the Feast in Tone 8

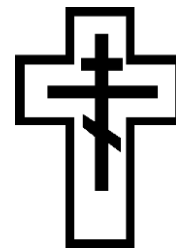
With his searching right hand Thomas did probe Thy life-bestowing side, O Christ God / for when Thou didst enter while the doors were shut // he cried out unto Thee with the rest of the disciples Thou are my Lord and my God

+ Prokeimenon +

In the **3rd** tone (Psalm 146:5)

Great is our Lord, and abundant in pow'r!

His wisdom is beyond measure



A Warm Welcome to all our Guests!

We are very pleased you have joined us for worship today. Please note that reception of Holy Communion is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is offered by the priest at the end of the service. Also, please feel free to take this handout with you.

+ The Epistle Reading +

Acts 5:12-20

- ¹² And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.
- ¹³ Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.
- ¹⁴ And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,
- ¹⁵ so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.
- ¹⁶ Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.
- ¹⁷ Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,
- ¹⁸ and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.
- ¹⁹ But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,
- ²⁰ Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.

+ Alleluia +

In the **8th** tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

+ The Gospel Reading +

John 20:19-31

- ¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."
- ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.
- ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
- ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.
- ²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

- ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."
- ²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"
- ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."
- ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"
- ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
- ³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;
- ³¹ 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.

Instead of: *It is truly meet...*

We sing: *The Angel Cried...*

+ Communion Verse +

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Instead of "*We have seen the true light...*", we sing *Christ is risen from the dead...*" (1X)

At the dismissal, when the priest says: "*Glory to Thee, O Christ God...*" the Choir sings "*Christ is risen...*" x3 instead of "*Glory... Both now... Father bless!*" Then the priest gives the dismissal.
