

Commemorated on April 15

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.

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.

Troparion - Tone 7

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!

Kontakion - Tone 8

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Golf Outing-June 25th, 2007

Garage Sale - Memorial Day Weekend-May 25-26

County Fair Food Booth

AppleFest

Beefsteak Dinner

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church - Wantage, NJ

Archpriest Samuel Kedala, Rector

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Saint Thomas Sunday

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Sunday, April 15, 2007

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today **St. Thomas Sunday**
Tues. **7:30PM Parish Council Meeting**
Saturday **6:00 PM Vespers**
Sunday **9:15 Church School**
9:40 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA - Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. Apostles of the Seventy: Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus (ca. 67). Martyrs Basilissa (Vasilissa) and Anastasia of Rome, disciples of Apostles Peter and Paul (1st c.). Martyr Suchias and his company in Georgia (2nd c.). Martyr Sabbas the Goth, of Wallachia (372).

Acts 5:12-20, John 20:19-31

CHRIST IS RISEN!

BULLETIN

Thank you to John Clauson who helped Fr. Samuel Clean the Church on Pascha evening to prepare for the Bright week services. May God repay

Thank you to a. **Maria Higginbotham** for all her work on our flower garden outside in time for Pascha. May God Bless you.

Reminder! There is **NO** kneeling during the period of time between Pascha and Pentecost.

The normal Wednesday and Friday Fasting periods resume this week.

Pray for **Pighi Mardaloescu** as she is preparing to undergo surgery this Tuesday. Also pray for **Matushka JoAnne** as she will undergo a small surgical procedure on the same day.

Please **remember** to send in your **weekly donation or pledge** even when you have not attended Church on a Sunday. Our Church depends on your weekly contributions to pay our obligations. Thank you.

Thank you to All who helped and cleaned up after the Paschal Meal last week.

The Annual Church Rummage/Yard sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 25 & 26 from 10 AM until 4 PM. We will accept clean unbroken items such as: books, CD's, games, gift items, handbags, house items, glassware, jew-

elry, toys, games, video tapes, DVD's, working electrical appliances etc. We will not accept clothing, computers, or suitcases. Workers will be needed for set-up and to help on the days of the sale. As always thank you for supporting our endeavor.

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Frank Higginbotham, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Pat Nauditt, Chaplain Fr. Peter Daratsos, Stefan Szemetylo, Christopher, infant Ella Jane, Corinne Matthews, infant Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Lynne Goodwin, Loren Chwan, Pighi Mardaloescu, Don McGuire, Valentina Bobrowsky, Matushka JoAnne and Aidan Stovin.

Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **George and Despina Eptamenitis** for Health and Salvation of **Pighi Mardaloescu**

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published. If you would like something in the monthly bulletin have it e-mailed or brought to Fr. Samuel two weeks prior to the first of the month it is to be published in.

We welcome our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship. Please sign our guest book.

“ There is a sin which is always ‘unto death’ [1 Jn 5:16]; the sin which we have not repented. Even a saint’s prayer’s will not be heard for the unrepented sin. The person who repents correctly does not imagine that his sins are cancelled through his own effort; but knows that through this effort he makes peace with God.” St. Mark the Ascetic