

St. Thomas

ZONE 8

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou didst come to Thine apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: Thou art my Lord and my God.

Prokeimenon

ZONE 3: Great is our Lord and abundant in power / His understanding is beyond measure!

vs. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

Another (St. George) ZONE 7: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

The Act of the Holy Apostles 5:12 – 20

Epistle

In those days: 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. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 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. 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. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on 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, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Alleluia

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: For the Lord is a great God and King over all the earth.

v: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

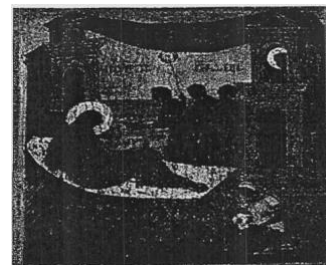
John 20:19-31

Gospel

At that time, 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." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

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!" 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."

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His 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.



Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, April 23, 2023

*AntiPascha; The Faith of Thomas the Apostle;
Great Martyr and Victory-bearer George*

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

Schedule

Sunday, April 23, 2023

St. Thomas Sunday

1:00 P.M. Blessing of Parish
Cemetery (*weather permitting*)

Saturday, April 29, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Holy Myrrhbearing Women

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 6, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Paralytic

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 13, 2023

*Parish Block Party is being
rescheduled to a subsequent date
yet to be determined*

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Samaritan Woman

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 20, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Blind Man

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Blessing of Motor Vehicles

"How long will it be before the Holy Mysteries of which we partake remind us that, "we, who are many, are one body (Hebrews 13:8)"; and how long will there be no mutual hearty union between us, as members of the single body of Christ? How long shall we make our own laws of life be inimical to each other, envy each other, torment, grieve, fret, judge and abuse each other? When will the Spirit of Christ abide in us, the spirit of meekness, humility, kindness, love unfeigned, self-denial, patience, chastity, abstinence, simplicity and sincerity, contempt for earthly things and entire aspiration after heavenly ones? Lord Jesus Christ! Enlighten our spiritual vision and "let Thy loving Spirit lead us all into the land of righteousness (Psalm 143:10)." Give us Thy Spirit! The Lord is everything to us all, for we cannot do anything of ourselves, for ourselves. He is the Giver of all powers, all blessings and of everything necessary for our welfare. Let us cast all our sorrows, cares and anxiety upon the Lord. During prayer, be like a lisping infant, mingling your spirit in one with the spirit of the prayer you are pronouncing. Count yourself as nothing and accept the prayer as a great gift of God. Renounce your own carnal wisdom and do not listen to it, for carnal "knowledge puffeth up (1 Corinthians 8:1)," it doubts, imagines, blasphemes. If, during prayer or at any other time, the enemy hinders your soul by any kind of blasphemy or abominations, do not become despondent in consequence of them, but say firmly in your heart: It was for the cleansing from these and like sins that our Lord Jesus Christ came upon earth; it was to heal these and other like infirmities of spirit that"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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| Peter | Nicholas | Barb |
| Rebecca | Theodora | Barbara |
| Nicholas | Presbyteria Irené | Mark |
| N. Illum. Mary Magdalene | John | Angela |
| Archpriest Christopher | Cyndi | Elijah |
| George | Diana | Sophia |
| Dave | Amy | Matushka Tanya |
| David | Michael | Mary |
| Shawn | Joseph | Archpriest Moses |
| Yulia | Andrew | Archpriest John |
| Patrick | Magdalene | Matushka Margaret |
| Shawn | Barbara | Matthew |
| Gabriella | Rebecca | Priest Joseph |
| Catechumen Rebecca | Nancy | Archpriest Michael |
| Marie | Maria | Matushka Virginia |
| Michael | Elaine | Paul |
| Reader Michael | Victor | Mary |
| Michelle | Wilma | Nicholas |
| Mikaela | Michael | Andrew |
| Zachary | April | Anthony |
| Dymphna & CTBB | Joseph | Christopher |
| Justin | Michael | Jackie |
| Hope | | |

Those in the life to come

Daniil
Dale
Rebecca
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir
Archbishop PAUL (4/24/2022)

"the Most Merciful came to help us; and if you say these words with faith, your heart will be immediately at rest: for the Lord will cleanse your heart. In general, you must not fall into despondency through any sins or evil imagination, but trust in the Savior. O, boundless Mercy and Compassion of God! O, most great service of the God-Man to us sinners! And even until now He serves us in His love for men, cleansing and saving us. And therefore let the dominion of the enemy be covered with shame! By praising your pious neighbor - you praise God; by doing good to your neighbor - you do good to yourself, for we are - one body; by doing good to your neighbor - you make God your debtor, for your neighbor is the image of God, and God - is everything in all. By doing good to a Christian - you make Christ, the Son of God, your debtor, for Christians are His body, His members. By lending to a Christian - you lend to the Holy Ghost, for Christians are the temples of the Holy Ghost. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you (1 Corinthians 3:16)?" My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

St. Thomas

TONE 7

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy disciples, O Christ God! Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

St. George

TONE 4

Thou wast bound for good deeds, O martyr of Christ: George; by faith thou didst conquer the torturer's godlessness. Thou wast offered as a sacrifice pleasing to God; thus thou didst receive the crown of victory. Through thine intercessions, forgiveness of sins is granted to all.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

St. George

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God raised thee as his own gardener, O George, for thou hast gathered for thyself sheaves of virtue. Having sown in tears, thou now reapest with joy; thou didst shed thy blood in combat and didst win Christ as thy crown. Through thine intercessions, forgiveness of sins is granted to all.

Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.