

*St. Thomas*

**TONE 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*

**TONE 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!

**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.*

**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.



*Schedule*

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

*St. Thomas Sunday*

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

**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

*Sunday of the Myrrhbearing  
Women*

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

*Paralytic*

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, May 22, 2022**

*Samaritan Woman*

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

11:30 A.M. Blessing of Motor  
Vehicles

**Saturday, May 28, 2022**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, May 29, 2022**

*Blind Man*

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022**

6:00 P.M. Vesperal Liturgy

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

**416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060**

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

*AntiPascha; The Faith of Thomas the Apostle;*

*Prophet Jeremiah*

[www.nativityofthevirgin.com](http://www.nativityofthevirgin.com)

**KNEELING PRAYERS ON PENTECOST (June 12,  
2022)**

*1<sup>st</sup> Kneeling Prayer*

O Most-pure, Undefined, Beginningless, Invisible, Incomprehensible, Inscrutable, Unchanging, Invincible, Immeasurable, Gentle Lord; Who alone hast immortality, Who dwellest in light unapproachable, Who hast made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is created therein; Who grantest all men their petition before they ask: We pray Thee, and we entreat Thee, O Master and Lover of Mankind, the Father of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Mary, the Ever-Virgin and Most-glorious Theotokos; Who first did teach in words and afterwards did show by deeds also. When He had endured the saving Passion, He gavest us, Thy humble and sinful and unworthy servants, an example, whereby we should offer unto Thee prayers with the bending of the neck and the knees, both for our own sins and of the ignorances of the people. Do Thou Thyself, O Greatly-merciful One, Who lovest mankind, hear us in that day when we shall call upon Thee, and especially on this day of Pentecost, on which, after the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into the heavens, and the sitting down at the right hand of Thee, the God and Father, He did send down the Holy Spirit upon His Holy Disciples and Apostles, Who also did rest upon each one of them, and they were all filled with His inexhaustible grace, and they spoke with other tongues

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

Margaret	Deborah	Matushka Susan
Mary	Subdeacon Charles	Mary
Kathy	Deborah	Zoe
Pete	Michael	Noah
Richard	Victor	Marie
Larry	Wilma	Paul
Virginia	Michael	Mary
Evelyn	April	Nicholas
Tatiana	Joseph	Andrew
Michael	Michael	Anthony
Emily	Barb	Christopher
Jacob	Barbara	Jackie
Charlotte	Mark	
Karen	Angela	
Theresa	Elijah	
David	Sophia	
Adina	Mary	
Randy	Metropolitan HERMAN	
Mary	Archpriest Moses	
Diana	Archpriest John	
<i>Newly Illumined</i> Peter	Matushka Margaret	
Natalia	Matthew	
Amy	Priest Joseph	
Michael	Archpriest Michael	
Joseph	Archpriest Gregory	
Andrew	Deacon Paul	
Magdalene	Deacon Peter	
Timothy	Matushka Virginia	

### Those in the life to come

Archbishop PAUL	Archpriest Thomas
Lauren	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Thomas	Archpriest Vladimir
Michael	
Delores	
Charlotte	
<u>Thomas</u>	

therefore, who are praying unto Thee, and remember us, humble and condemned, and turn again the captivity of our souls, exercising Thy tender mercies for us who are praying unto Thee. Accept us who fall down before Thee and cry: We have sinned, who have cleaved unto Thee from the womb, even from our mother's loins. Thou art our God. But as our days have been spent in vanity, we have been stripped of Thy help, we have been deprived of every defense. But having boldness on account of Thy compassions, we cry out: Remember not the sins and ignorances of our youth, and cleanse us from our secret sins; and reject us not in time of old age. And when our strength fails, forsake us not. Before we return to the earth, count us worthy to turn again unto Thee, and attend unto us in favor and grace. Measure our transgressions according to Thy compassions, setting the depth of Thy compassions against the multitude of our iniquities. Look down from Thy holy heights, O Lord, upon Thy people here present who await of Thee rich mercies. Visit us in Thy goodness; deliver us from the power of the devil. Make firm our lives by Thy holy and sacred laws. Entrust Thy people to a faithful Guardian Angel; gather all of us into Thy Kingdom; grant pardon unto them that hope in Thee; forgive them and us our sins; purify us by the operation of Thy Holy Spirit; destroy the snares set for us by the enemy. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Master Almighty, Who hast enlightened the day with the light of the sun, and hast illumined the night with flashes of fire; Who hast counted us worthy to pass through the length of the day, and to draw near to the beginning of the night: Hearken Thou unto our prayer and that of all Thy people, and having pardoned us of all our sins, both voluntary and involuntary, accept our evening supplications, and send down the multitude of Thy mercies and compassions upon Thine inheritance. Wall us in with Thy Holy Angels; arm us with the armor of Thy righteousness; fence us round about with Thy truth; guard us with Thy power; deliver us from every oppression and every snare of the adversary; and grant us also that the present evening, together with the coming night, and all the days of our life, may be perfect, holy, peaceful, sinless, without stumbling-blocks, and without fantasy, through the prayers of the Holy Theotokos, and of all the Saints who, from the ages, have been well-pleasing unto Thee. Help us, save us, raise us up, and keep us O God, by Thy grace.

### Troparia

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### **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!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.  
Amen.*