

*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.*

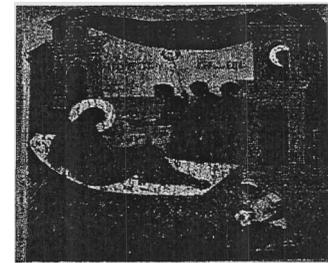
**John 20:19-31**

*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 5, 2019**

***St. Thomas Sunday***

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

**Saturday, May 11, 2019**

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting  
5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, May 12, 2019**

*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 18, 2019**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

*Paralytic*

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 25, 2019**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

*Samaritan Woman*

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours  
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

*Blind Man*

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours  
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, May 5, 2019**

*AntiPascha; The Faith of Thomas the Apostle;*

*Great Martyr Irene*

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

“The Department of Liturgical Music and Translation has been one of the most active and productive ministries of the Orthodox Church in America with thousands of pages of liturgical music and texts produced and hours of training for singers and choir directors provided for use world-wide. At the same time, a more strategic approach to publication of both liturgical music and liturgical books needs to be implemented. The Orthodox Church in America should be able to create a library of liturgical books that is complete, authoritative, practical, easily acquired and transmitted, and most of all, beautiful. We should also lead the way in training the next generation of church musicians through the expansion of our online music programs and in-person summer music intensives for training singers and choir directors, and by developing certificate programs for church choir directors and internship programs for future church music leaders. *Vocations & Clergy Health:* We must always have before us the example of Christ, Who saved us not through His almighty power, so as not to annul our freedom, but through the weakness of His love, which attracts us more powerfully than anything human. Likewise, if we are priests, we should not approach our flock with the authority of the priesthood that we have been given, but with a humble heart which knows how to love purely and to console every broken soul with peace. The pastoral ministry of our clergy has been made more difficult by the many burdens and requirements placed upon them by the changing realities of the world. Today, the pastoral oversight of a community is more difficult than ever, not only because human beings seem to be ever-more fragmented and broken, but also because of the additional administrative, legal and personal issues that”

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

Christopher	Janet	Archpriest John
Samantha	Catechumen Shannon	Matushka Margaret
Layla	Adina	Matthew
Carter	David	Protopresbyter Radomir
Andrew	Nancy	Archbishop NIKON
Subdeacon Paul	Matushka Larissa	Archpriest Yves
Judith	Zoe	Archpriest John
Peter	Archpriest John	Archpriest Emilian
Rebecca	Victor	Priest John
Jennifer	Wilma	Priest Josef
Victor	Michael	Priest Zachariah
Nancy	April	Matushka Virginia
Barbara	Joseph	Archpriest Vladimir
Kim	Michael	Deacon Paul
Dorothy	Barb	Matushka Barbara (Kopka)
Norma	Barbara	Helen
William	Mark	Thomas
Jean	Angela	Theodore
Jennifer & her unborn	Elijah	Vasilios
Child	Sophia	Paul
Craig	Charles	Mary
Maryann	Matushka Tanya	Nicholas
Charles	Mary	Anne
David	Shane Thomas	Andrew
Marie	Reagan	Anthony
Reader George	Jennifer	Christopher
Catechumen Kristine	Nathan	Jackie
	Brooks	

### Those in the life to come

Julianna	<u>Helen</u>
Walter	Archpriest Thomas

“need to be juggled by the clergy as they minister to those human beings – and this includes caring for their own spiritual health and that of their families. It is important to remember that Christ is the true priest for all of us, whether ordained or not, and that the priestly work He accomplished was the reconciling of man and the world with God. He accomplished this through His ineffable self-emptying in the incarnation and by His extreme humility on the Cross. Our need for vocations is not simply to encourage men to serve the Lord in the positions of readers, subdeacons, deacons, or priests, but to provide them with the formation and ongoing support necessary to become effective preachers, teachers, and celebrants of the divine mysteries. If the core of our lives as Christians is the Holy Altar of the Church, then the core of our responsibility as members of the Church should be to care for the health of those who stand and serve before that altar and impart to us the Holy Mysteries. The clergy are set apart for the sacred task for bringing their faithful, and the whole world, into the glory of the Kingdom, to reconcile them to God. At the same time, they themselves remain human beings in need of healing and salvation so that they might help lead others to the same. It is a common journey that clergy and laypeople are on. But it is through the grace of the priesthood that the salvific healing of the Church is imparted to all the members of the body. Therefore, it is crucial to renew our efforts at fostering clergy health – physical, spiritual, emotional – so that our parishes and institutions may be guided by pastors and lay leaders who have a deep understanding of the Orthodox therapeutic and pastoral tradition.” *Of What Life do We Speak? Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church – The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all America and Canada*”

### 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.*