

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.*

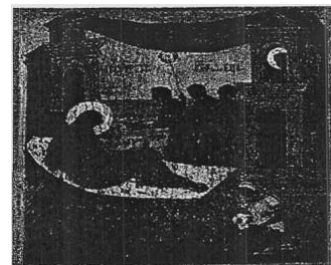
John 20:19-31

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 12, 2024

St. Thomas Sunday

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

8:30 A.M. Sauerkraut Perogies

Saturday, May 18, 2024

11:00 A.M. Parish Council Meeting

3:30 P.M. Inquirers' Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Sunday of the Myrrhbearers

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Blessing of Motor Vehicles

Saturday, May 25, 2024

No Inquirers' Encounter

NO VESPERS

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Sunday of the Paralytic

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 1, 2024

3:30 P.M. Inquirers' Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 8, 2024

3:30 P.M. Inquirers' Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Sunday of Thomas; 2nd Sunday of Pascha; St. Epiphanius, bishop of Cyprus

"When you see men fall into various sins against yourself, against the Lord, against their neighbors, and against themselves, do not be angry with them - for there is much anger and malice in the world without your anger - but pity them from all your soul and excuse them when they offend against you, saying to yourself: "Father! Forgive them," for sin perplexes them; "they know not what they do (St. Luke 23:34)." Everything earthly, material, when the heart clings to it, is disturbance, affliction, straitness, and death to our soul; and by itself and in itself our body itself is corruption, dust, and smoke. The only requirements of our souls are righteousness, holiness, truth, love, mercy, meekness, kindness, peace, spiritual freedom, or the grace of God in the heart. These treasures give life to our whole being, and are eternal. Let us strive with all our might to acquire them, and, having acquired them, to preserve, increase, and strengthen them in ourselves; for through our sinfulness every good soon evaporates. O Lord! Ever give me a meek heart, a bright, straightforward and kind look. Grant it, Lord! Glory to Thee for the change accomplished in me by Thy right hand. I thank Thee for having taken away from me the burning thorns of my passions, my straitness, my shame, and mine infirmities, and for having bestowed upon me peace, tranquility, freedom, power, and boldness. Strengthen, then,"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Newly Illumined Rebecca	Jane	Elaine
Marie	Jim	Victor
Michael	Tyler	Wilma
Bob	Tanya	Michael
Linda	Carl	April
Kathy	Shawn	Joseph
John	Selaphiel	Michael
Eva	Margaret	Barb
David	James	Barbara
Subdeacon Andrew	Macarius	Mark
Theresa	Gabrielle	Angela
Lori Ann	John	Elijah
Lauren	Gregory	Sophia
Lydia	Reader Stephen	Matushka Tanya
Janet	Paul	Mary
Matushka Irene	Shawn	Archpriest John
Vanessa	Gabriella	Matushka Margaret
Deacon Matthew	Catechumen Mary	Matthew
Matushka Ann	Alexandra	Priest Josef
Kyla Ann	Mary Magdalene	Archpriest Michael
Luke	Diana	Reader Peter
Pat	Barbara	Patricia
John	Julia	Matushka Virginia

"in me that which Thou hast accomplished in me. Glory to the power of faith, to the power of prayer; for everything that I ask of Thee believing in prayer I receive in accordance with Thy word (St. Mark 11:24). I thank Thee for raising me from the dead so many times (2 Corinthians 1:9), and for destroying the kingdom of death and sin within me. A Christian ought to meditate upon things above, upon heaven, where Christ is, and not to cling to the corruptible blessings of the world: this is the concern of the heathen. But meanwhile we attach ourselves passionately to all earthly pleasures and things. We have perverted our life by withdrawing ourselves from the example set us by the Lord, the apostles, martyrs, reverend fathers, the unmercenary, and all the saints. They were not of this world, but we are of this world; we lead a life according to our own conception, but not a Christian life. Envy, pride, condemnation of others, enmity, hatred malice, iniquities, carnal impurity, are not banished from our hearts, but are firmly and widely implanted in them. Do not for one moment fulfill your own will, but fulfill the will of God, which is love for all, even for our enemies, and our holiness; whilst our will is sin of various kinds: self-love (and not the love of God), malice, hatred, pride, envy, sensuality, gluttony, drunkenness, theft, covetousness, fornication, craftiness, slothfulness, hardness of heart, and insensibility to our neighbors' sufferings, rejoicing in their misfortunes; rancor, murmuring, blasphemy, scoffing at sacred things. Great are the following words: "Grant us with one heart and one mouth to glorify and celebrate Thy glorious and majestic name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Exclamation from the Divine Liturgy)." O, that it were ever so, and that our hearts were not apart, not even from those of the other men, but even from our own selves!" 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!

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

Those in the life to come

Shaanti	Archbishop PAUL	Magdalene
Presbyteria Sylvia	Archimandrite Innocent	John
<u>Carrie</u>	Olga	
Matushka Olga	Francis	
Archpriest Thomas	Jean	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Edward	
Archpriest Vladimir	Nancy	