

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!!!**

**ANTIPASCHA: SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April**

**The Belief of Thomas**

**Epistle Reading: Acts 5:12-20 and Acts 12:1-11**

**Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 and John 15:17**

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine, Michelle, Alexander, Luis Ramon, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia and Adrian. Amen!!!

**\*\*\* To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski\*\*\***

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**ANTIPASCHA: SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY** - 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 Saint 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!**

### Service Schedule

**Great Vespers:** 5 pm Saturdays  
**Hours:** 9:45am Sundays  
**Divine Liturgy:** 10:00am Sundays

**Confessions:** Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

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### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April – Saint Thomas Sunday**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of April**  
**Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm via ZOOM**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of April**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of April**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

#### Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

##### Welcome

Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us at Holy Spirit Church and to experience the beauty of Vespers each Saturday at 5 pm and/or Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am. Fellowship and light refreshments follow Divine Liturgy.

##### Saint Thomas Sunday

The Sunday after Easter is the Sunday of Saint Thomas. It is also known as Second Sunday or Antipascha.

##### Memory Eternal

With great sorrow but with the hope of Resurrection we inform you that Subdeacon Paul Kachur fell asleep after a long bout with the disease. Paul is Timothy Kachur's brother. May his memory be eternal!

##### Thank you

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who participated and contributed to the beauty of our Holy Spirit Orthodox Church during Lenten season, Holy Week and Pascha! We are most grateful for our choir, director, singers, readers, altar servers, cleaners, food preparers, grave watchers, Pascha flower donors, and to all who attended services and worshipped with us. Bless you and God Grant you Many Years!

##### Keep Offerings Current

Offerings can be made at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The collection basket is located on the table by the exit. You are also welcomed to send your donation via mail to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage NJ 07461 or using the "Donate" button on the website of our church [www.holyspiritorthodox.org](http://www.holyspiritorthodox.org).

##### Fast Free Week ending

Today we are ending our Fast Free Week and starting tomorrow we are called again to fast on Wednesdays and Fridays.

##### Have an item for the bulletin?

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