

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

ANTIPASCHA: SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY

Sunday 12th of May, 2024

The Belief of Thomas

Epistle Reading: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

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 Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Joseph, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Protopresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, 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, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Alksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena and Avery

***** 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: 5pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:45am Sundays

Divine Liturgy: 10:00am Sundays

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

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 11th of May
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 12th of May – Saint Thomas Sunday
Mother's Day
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 18th of May
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 19th of May
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 20th of May
Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm via ZOOM

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Visitors Welcome

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! 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.

Memory Eternal

On Friday May 10th, we had a funeral service to our dear Helen Schweizer. After the funeral she was buried at Russian Orthodox Convent Cemetery. Please pray for Helen's soul as well as her surviving family: son Wallace and his wife Christine; her brother Dimitri and granddaughters Amanda and Alexa. May Helen's 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!

Many Blessed Year

Grant O Lord peaceful life, health, salvation, and visitation to your newly baptized servants: Joan Santiago, Edgar Urilov, Travis Neisler, Olivia Perez, and Finlay Johnson and protect them and preserve them for many blessed years!

Happy Mother's Day

This is a special day set aside to honor our mothers. Please text or email me at (848)228-1563 or pejovicveljko@gmail.com the name of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and Godmothers to be remembered. Please indicate if your loved ones are living or departed.

Pascha Flowers

Thanks to all who donated toward 2024 Pascha flowers:

Mark Benda – In Memory of Carol Benda

Valentina Bobrowsky

Rodni and Lisette Charlet

Despina Eptamenitis – In Memory of George Eptamenitis

Seth and Cheryl Fleishman – In Memory of Helen Schweizer

Glen and Delia Gamboa – In Memory of Santiago and Blandina Sanchez

Timothy and Pamela Kachur – In Memory of Archpriest Stephen and Matushka Elizabeth Kachur, Joseph Bell, Reader Paul and Mark Kachur

Michael and Nadine Olsen – In Memory of Mark and Michael Bachik, Roy and Edna Olsen

Mary Osinski

Anna Seniw – In Memory of Antonina and Stefan Szemetylo

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinsk@gmail.com