

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

ANTIPASCHA: SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY
Sunday 1st of May

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 Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine Olsen, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance & Elaine 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 and Douglas. 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.

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

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 30th of April
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 1st of May – Saint Thomas Sunday
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 7th of May
Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 8th of May
Mother's Day
Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 9th of Monday
Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm via ZOOM

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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.

Chrismation

During Divine Liturgy on Great and Holy Saturday, Asia Booker Sanchez, Kristen Steier, and Hazel Steier were chrismated by the Rev. Michael Pejovic. God Grant Many Blessings to Asia, Kristen, and Hazel, their family, friends, and their sponsors Cheryl Fleishman, Julia Kokoshari, and Matushka Mihaela Pejovic.

Thanks to All

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

Mother's Day, May 8th

This is a special day set aside to honor our mothers. Please email to me the names of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and Godmothers to be remembered next Sunday on Mothers' Day. Please indicate if your loved ones are with us or departed.

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 welcome 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.

Fast Free Week

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?

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