

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010 ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1.

St. Thomas Sunday. Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum, disciple of St. John the Theologian (92). Ven. Jacob (James), Abbot of Zheleznobórovsk (1442), and his fellow ascetic, James. St. Varsonúfii (Barsanuphius), Bishop of Tver' (1576). Martyrs Processus and Martinian of Rome (1st c.). Ven. Pharmuthius, Anchorite, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. John, disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis (9th c.). St. Callinicus of Cernica, Bishop of Rimnicului in Romania (1868). The Appearance of the “FOOTPRINT” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos at Pochayev.

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

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

Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to

Thee! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

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

Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

TROPARION

(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!

KONTAKION

(Tone 8) Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou didst come to Thy apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: Thou art my Lord and my God!

The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: Great is our Lord and abundant in power / His understanding is beyond measure! v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God.

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (5:12-20)

In those days: many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested 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 and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Alleluia, Tone 8

v: 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 a great King over all the earth!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them 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. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I 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; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.” Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the 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.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT...”

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

WHAT IS THE ARTOS?

“Artos” is a Greek word which means bread made with yeast. The Artos is blessed on Pascha after the Ambon Prayer which is said at the end of the Liturgy. The prayer used in the blessing of the Artos is as follows: “We bless and sanctify this bread on this Paschal day, for the honor, praise and memory of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we are released, freed ... We further ask Almighty God to bless this bread and that all who partake of it may share in His Heavenly gifts and be free of all pain and sickness, and be granted salvation of soul and health of body.” During Bright Week, the blessed bread, covered with an icon of the Resurrection, remains in the church to be kissed until the Sunday after Pascha (Saint Thomas Sunday), when the Artos is distributed to the faithful. According to the old custom, the Artos was distributed on the Saturday of Bright Week after the Holy Liturgy with the prayer, “this bread may be for the health and sanctification of the soul of him who eats of it.” In the former centuries the faithful would preserve little pieces of bread for those who were seriously ill or in danger of death and unable to

receive Holy Communion. They would be given a piece of Artos as a substitute for Holy Communion. Presently, the Artos is generally broken and distributed on Thomas Sunday so that as many of the faithful as possible can partake of this blessing. The Artos reminds us of the occasion when our Lord at the Last Supper, on Holy Thursday, with His Disciples present, instituted the Holy Eucharist. It recalls to our minds that He is permanently among us. It also reminds us of His appearance to the Disciples after the Resurrection, when He blessed the food and did eat of it with them. Again we are reminded of His words to Cleophas and Lucas on their way to the village of Emmaus when He interpreted the Scriptures in regard to things referring to Himself, and they did recognize Him when He reclined at the table with them, and He took bread and blessed, and broke and began handing it to them. (Luke 24:27-35) According to the oldest tradition, the Apostles, after the Ascension of Our Lord, placed bread on the table (altar) each time during the services, for the Divine Master. This they did for their Master, confessing or believing in His invisible presence among them. At the end of the services they took the bread and lifted it up with the words: "Glory be to You, O Christ, Our God, Glory be to You. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit." The Apostles, after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day, went to preach the Gospel throughout the world and, according to tradition, left a loaf of bread on the altar in remembrance of His Glorious Resurrection. As the unleavened bread had a great significance to the Jews in the Old Testament, so the Artos has for us in the New Testament. As bishop, Saint Cyril, the great writer and preacher, writes: "As the Jews in Egypt were preparing unleavened bread for their big journey through the Red Sea, and after crossing the Sea they did eat the bread, so we, Christians, saved through the Resurrection of our Savior from sin, lift up the Artos, which is exposed on the table during Bright Week and eat it on Saturday, the last day of Bright Week. As the unleavened bread was eaten for the health of the people who ate it, so is this bread given for the health and sanctification of our soul and body."

April 11, 2010

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Special Intention	J. Tome
David Tome, Anna Branoff, Flossie Bayoff, Walter Sudia, Elaine Most, Anne Smith, John & Gloria Zelenko, Rosemary Vuckovich, Mary Harrison, Mira Prusac, Fr. David, Gladys Edwards, My family & friends.....	J. Tome
Alex Nedanis & Family, Matt Kilbourne & Family.....	Alex & Menka Nedanis
Blessings for Angela, Phillip, Gerry & Lena Bakousidis	Lena Bakousidis

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Kosta Papalazarou, Kosta & Eleni Nedanis	Bakousidis Family
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ETERNAL LIGHT

Blessed Repose-Lewis Elieff-Memory Eternal	Evanka & Family
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas; please join us for our coffee social in the parish hall following the veneration of cross.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt today following the veneration of the cross. All of the children are invited to join in. Children, please remain in church after Holy Communion.

Paschal Commemoration of the Departed at St. Nicholas Cemetery will be at 2:00 today.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING - THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT There will be a Special Parish Meeting on Sunday, April 18 following the Divine Liturgy. The sole item of business concerns an offer made to purchase the house and farm the parish owns on the north side of the road in Lapeer.

Rummage Sale St. Catherine's League will hold their annual spring Rummage Sale on Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30 from 9:30am until 3pm. You may begin to bring in your donations. Please place them in the large Church School room, do not leave them in the foyer. If you need assistance bringing the items in, please let the office know.

Bulletin Correction there is an error in the monthly bulletin. The Rummage Sale set-up will be on Wednesday, April 28 at 10am not Thursday. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time please see Allison Borkovich.

Fr. Matthew will be with Bishop Melchisedek and Fr. Don Freude this week visiting our diocesan monastery of the Holy Cross in CA and the diocesan parishes in the LA area. He will return Saturday evening, April 17. If there is a pastoral emergency and you need the services of a priest please call:

Fr. Paul Jannakos: 810-845-9015 or **Fr. Joe Abud:** 810-444-9108 or **Fr. Angelo Maggos:** 810-471-0316

Schedule of services for the week of April 11

Saturday, April 17

4:30 pm

Great Vespers

Sunday, April 18

9:30 am

3RD PASCHAL SUNDAY – THE MYRRHBEARING WOMEN

Third Hour

10:00 am

Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm

Baptism of Myah Rose Fisher, daughter of Jeremy and Jami (Yosheff) Fisher