

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

TONE 1

Antipascha / 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha/ St. Thomas Sunday

After *Blessed is our God...* the priest sings *Christ is risen* once from the altar. Then the chanters sing *Christ is risen* two times. Immediately after this we chant Psalm 103 (without *Come, let us worship...*)

"Lord I Call..." Tone 1

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!  
Hear me, O Lord!  
Lord, I call upon You, hear me!  
Receive the voice of my prayer,  
when I call upon You!//  
Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise  
in Your sight as incense,  
and let the lifting up of my hands  
be an evening sacrifice!//  
Hear me, O Lord!

Reader reads the rest of Psalm 140 and Psalm 141 in the pew book, then STICHERA:

**v. (10)** *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name! Tone 1*

The doors being shut and the Disciples assembled,  
You appeared to them as almighty, O Jesus our God.  
You stood in their midst, giving them peace,  
and granted the Holy Spirit to them,  
commanding them to wait in Jerusalem  
until they should be clothed with the power from on high.  
Therefore we cry to You://  
"O our Illumination and Resurrection and Peace, glory to You!"

**v. (9)** *The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.*

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**v. (8)** *Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

Eight days after Your Resurrection, O Lord,/ You came to Your Apostles / proclaiming: "Peace be with you all!" / To the doubting Disciple, You showed Your hands and side. / He believed and cried to You:// "My Lord and my God, glory to You!"

**v. (7)** *Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

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*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

Thomas, called the Twin, was not with the Disciples, O Christ, when You came to them through closed doors.

Therefore he doubted their word.

You did not reject him for his faithlessness.

When he saw Your side and the wounds in Your hands and feet, his faith was made certain.

Having touched and seen,

he confessed You to be truly God, not only man, //

crying: "My Lord and my God, glory to You!"

*v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

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*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

The Disciples were assembled on the eighth day,

and the Savior appeared to them.

He gave them peace and said to Thomas:

"Come, O Apostle! Feel My hands, which were pierced by the nails!"

O most wonderful doubt of Thomas!

It brought the hearts of the faithful to knowledge. //

And with fear he cried: "My Lord and my God, glory to You!"

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

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*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples! **Tone 2***

After Your rising, O Lord, / though the doors were shut, / You came to your assembled Disciples, / and granted them peace. / Even Thomas believed, seeing Your hands and side; / and he confessed You as Lord and God, // Who save those who hope in You, O Lover of man!

*V. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

When the doors were shut,  
Jesus stood in the midst of His Disciples.  
He calmed their hearts and granted them peace.  
Then He spoke to Apostle Thomas:  
“Do you not believe that I am risen from the dead?  
Bring your hands here, and touch My side!  
Be no longer an unbeliever!  
Proclaim My Passion and My Resurrection to all,  
that everyone may join in your cry://  
‘My Lord and my God, glory to You!’”

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

**Tone 6** When the doors were shut, Jesus came to His Disciples.  
The Apostle Thomas, by divine dispensation, was not with them,  
for he spoke these words:  
“Unless I see the Master myself,  
unless I see His side flowing with baptismal blood and water,  
unless I see those wounds, which have healed all mankind,  
unless I see not a spirit, but flesh and bones, I will not believe.”  
Glory to You, O Lord,  
for You confirmed Thomas in faith,//  
and have trampled death by death!

## **APOSTICHA**

**Tone 4** O most glorious wonder!  
Doubt bore certain faith!  
Thomas said: “Unless I see, I shall not believe!”  
By touching His side, he blessed the incarnate Son of God, Who had suffered in the flesh,  
and he proclaimed the resurrected God,//  
crying out with joy: “My Lord and my God, glory to You!”

*V. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! (Ps. 147:1)*

O most glorious wonder! / Thomas placed his hand on the fiery side of Jesus Christ our God!/ He  
was not scorched by this, / but his doubt changed to certain faith, and he cried fervently: “You are  
my Master and my God.//Glory to You, Who are risen from the dead!”

*V. For He strengthens the bars of your gates; He blesses your children within you! (Ps. 147:2)*

O most glorious wonder!  
John the Apostle leaned on the Savior’s breast,  
and Thomas was made worthy to touch His side.  
The one thus understood the depths of theology,  
while the other was privileged to announce the mystery of the Resurrection to us, //

crying: "My Lord and my God, glory to You!"

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

**Tone 5** How great is the abundance of Your compassion, O Lover of man!  
Because of Your long-suffering, You were struck by the Jews,  
You were examined by an Apostle and touched by those who denied You.  
How are You incarnate?  
How are You crucified,  
For You have not known sin!  
Make us understand like Thomas,  
that we may call out to You://  
"My Lord and my God, glory to You!"

**TROPARION** (*sung once at Great Vespers*)

**Tone 7** From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life!  
Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God.  
Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,//  
by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!