

*May 5, 2019*  
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## The Gospel according to Saint Matthew

### 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019. ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. Great Martyr Irene (1st-2nd c.). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Jacob (James), Abbot of Zheleznobórovsk.**

#### **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, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: 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.

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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

### **TROPARIA**

**(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!

**(Tone 4)** In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

### **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 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**

O most radiant lamp, Theotokos, the honor immeasurable, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we //magnify// thee.

### **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.”

May 5, 2019

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Tom Branoff for his namesday

Linda Branoff

God's blessings for good health to our sons, daughters-in-law & grandkids

Baba & Dedo

Mary, Anna, Patsy & Alex

Alex & Magda Popoff

Fr. Tom, Fr. Roman, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Angelo, Christine,

Aaron, Reggie, Alex, Irene, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan, Luba, David,

Anna, Walt, Calvin, Vladimir, Dorothy, John, Rose, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa,

Jeanette, Ted, Marlene, Joseph, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Anna Branoff, Calvin Conrad, JoAnne Havens & John Goodman

Joe Tome

Natasha, Victoria, Elena, Valeri & Irina

Adams family

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Germanos Batcos, Evangelia Bakousidis, Theodora & Kosta Papalazarou

Bakousidis family

Germanos Batcos (40 days) & Evangelia Bakousidis (4 yrs.)

Batcos family

Stella Branoff (10 yrs. May 6<sup>th</sup>)

Linda Branoff

Blessed Repose for our sweet grandson Andrew

Baba & Dedo

Mickey Gonser, Andrew Panoff & Helen Ethington

Adams family

Peter Popoff

Alex & Magda Popoff

Antonina, Vladimir, Nikita, Elizaveta, Nina, Nina, Vasiliy, Vladimir, Victor

Ivan, Aleksey & Fesha

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall.

**COFFEE, DONUTS & DESSERTS** are provided today by Irene Batcos & family in memory of Germanos (Gerry) Batcos (40 days). Bodga prosti!

**IN LIEU OF EGG HUNT** Paschal gift bags are being distributed to our children today. Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed towards the gift and goodie bags for our parish youth.

**OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting bar & hand soap for the month of May. Place the items in the blue box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

**FOOD DRIVE** Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

**MACEDONIAN GOLF OPEN**

Spring is here and that can only mean one thing, the Macedonian Open is right around the corner. There are a number of ways to get involved. If you can sponsor a sign it is highly encouraged. Donating a gift card or cash is also helpful to our committee. **This year's outing will be held on Monday, June 17th at the Flint Elks Golf Club. As has been our tradition, that is the Monday after Father's Day.**

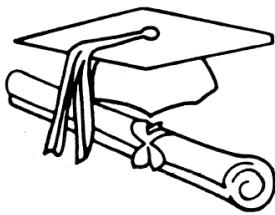
We encourage everyone to participate in some way. Please contact one our committee members if you have any questions. Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, George Branoff or Chris Nedanis.

**PASCHA FLOWERS** Thank you to all those who donated toward flowers, ferns & everything else that was needed for Lent & Pascha. Blessings also to the women who have volunteered to keep the flowers & ferns watered.

## **MAY GOD REPAY ALL WHO FULFILLED THEIR PARTICULAR ASSIGNMENTS DURING HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA:**

- ❖ those who volunteered to read the Gospel in different languages
- ❖ those who kept vigil at the Tomb of our Lord Friday night and Saturday morning
- ❖ all those who offered their sincere gifts to the Lord at Pascha.
- ❖ those who assisted in preparing the palms and pussy willows and those who stayed after Holy Week services to prepare the church for services on the next day.
- ❖ our Protodeacon Kerry (Luke) Gonser for his ministry in and outside of the Holy Altar.
- ❖ the choir, under the direction of Choir Director J. Joseph Tome, for lifting up our hearts and minds during the services of Great and Holy Thursday & Friday evening and Pascha with their singing.
- ❖ Reader Fred Paul who led the responses for services for Holy Week and Bright Week.
- ❖ Taras-Michael Butrie for leading the responses for services for Holy Week.
- ❖ St. Juliana's Guild for coloring the red paschal eggs.

Thanks be to God for every person and everything!



**GRADUATIONS** It's that time of year again. If you have anyone in your family that will be graduating from High School or College please let us know so that we may put their name in our June bulletin. We will need the following information no later than May, 15<sup>th</sup>. 1) Name of Graduate 2) School they are graduating from 3) If they are graduating with honors 4) Name of the parents and grandparents and 5) Where they will be attending in the fall if they are a high school graduate.

### **Weekly Schedule:**

#### **Today**

10 AM	Divine Liturgy Church School
4 pm	40 day Trisagion for Gerry Batcos Blessing of graves at St. Nicholas Cemetery beginning at cross

#### **Tuesday, May 7**

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting. Please call or email the office if you cannot attend.

#### **Wednesday, May 8**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Adult Ed.

#### **Saturday, May 11**

10 am Ss Cyril and Methodius, Equals to the Apostles and Teachers of the Slavs  
5 pm Divine Liturgy  
Vespers

#### **Sunday, May 12**

9:30 am **HOLY MYRRBEARERS**  
Hours  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
Church School

#### **Offerings for the week April 28, 2019**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 4,399.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$ 1,163.00</b>

96 people were in attendance on Sunday, April 28.

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