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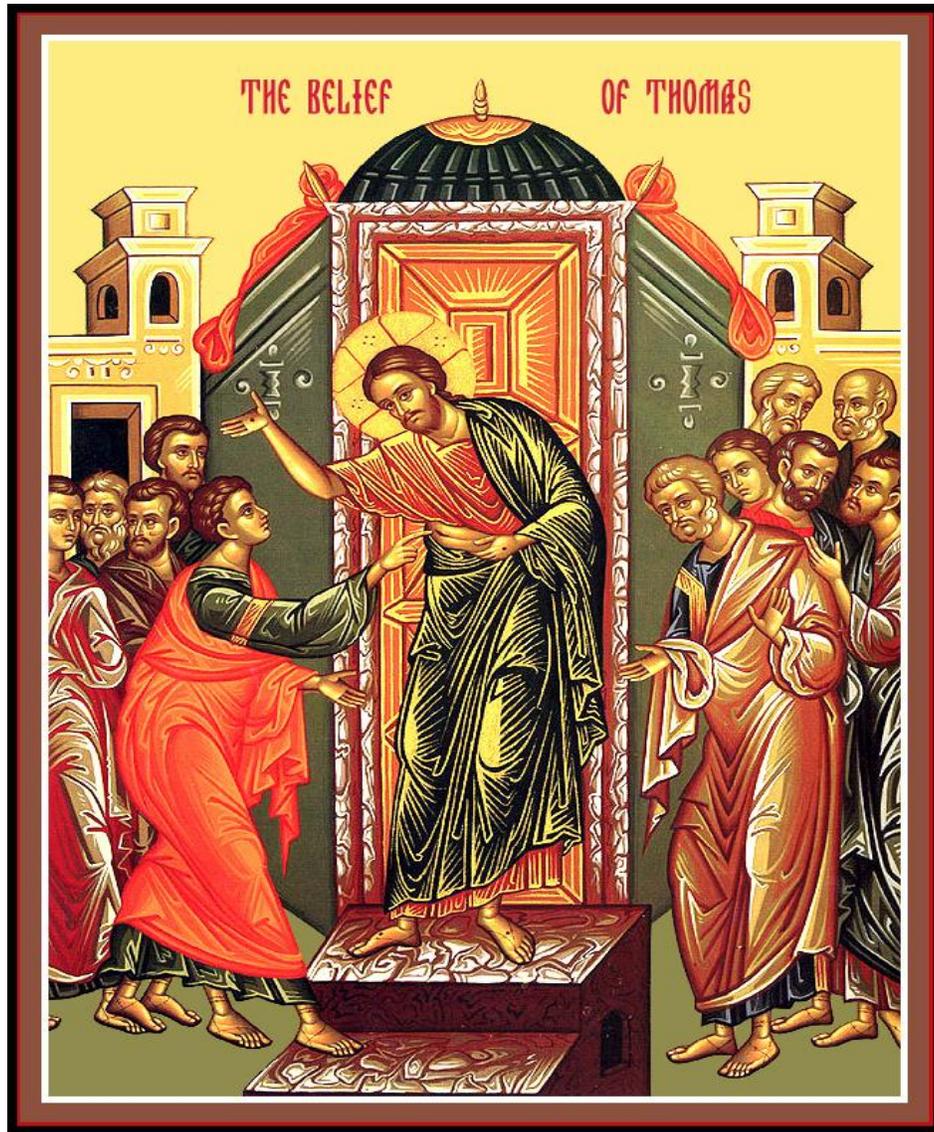
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SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016. ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. Ven. Arsenius the Great (449-450). Ven. Arseny the Lover-of-Labor (14th c.) and Pimen the Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—12th c.).

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.

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 2) Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people! He who allowed thee to recline on His breast, receives thee as thou dost bow before Him. Implore Him, O John the Theologian, to dispense the persistent threat from the heathens, //

entreating for us peace and great mercy!

(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 Eighth Tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; / and their words to the ends of the universe.

v. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

THE READING FROM THE FIRST UNIVERSAL EPISTLE OF SAINT JOHN (1:1-7) Beloved: that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life – the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us – that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

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.”



Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen

Христосъ воскресе! Воистину воскресе! (Slavonic)

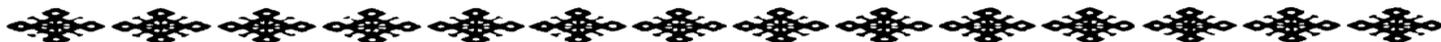
Христос васкрсе! Ваистину васкрсе! (Serbian)

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! (Greek)

المسيح قام! حقا قام (Arabic)

¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado! (Spanish)

May 8, 2016



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Happy Birthday Cael.....	
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Deacon Julio, Aaron, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Gladys, my family & friends	Joe Tome
Health & God’s Blessings Reggie Jehnsen.....	Dorothy Goodman
Health & Blessings Angelo, Helen Popoff & family.....	Angelo & Helen Popoff
Special Intention	Joe Tome
God’s Blessings and Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers of our parish.....	Anna Branoff
Happy Anniversary & God’s Blessings Ralph & Debbie.....	Dorothy Goodman

ETERNAL LIGHT

Brock, Price and Naumoff families.....	Laurie Brock
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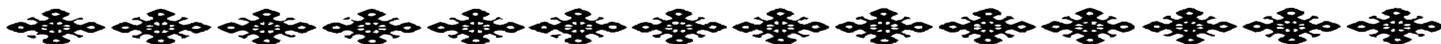
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal.....	Angelo & Helen Popoff
Themyana Brown in memory of her birthday May, 5.....	Dorothy & family
Stella Branoff, 7yrs Blessed Repose May, 6-Memory Eternal.....	Tom, Linda, Peter & Marilyn

George Brown in memory of his Names Day May, 6..... Dorothy & family
Happy Mother's Day to my mother Theodora Branoff-Memory Eternal Anna Branoff

ETERNAL LIGHT

George Naumoff, Mary (Evdokia) Naumoff, Harold Brock, Nicholas Brock Laurie Brock



Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers, Godmothers, grandmothers and aunts of our parish.

Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall. Please, pick up your packets. They are on the table in front of Debbie's office.

Coffee and donuts are being donated today by Stojan and Mira Prusac in memory of +Ljubomir Prusac.

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, May 10 at 5:45 pm in the parish hall.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:45pm. Please call the parish office if you are unable to attend this meeting.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Bar and 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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve on **Thursday, June 2 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

FLOWERS FOR PASCHA we still have four (4) Geraniums available for donation at \$30 each. If you would like to donate them, see Debbie.

LAY DELEGATE The Diocesan conference will be held on Saturday, June 25 here at St. Nicholas. If you would like to serve as a lay delegate or would like to nominate an individual(s), please contact the parish office.

SALAD LUNCHEON at Assumption Church in Grand Blanc on Thursday, May 12 from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Cost is \$9 per person. Please see the fliers for the luncheon on the tables in our fellowship hall.

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, 13. 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.

MACEDONIAN OPEN The 36th Macedonian Open Golf Scramble will be held this year on Monday, June 20th at the Davison Country Club. Once again that is the Monday after Father's Day and would make a great Father's Day gift. Everyone is encouraged to help out in any way they can. There are many sponsorship opportunities for Families and individuals who would like to support the event, from signs wishing "good luck" to signs "in memory" of a loved one. A sign sponsorship is a great advertising opportunity for any business. Whether it's for your business or one that you frequent, we encourage everyone to participate in getting new sign sponsors this year. The Macedonian Open raised over \$19,000 for the Church last year and is hopeful for an even bigger and better turnout this year. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like to help, please contact Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, George Branoff or Chris Nedanis. Please look for the flyers that will be available on our website, in the monthly Bulletin and in the Church Hall following today's service. Feel free to take a few extra flyers and pass them around.

Schedule of services and events for the week of May 8:

Today

3:00 pm Blessing of Graves at St. Nicholas Cemetery

Monday, May 9

Father out of office

Tuesday, May 10

5:45 pm 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting

6:45 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 11

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

11:00 am Adult Education

Thursday, May 12

11 am to 1:30 pm Father in Toledo
Salad Luncheon at Assumption - \$9 per person

Saturday, May 14

5:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, May 15

9:30 am **MYRRHBEARING WOMEN – 3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

10:00 am Third Hour

2:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Marriage of Angela Bakousidis and Joseph Murphy

Offerings for the week May 1, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$966.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
	-\$4,289.62

102 people were in attendance on Saturday/Sunday, May 1, 2016

**“If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.”
St. John Chrysostom**