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Sunday, May 9, 2021 | Second Sunday of Pascha

Tone 1 – Saint Thomas Sunday
Prophet Isaiah (8th c. B.C.) | Venerable Shio of Georgia (6th c.)
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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Weekly Schedule

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

- Tuesday: Bible Study at **6:30PM** in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform. Social Distancing will be followed.
- Tuesday: Saints Cyril & Methodius – Apostles to the Slavs
- Saturday: May 15 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: May 16 – 2nd Sunday of Pascha | Holy Myrrhbearing Women
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
~~Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy~~
(CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!!)
- Sunday: May 16 - Blessing of Graves at Mount Moriah Cemetery
(For those that stay at the cemetery after the grave blessing,
a Paschal picnic will be held near the Spack family gravesite)
(Weather Permitting!!!)

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 7 – Pentecostarion)

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 - Pentecostarion)

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!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

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!

Epistle Reading: Acts 5:12-20

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on 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, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! Alleluia (3x's)
v. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, 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. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His 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.

Instead of "It is truly meet..." we sing the following

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, O 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 (3x's)

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

THANK YOU TO ALL!!!

We wish to thank **ALL** of those who offered their talent during Lent and Holy Week with the cleaning of the church, the setting up and breaking down of the tomb and flower stands, to everyone who read during the services, and all of the Pascha preparations. To Debbie Kavalkovich for this year's flower selections. To Nina Patterson, Matushka Janine McCartney and the choirs for the lovely singing all throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha. To those who served behind the altar. To those who read sections of the Gospel reading at Pascha in another language. And finally, Matthew Andrews for all of the procession preparations last week! Without all of your help, assistance, and attending services, it would not have been as Joyous of Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha as it was. Thank You!!!

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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of May 2):

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$63 from the Candy Sale

Extra Large Block – Michael Wanenchak

Large Block – Michael Wanenchak

In Memory of Albert Kavalkovich: Small Block – Colin & Anastasia Jones

In Memory of Richard Coan: Small Block – Anna Coan

In Memory of Albert Kavalkovich: Sidewalk Repair Block Donation - Barbara Andrews

In Memory of Michael and Mary Popelak: Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – Mary Brodie

AMAZON SMILE!

When ordering online on Amazon.com, please make sure to click on Amazon Smile and select our church - Assumption of the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church - to have a small percentage of your purchases (0.5%) to be contributed to our church. For more information on the Amazon purchase process, please speak with any member of the parish council. Thank You!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Family Members offered by Pete Witiak

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Albert Kavalkovich & Ana Kapusnik offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Christine Mackiewicz offered by David Pellack

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 5/2/21:

One Large Votive Cross – Memory of the Pellack & Zuzulock Families
offered by The Pellack & Walker Families

One Large Votive Cross – Memory of the Herbert, Macalush, O’Shura, & Ovington
Families offered by The Herbert Families

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ Archpriest Paul Lazor (one year anniversary of his falling asleep 5/9/20); Allison (Christopher) Andrews and her unborn child; Allison (David) Andrews and her unborn child; Christina (Matthew) Andrews and her unborn child; Grace Corba; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; The Gerty Family; Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich (recovery); Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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The Spring General Parish Meeting is schedule to be held sometime on a Sunday in June 2021 (either June 6,13, or 27).

When a date is determined, it will be announced verbally, printed in the bulletin, and noted on the social media platforms.

Announcements (cont.)

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

*******Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon*******

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of this month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Youth Fund
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (April/May)

Week of Sun Apr 25 to Sat May 1

April Month (Unaudited)

Attendance:	55	43 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 2,932.50	\$ 9,830.34
Funds Out:	\$ 1,705.67	\$ 4,974.18
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) :	\$ 1,226.83	\$ 4,856.16

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

- 1st Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
5th Sunday of each quarter – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (May 9)</u>	<u>Next Week (May 16)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Lena Helen	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich
6 th Hour:	Matthew Andrews	David Albrecht
Epistle:	Michael Spack	Reader Mark Klus

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

As a result of new Covid restrictions set by City of Philadelphia officials on Monday, November 16 which went into effect on Friday, November 20, the formal coffee hour event held after Sunday Divine Liturgy has been suspended until further notice.

Once city officials ease restrictions relating to Covid, coffee hour will then resume.

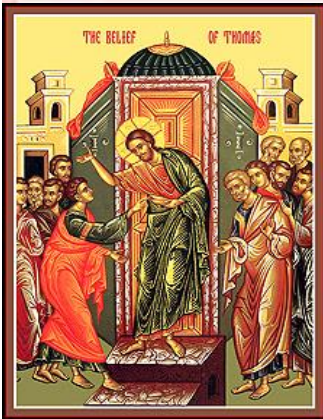
When the coffee hour resumes (currently not until at least June 2021), a new coffee schedule with new team parishioners will be in the rotation as per the action taken during the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, November 1.

Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services in May 2021.

Sunday, May 16 - Blessing of the Graves at Mount Moriah Cemetery after Divine Liturgy - (Weather Permitting)

A reminder for those who will go to the cemetery, whether it's just to bless graves or to also stay afterward for the Paschal picnic:

- * bring your favorite Pascha food and beverages, or anything people will enjoy;
- * bring chairs or lawnchairs if you wish to relax afterwards;
- * dress appropriately for that day's weather (jackets, hats, sunscreen, etc...); and
- * bringing a change of comfortable clothing and most importantly, comfortable shoes or sneakers
(it doesn't hurt)!



**ANTIPASCHA:
Saint Thomas Sunday**
[May 9th]

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” When St 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.

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Apostle Simon the Zealot [May 10th]

Saint Simon was from Cana in Galilee, and was known to the Lord and His Mother. Tradition says that he was the bridegroom at the wedding where the Savior performed His first miracle. After witnessing the miracle of the water which had been turned into wine, he became a zealous follower of Christ. For this reason, he is known as Saint Simon the Zealot.

Saint Simon was one of the twelve Apostles, and received the Holy Spirit with the others on Pentecost. He traveled to many places from Britain to the Black Sea, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. After winning many pagans to the Lord, Saint Simon suffered martyrdom by crucifixion.

Saint Demetrius of Rostov says that this Saint Simon is to be distinguished from the Apostle Simon Peter, and from the Lord’s relative Simon (Mt.13:55), who was the second Bishop of Jerusalem.

Saint Simon is also commemorated on June 30 with the other Apostles.