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Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 23, 2017

Acts 5:12-20

AntiPascha
St. Thomas Sunday & St. George

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Sunday, April 23rd, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 29th, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 30th, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

A Special Thank You to St. Michael's Center for the Easter donation of \$2,000.00 to our Church. May our Lord bless them for many years!

A Special Thank You to St. Mary's Altar Society for the Easter donation of \$500.00 to our Church. May our Lord bless them for many years!

Pentecost Green Vestments are needed for Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak. If anyone is interested in making this donation, please see Fr. John during Coffee hour or call the rectory.

Wednesday, April 26th, Resurrection Healing Service will be held at St. George's Orthodox Church, Keyser Ave. in Taylor, Pa. at 6:00 p.m.

Monthly Church Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m. All members of Church and St. Michael's Center Committee are asked to attend.

The Installation of the New Church and St. Michael's Center Committee will take place on Sunday May 14th, (Mother's Day) Congratulations on the election of all new officers for 2017/18.

Please remember in your prayers Anne Narcoonis who is a patient at Geisinger Medical Center, 100 North Academy Ave, Danville, Pa. 17822

St. Tikhon's Century Association invites all to attend Hospitality A La Russe VIII to be held at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 980 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, Pa, on Sunday, May 7th. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. The South River Balalaika Orchestra, will provide the entertainment, directed by Dimitri Kauriga (Director) A full Russian Cuisine will be offered. Please see Sub-Deacon John Lasichak (President) for tickets.

The "Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony" has been rescheduled sometime after Easter.

Church School will be held on Sunday, April 23rd and 30th, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Matushka Kathy and Matushka Dolores are our teachers.

Church Dues are being accepted \$160.00 per member. If you are in the arrears and want to reconcile your balance, please contact Ann Narcoonis any Monday evening in the Church Parlor.

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Butler a guest at the Elmeroft of Mid-Valley, Michael Klaptach a guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. Ann Ferenchak and Rosalia Fives in the Carbondale Nursing Home.

Hostesses: Sunday, April 23; Maryann Serafini, Karen Wanas and Matushka Dolores Petorak, April 30th; Dorothy Allen, Kay Fedirko, Helen Grancey, May 7th; Joan Lasichak, Millie Telep, May 14th, Theresa Krenitsky, Matushka Kathy Kowalczyk, Vicky Kravetsky, May 21st; Irene Kiehart, Mary Mathena, Jeanne Malec, May 28th, Marilyn Petorak, Ann Narcoonis Karen Wanas.

Thought for the Day: St. Thomas Sunday 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. The Orthodox Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection starting on this Sunday, the eighth day of the [paschal](#) celebration, the last day of [Bright Week](#).

Liturgically, the Church remembers the [Apostle Thomas'](#) vision of [Christ](#) after eight days. At that time 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" (John 20:26-29).