

# St Michael's Orthodox Church

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*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha: The Assurance of Thomas*

## CHRIST IS RISEN!

<i>English:</i>	Christ is risen!	<i>Indeed He is risen!</i>
<i>Slavonic:</i>	(C)hristos voskres(e)!	<i>Voistinu(i) voskres(e)!</i>
<i>Greek:</i>	Christos anesti!	<i>Alithos anesti!</i>
<i>Arabic:</i>	El Messieh q'ahm!	<i>Hakken q'ahm!</i>
<i>Spanish:</i>	Cristo ha resucitado!	<i>En verdad ha resucitado!</i>
<i>French:</i>	Le Christ est réssuscité!	<i>En verite il est réssuscité!</i>
<i>Japanese:</i>	Harisutos Fukkatsu!	<i>Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!</i>
<i>Romanian:</i>	Hristos a inviat!	<i>Adevărat a înviat!</i>
<i>Albanian:</i>	Krishti U Ngjall!	<i>Vertet U Ngjall!</i>
<i>Georgian:</i>	Kriste aghsdga!	<i>Cheshmaritad aghsdga!</i>
<i>Latin:</i>	Christus resurrexit!	<i>Vere resurrexit!</i>
<i>Irish Gaelic:</i>	Tah Kreest asháyreeha!	<i>Ta shay asháyreeha guhdjévin!</i>

## This Week

Sat April 26, 6:30pm – Great Vespers & Confessions

Sun April 27, 9:30am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship (Fr John Black).

### **All-Parish Meeting during Coffee Hour**

Sat May 3 – No Vespers

Sun May 4, 9:30am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship (Fr David Hester)

*The schedule for May 10/11 and May 17/18 are TBD. There will most likely be  
Divine Liturgy on both Sundays but the Saturdays are more unsure.*

*Coffee Hour is offered by:*

4/27: Millie Telep & Haven Black

5/4: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

5/11: Ruthie Lasichak & Roxanne Neutts

5/18: Vickie Kravitsky & Charette Radionoff

5/25: Susan Schlasta & Deborah Bernosky

## Today's Scripture

*Epistle: Acts 5:12-20*

*In those days:* 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."

*Gospel: 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.

## Hymns of the Day

*Troparion, 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!

*(Glory ... Now & ever) Kontakion, Tone 8*

Thomas touched thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, / when thou camest to thine apostles through closed doors. // He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

## Prayers

***The ill and the afflicted:*** Fr. Daniel Donlick, Fr Gregory White, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Dn Geoffrey LoBalbo, Mat. Myra Kovalek, Gregory Hansen, Olga Krutz, Maryanne Krisa, Michael Krisa, Barbara Mosley, Mary Ann Serafini, Alexis Meholic, Tom Shaw, George Petorak, Sandy Gillott, Debbie Jadick, Susan Schlasta, Evan Kraky, Laura Piwowarski, Karen Abercia, Daniel Kitchura, Mark Klapatch, Gregory Klapatch, Jerry Soroka. Deb Bernosky.

***Homebound:*** John Drutarosky, Theresa Krenitsky, Barbara Palubniak, Peggy Petrilak, Nicholas Mattise, Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, Paul Kostiak, Dolores Brophy, Paul Mosley, Adam & Mary Ann Serafini, Florence Zielinsky.

***The newly-departed:*** Mitered Apr. Daniel Skvir (3/23). Archpriest Paul Harrilchak (3/12). Priest Jonas Worsham (3/8). Mat. Sophia Daniels (3/29). Mat. Mary Shafran (4/1). Mat. Evangeline Zarras (4/13).

## Announcements

**THANK YOU** to all those who adorned our Temple with the flowers and decorations for Holy Week and Pascha! **THANK YOU** to all those who worked so hard setting up the Tomb of Christ, and who helped with the liturgical movements and changes! **THANK YOU** to all those who did extra cleaning before and after the many services! **THANK YOU** very much to Dan Brisk who directed the choir for many of the services.

A special **THANK YOU** to Paul Ruddy and friends, who have worked the grounds of both the church and the rectory, clearing old debris, trimming foliage, and laying mulch. *May God grant them many blessed years!*

**This Friday May 3:** Sts. James-George Episcopal Church Roast Beef Dinner.

**Friday May 16:** Our Hoagie & Pizza Sale. Please see pamphlets downstairs.

**Now through May 23:** Jermyn Borough Clean-Up Month continues.

*Please always check the easel in the downstairs lobby for announcements about upcoming events. Everyone can and should help spread the word!*