

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, April 26, 2020

ANTIPASCHA: The Second Sunday of Pascha

Tone 1 – St. Thomas Sunday

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

All Services May Be Joined by Live Stream at

Web Address www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights or www.youtube.com/user/frdavidcowan

Today – Sunday, April 26 – Antipascha; Saint Thomas Sunday

8:50 AM 3rd Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM Virtual Fellowship Hour, on “Zoom” – Parishioners, check your email for instructions

Thursday, April 30

6:30 PM Vespers for the Feasts of Saint Tamara of Georgia and the Prophet Jeremiah

Saturday, May 2

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 3 – Third Sunday of Pascha; The Myrrh-Bearing Women

8:50 AM 3rd Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM Virtual Fellowship Hour, on “Zoom” – Parishioners, check your email for instructions

EPISTLE Acts 5:12-20 In those days: Now 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.”

GOSPEL John 20:19-31 At that time, 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.

The Season of PASCHA Lasts 40 Days – Until Wednesday, May 27.

Here are a few ways to keep it special, in addition to continuing in the Divine Service Live-Streams and your prayers at home:

- 1) Greet your family with “Christ is Risen!” in the morning
- 2) Sing or say the Pascha Troparion 3 times, before each meal:
Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!
(Return to praying the Lord’s Prayer, “Our Father”, at meals after the Pascha season.)
- 3) Read the incredible unfolding stories of the Acts of the Apostles, and jump into the “rewind” of the first events of our Lord Jesus’ ministry, with the Daily Scripture Readings in the Orthodox Church Calendar.

Easy ways to do this:

READ the Daily Scriptures at www.oca.org/readings ... OR ...

HEAR the Daily Scriptures and the Holy Fathers’ comments on them, at Ancient Faith Internet Radio:

www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/thepath

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Protopresbyter Justin, Gary, Charles, Richard, Matushka Nina, Julianna, Catherine, Elena, Sergei, Anastasia, Robert, Eleni, Miron, Gary, Kaye, Tekla, His Grace Bishop MILUTIN (Serbian Orthodox Church), Fr. Constaninos, Mary, Lillian, Gloria, Randy, Mary, Barbara, Svetlana, Anna, Marilyn, Richard, Paul, Theresa, all those taken from us by the Coronavirus.

For Health: Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Dn. John, Rdr. Thomas, Rdr. William, Mat. Mary, Mat. Cynthia, Mat. Anastasia, Mat. Anastasia, Jane Ann, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Joshua, Chloe, Mary Ann, Helen, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Antonina, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristen, Anastasia, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Rachel, Julie and the child to be born to her, Lorraine, Abigail. **In the Diocese:** Fr. Leonid, Fr. Igor, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Terence & Mat. Barbara, Fr. Vasily and Mat. Nancy, Fr. Maryan, Fr. Patrick, Mat. Valeria, Mat. Kathleen, Mat. Elizabeth, Rdr. Vasily, Anna, John, Robert, Alessia Cara, Michael, Josephine, Erika, child Levi, GianCarlo, Dr. Brian, Sandy, Bob, Michael, Jan, Michael, Peter, Phyllis, Merrill, Jacklyn, Melissa & family, Barbara, Natia, Salvatore, Vasily, Maryanne, Sister Peter Paul, Brittany, Juliana & child, Samuel, Shojil, Metropolitan Nicholovos, Boryana, Anna, Marina, Maximus, Vasily, Vladimir, Dr. Alexis, Grace, Dr. Peter, Lucretia, Mirjana, Zoran, Khatuna, Gurami, Olga, Christine, Christopher, Peter, Andrew, Lauren, Kenneth, Constanta, Michael, Justin, Nicholas, Elizabeth, John, Brian, Sasha, Jane, Nicholas, Alex, Ilia, Ludmilla, Mary, Sheila, iconographer Heather. Officers Luke and Boris and all of the healthcare professionals and first responders in our parish and our communities; all those afflicted with the Coronavirus and those caring for them.

Name Days: Mat. Tamara, Jeremiah Shazer (Queen Tamara of Georgia; Prophet Jeremiah: 5/1)

Parish Children:

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Anthony	Anysia
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Dmitri	Jonah
Gabriel	Angelina	John	Thomas	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei
Larissa	Julianna	Nadia	Nathan	Justus	Gabriel	

College Students:

Anna McKane – Duke University Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David or to a Subdeacon or Reader.

Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health

remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

PRAYER CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible: In thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace; that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.