

## Thomas Sunday

May 12, 2024

Germanos, Patriarch of Constantinople; Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus

### 1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

**Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. **(Refrain)**

Glory... Both now... **(Refrain)**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Antiphon

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

**Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.**

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee. **(Refrain)**

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. **(Refrain)**

Glory... both now... Only begotten Son and Word of God...

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Antiphon

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.

**Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!**

As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. **(Refrain)**

So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. **(Refrain)**

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. **(Refrain)**

### The Entrance Hymn

In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia (3x).

### Troparion for Thomas Sunday (Tone 7)

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. And while the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

### Kontakion of Pascha (Tone 8)

O Christ our God, though Thou didst descend into the grave, yet didst Thou overthrow the pow'r of Hades and rise as an Immortal Conqueror. Thou didst greet with joy the myrrh-bearing women, and to Thine Apostles hast sent Thy peace, and to the fallen, O Lord, didst bring resurrection.

### The Prokeimenon

*Great is our Lord, and great is His strength.  
Praise ye the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

### The Epistle

**Acts 5:12-20**

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people magnified them. 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 cities around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the chief priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the sect of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they 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 and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

### The Holy 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.

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**Holy Bread:** Kh Meleah Palke/Carol Ofiesh

**Commemorations(Living):** Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Antonina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

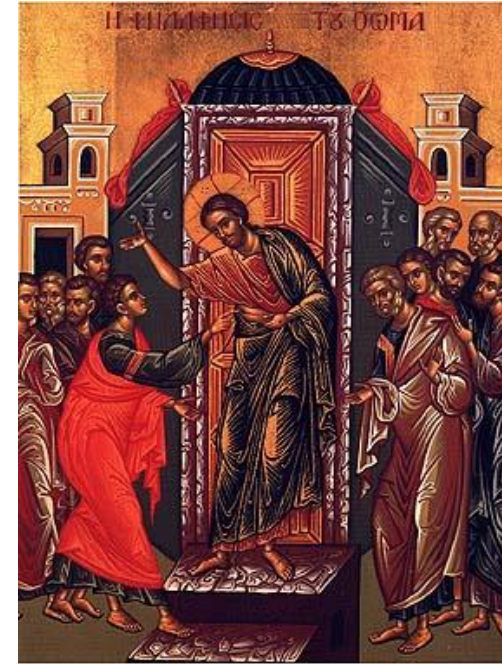
**Departed:** James, Laura

Mark your calendars, and plan to join us for the **2024 Parish Life Conference, June 27-30, 2024**, at the Antiochian Village in Bolivar, Pennsylvania. All are welcome! [nyplc@antiochianevents.com](mailto:nyplc@antiochianevents.com).

**Today we praise God for the love and ministry of mothers.** They have nurtured us in the faith. May God bless them and grant them many years!

**Thanks to all who brought food for our potluck** after Pascha Liturgy. The liturgy was beautiful and the food and fellowship were delightful.

**Know your faith.** Who was the first apostle to arrive at the empty tomb? \_\_\_\_\_. When he looked inside the empty tomb, what did he see? \_\_\_\_\_. Who arrived next and entered the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_. Who had told these two men that she had discovered that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_. She returned to the tomb and when she looked in, what did she see? \_\_\_\_\_. When she turned around, she saw a man whom she thought was the \_\_\_\_\_. How did she finally realize that he was Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_. On Sunday evening of the resurrection, how many disciples were together in a room? \_\_\_\_\_. How many the following Sunday evening? \_\_\_\_\_. Why did Jesus breathe on the apostles? \_\_\_\_\_.



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