THOMAS SUNDAY



Icon of Saint Thomas and the Lord

Incorruptible but Touchable

The Lord's body that made its entrance to the disciples through closed doors was the same as that which issued before the eyes of people from the Virgin's closed womb at His birth.

Is it surprising that He who was now going to live forever made His entrance through closed doors after His resurrection, who on His coming in order to die made His appearance from the unopened womb of a virgin?

But because the faith of those who beheld it wavered concerning the body they could see, He showed them at once His hands and His side, offering them the body that He brought in through the closed doors to touch.

By this action He revealed two wonderful and, according to human reason, quite contradictory things. He showed them that after His resurrection His body was both incorruptible and yet could be touched

By showing us that it is incorruptible, He would urge us on toward our reward, and by offering it as touchable He would dispose us toward faith.

He manifested Himself as both incorruptible and touchable to show us that His body after His resurrection was of the same nature as ours but of a different sort of glory.

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"Khristos Voskres!"
"Christ is Risen!"

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April 11, 2021 St. Thomas Sunday

THIS WEEKEND we remember the Apostle Thomas, who doubted the resurrection of our Lord and began to believe only when he touched the hands and the side of Jesus in the Upper Room. Today we pray that our sisters and brothers without faith may come to believe in the Resurrected Lord Jesus and thereby gain the Faith in God, i.e. Father, Son and Spirit.

THIS SATURDAY we will live-stream the Divine Liturgy at 6 pm on youtube throughout the Country. While in this Easter season, we will sing our Resurrectional hymns and stand upright in church as a sign of our Faith in the Resurrected (Rising up) Lord Jesus the Christ.

WE SEND OUT TODAY our loving gratitude to all our parish and virtual faithful who attend services in person or via YouTube and contribute funds to keep our church afloat financially. It is only because of all our generous people, and the grace of God, that we are solvent and solid as a parish. May the Risen Christ bless all of you with health and peace today and all the tomorrows in 2021.

OUR PARISH SUNDAY SCHOOL will be back in session this Sunday at 11 am on the GoogleMeet platform. We expect that all our dedicated teachers-catechists and all our students will be on-line with us Sunday morning.

BOTH NEW CHURCH CALENDARS AND 2021 ENVELOPES can be found in the church basement today for your convenience. Both English and Ukrainian calendars are available. Please check out these items after the Liturgy Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

FATHER RONALD is so very grateful to all the good folks who remembered him this Easter with so many cards, notes, prayers and gifts. Your loving kindness provides a strong encouragement for Father to continue his ministry among and with you in Bridgeport.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS EASTERTIDE ALL OUR AILING BROTHERS AND SISTERS: Fr. Leon maski, Fr. Paul Wolensky, Luba Jackson, Nadia Tryciecky, Gina and Joe Plisiewicz, Maryanne Kardash, Pat and Don Pasquale. Perhaps a card, a call, a prayer ...?

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Ap. 18, 9 am

Saturday, April 10, 6 pm +Anna Sokol Burns (Michele, Maureen)

Sunday, Ap. 11 at 9 am +Ina Bodnar (The Pawluk Family)

Saturday, Ap. 17, 6 pm +Dr. Howard lyboldt (Diane McCall) +Alexander Radchenko (Martszczak Fam.)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

in the tombs, amen.

Christ is Rusen from the dead, conquering death by death, bestowing life upon those

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE Son ...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

O Christ God, Thomas put his searching hand in Your Life-giving side. When You entered the room through the locked doors, he cried

out with the other Apostles: O my Lord and my God."

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

Great is our Lord and mighty in strength. His wisdom is unfathomable., amen.

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