

Announcements

- 2019 Directories are complete. If you have not picked up your directory, please see Marsha and Mike Blazso **after** Liturgy.
- In order to offset the cost, we are asking for a small donation.

Financials:

Collection:

Attendance:

Prayers of Oblation are offered for the Health of:

Fr. John	Christopher	Garry
Fr. Elias	Mat. Marion	Frank
Sami	Irene	Lisa
Fran	Connie	Stephen
Faith Irene(ND)	Nancy	Miguel
Stephanie	Kristi	Jen
Andi	Kip	Judy
Susan	Ann	Jareynolds
Alexander	Christina	Savonian (NB)
Dcn Pavel	Anisia	

Prayers of Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Gregory	Helen (ND)	Daria
George	Davey	William
Mary	Ralph	Tom
Kimberly		

Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through fasting and confession. In keeping with ancient Traditions and the injunction of St. Paul, the blessed bread (*Antidoron*), following Divine Liturgy, is shared by all who worship with us

St. Mark Orthodox Church

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St. Mark is a Parish of the OCA Diocese of the South under the leadership of Metropolitan Tikhon and Archbishop Alexander

Our mission is to be a spiritual home to all who enter; to be a Christ-like community of Orthodox Christians; to be active in worship, fellowship, and witness, and through participation in the Sacraments to come into close union with God

Sunday, May 5, 2019 Tone 1
Thomas Sunday
Greatmartyr Irene of Thessalonica
CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

Prokeimenon Tone 3

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure! (Ps 146/147:5)

v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps 146/147:1)

Acts 5:12-20 (Epistle)

And 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."

John 20:19-31 (Gospel)

Then, 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.

Parish Council has approved three Lenten Projects ; new carpet runner in the center of the Church, a defibrillator, and outside LED lights along the walkway to the parking lot. These projects were delayed from last year due to the expense of adding an AC unit.

On this Sunday, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church tells of Thomas, who is called Twin. Today, he is often referred in the not so flattering term, Doubting Thomas. When Christ first appeared to His Disciples, Thomas was not among them. As the Disciples told Thomas they had seen the Lord, he exclaimed, "unless I see in His hands the print of the nails and put my finger in the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." As Jesus came to them again, He called to Thomas to come and "reach your finger here.." How many of us want those reassurances of the Lord's existence? Do we truly believe, even though we have not seen? Shall we be like Thomas and want proof? Brothers and sisters, we have proof. We have the Gospels and the words and works of the Disciples themselves. Let us go forward, believing in the Risen Lord, preaching and making disciples of all men!

Tone 7 Troparion

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!

Tone 8 Kontakion

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ
God,
when Thou didst come to Thy Apostles through closed doors.
He cried out with all: “Thou art my Lord and my God!”

May Birthdays

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Radica Koutselas 05/14
Fr. Stephen 05/25
Erik Van Kijk 05/26
Ian Stefanescu 05/31

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