

Christ is Risen!  
Χριστός Воскресе!  
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

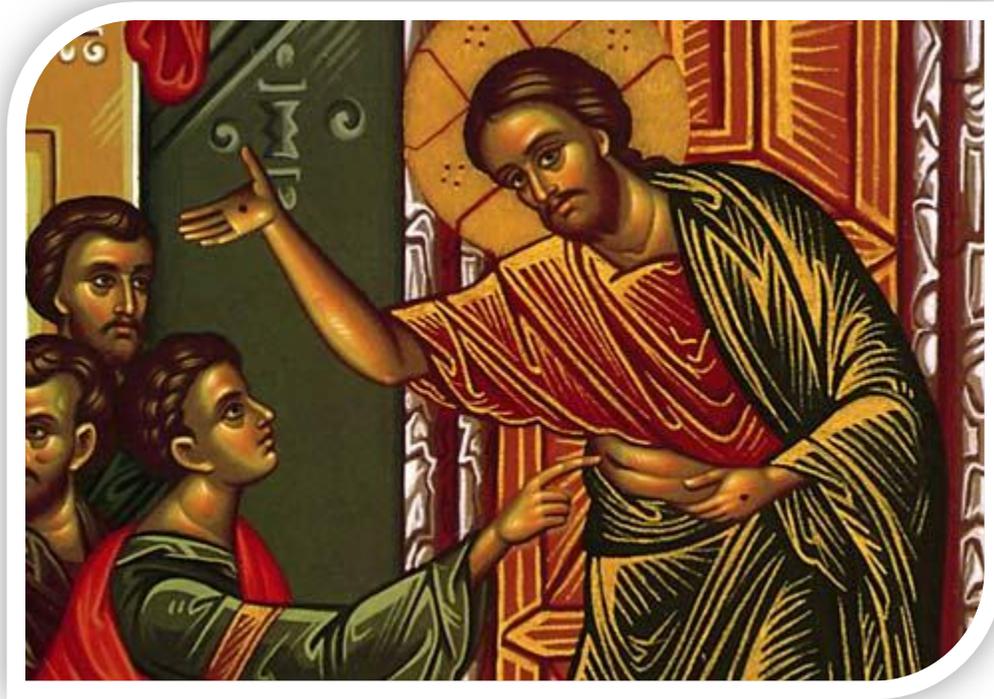
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Indeed He is Risen!  
Воистину Воскресе!  
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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## 11 April 2021 / 7529 THOMAS SUNDAY



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. April 10 17:00 Vigil: **Thomas Sunday**  
*Suffrages for + Helen Krynicky – John & Roxanne Tilson*
- Sun. April 11 10:30 **Thomas Sunday**, *Breaking of the Artos Suffrages pro populo*
- Sat. April 17 17:00 Vigil: **Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women**  
*Suffrages for + William & Mary Semensky – Mary Ann Kontir*
- Sun. April 18 10:30 **Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women**



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**THE EIGHTH DAY:** The celebration of Pascha reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is not merely an historical reenactment of the event of Christ's Resurrection. It is a way to experience the new creation of the world, a taste of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God. This new day is conveyed to the faithful in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order

for all the services of Bright Week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. 40 days that are, as it were, treated as one day.

**THE «ARTOS»:** One of the many traditions at the feast of Pascha is the blessing of a loaf of leavened bread stamped with the image of the Cross or of the Resurrection, called the **Artos** – Greek for *bread*. It is blessed after the Ambon Prayer at the Paschal Divine Liturgy.

The **Artos** serves to remind us of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: *I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.* After His Resurrection, more than once Jesus appeared to His disciples, ate before them and blessed their own food. For example, as evening fell on the first day of His Resurrection, He was recognized in Emmaus by two of His disciples as He blessed and broke bread. On the 40<sup>th</sup> day after His Resurrection, the Lord ascended into heaven, and His disciples and followers found comfort in their memories of the Lord: they recalled His every word, His every step and His every action. When they met for common prayer, they would partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, remembering the Last Supper. When they sat down to an ordinary meal, they would leave a place at the head of the table empty for the invisibly present Lord and would lay bread on that place. Remembering this custom of the Apostles, the Fathers of the Church made it their custom to put out the Artos at the Paschal Feast in memory of the appearances of the Risen Lord to His disciples, and also in memory of the fact that the Lord Who suffered and was resurrected for our justification has made Himself the true Bread of Life and is invisibly present in His church always, to the close of the age. Whereas special Paschal breads, called *kulich* are broken and eaten on the first day of Pascha, the Artos is kept whole throughout all of Bright Week as a reminder of the presence of the Risen Savior in the midst of those who believe in Him. It is only divided and distributed after the Ambon Prayer on Thomas Sunday. In this way Bright Week begins and ends with the eating of specially baked and blessed bread.

**Blessing at the Breaking of the «Artos» on Thomas Sunday:** O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, the Angelic Bread, the Bread of Life everlasting, Who came down from heaven and have fed us on these festive days with the spiritual food of your divine benefits for the sake of your three day burial and saving resurrection, we humbly entreat You, as You have blessed the five loaves in the wilderness, so also bless this bread, that all who partake of it may be assured of bodily and spiritual health and blessings, through the grace and bounties of your love toward mankind: For You are truly our sanctification, and we ascribe glory to You, with your eternal Father, and your all-holy, gracious, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



- During the 50 days of the paschal season, in Church and at your icon corner at home, there is **NO KNEELING** at any time for standing is a sign of the RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!
- **THANK YOU** so very much for your many expressions of kindness in cards and gifts at Pascha!  
Father Paul-Alexander