

Christ is Risen!  
Христос Воскресе!  
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
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Indeed He is Risen!  
Воистину Воскресе!  
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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## 27 APRIL 2025 / 7533 THOMAS SUNDAY

Antipascha ~ Second Paschal Sunday



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Apr. 26 17:00 Vigil: **THOMAS SUNDAY**

Suffrages for +John Dusecina – Fr. Regis Dusecina

Sun. Apr. 27 10:30 **THOMAS SUNDAY** Breaking of the Artos.

Suffrages *pro populo*.

Sat. May 03 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN**

Sun. May 04 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN**

Suffrages for +James Dalby – Joshua Lucas



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Adults: \$441

Candles: \$138

Holy Week: \$527

COLLECTION

Pascha: \$2510

**TOTAL: \$3616**

ATTENDANCE:

**Sat.** 52 + 4

**Sun.** 40 + 8



The Sunday after Easter is the **SUNDAY OF SAINT THOMAS**. Historically, in the early Church, this was the day newly-baptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world. This day is also known as **ANTIPASCHA**. This doesn't mean «**opposed to**» Pascha, but «**opposite**» Pascha, *i.e.*, at the **opposite** end or **other end** of Bright Week (Compare the words: Artic vs. Antarctic). More importantly, beginning on this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection – a little Pascha. In fact, Sunday is called **Resurrection Day / Воскресенье** in modern Russian, and **the Lord's Day / Κυριακή** in Greek. The Church dedicates every Sunday to the Lord's Resurrection starting on this Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the paschal celebration, the last day of Bright Week. That is also why the Church, from day one, has always considered it a grave sin to deliberately, willfully, intentionally choose not attend the Sunday Divine Liturgy!!!



**HEBREW FOR CHRISTIANS: שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם – SHALOM ALEICHEM – Peace be upon you!**

*Shalom* means *peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility*. On the eve of Shabbat, Jews have a custom of singing a song which is called *Shalom Aleichem*, before the Kiddush over wine of the Shabbat dinner is recited. In the Gospels, Jesus often uses this same greeting "**Peace be unto you**", a translation of *Shalom aleichem*.

**W**hen the doors were closed and the disciples were gathered together, You suddenly appeared in their midst, O Jesus our Almighty God. **You granted them peace** and filled them with the Holy Spirit; You commanded them to wait and not depart from Jerusalem until they were clothed with power from on high. Therefore, we cry to You, O Lord: Glory be to You, our Light, our Resurrection, and **our Peace**.

**E**ight days after your Resurrection, O Lord, You appeared to Your disciples in the room where they were gathered; You greeted them, saying: **Peace be with you!** Then You showed Your hands and side to the doubting disciple. He, therefore, cried out in an act of faith: My Lord and my God, glory be to You!

**A**lthough the doors were locked, Jesus appeared to His disciples. He took away their fear and **granted them peace**. Then He called Thomas and said to him: Place your hand in My side; see My hands and My feet. Through your lack of faith everyone will come to know of My Passion and My Resurrection, and they will cry out with you: My Lord and My God, glory be to You.



~ **Announcements** ~

- **MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup>**, is swiftly approaching. Spiritual Bouquet cards and envelopes are on the tables in the Narthex.
- A most generous **ANNONYMOUS DONATION** was given to our parish this past week for which we are very grateful!
- **GCU GIFT!** The parish is also very grateful to the Greek Catholic Union for the financial gift to our parish and to all the registered parishes of our Metropolitan Church
- The **Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary Collection** is scheduled for the weekend of **May 17 – 18**. There is a special envelope for this in your box. Please give generously for the formation of the future deacons and priests of our church and remember to **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

