

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός воскресé!
Χριστός ανέστη!

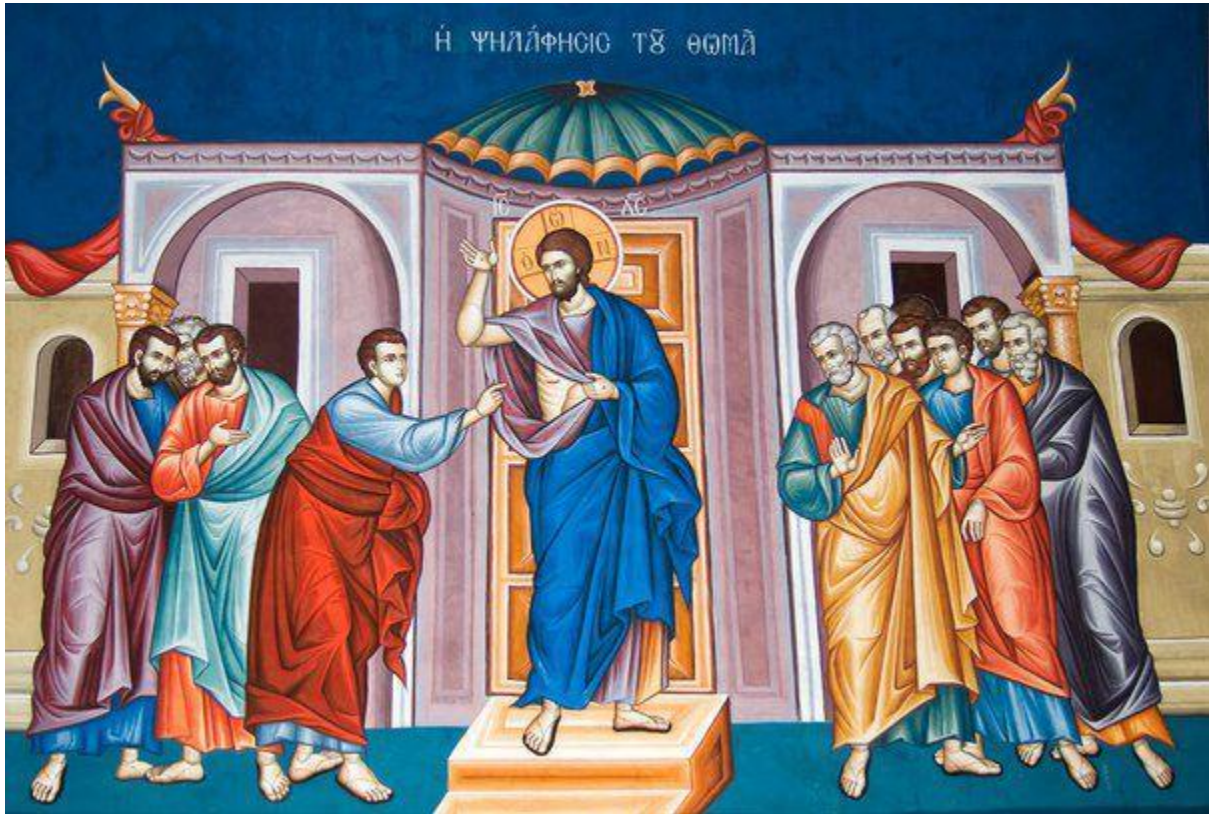
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Indeed He is Risen!
Воистинѣ воскресé!
Ἀληθῶς ανέστη!

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12 APRIL 2026 / 7534 ~ THOMAS SUNDAY ~ *Antipascha ~ Second Paschal Sunday*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Apr. 11 17:00 Vigil: **THOMAS SUNDAY** Suffrages *pro populo*.
Sun. Apr. 12 10:30 **THOMAS SUNDAY**, Breaking of the Artos.
Suffrages for **Daniel & Debra Simko**: 40th Wedding Anniversary
Sat. Apr. 18 17:00 **SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN**
Sun. Apr. 19 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN**
Suffrages *pro populo*.

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04 / 05 / 2026	Adult: \$225	Candles: \$71	Holy Week: \$785	
COLLECTION	PASCHA: \$4135			
TOTAL: \$5216	ATTENDANCE:	Sat. 52 + 9	Sun. 40 + 10	



The Sunday after Pascha is **THOMAS SUNDAY**. The Greek inscription on today's icon reads «*The Touching of Thomas*». The Slavonic title is «*The Belief of Thomas*». Historically, in the early Church, this was the day newly-baptized Christians removed their baptismal 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 (*e.g.*, Arctic / Antarctic). 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 8th 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!



Jesus, Who pass through locked doors, enter the house of my soul.

Jesus, Who did meet Your disciples on a journey, meet me on the journey of life.

Jesus, Who did enflame their hearts with Your words, set my cold heart on fire too.

Jesus, Who did make Yourself known in the breaking of bread, grant me to know
You in the Divine Eucharist.

Jesus, Who did promise the Holy Spirit to Your disciples, send down on me too
this Spirit Comforter from the Father.

RISEN JESUS, RESURRECT OUR SOULS!

(Akathist of the Resurrection)



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 40th 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.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: When Christ greeted His holy disciples with the words «peace be with you,» by peace He meant Himself, for Christ's presence always brings tranquility of soul. This is the grace Paul desired for believers when he wrote, «The peace of Christ which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds.» The peace of Christ which passes all

understanding is in fact the Spirit of Christ, Who fills those who share in Him with every blessing.
COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 12:1



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- 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

