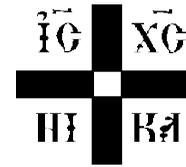
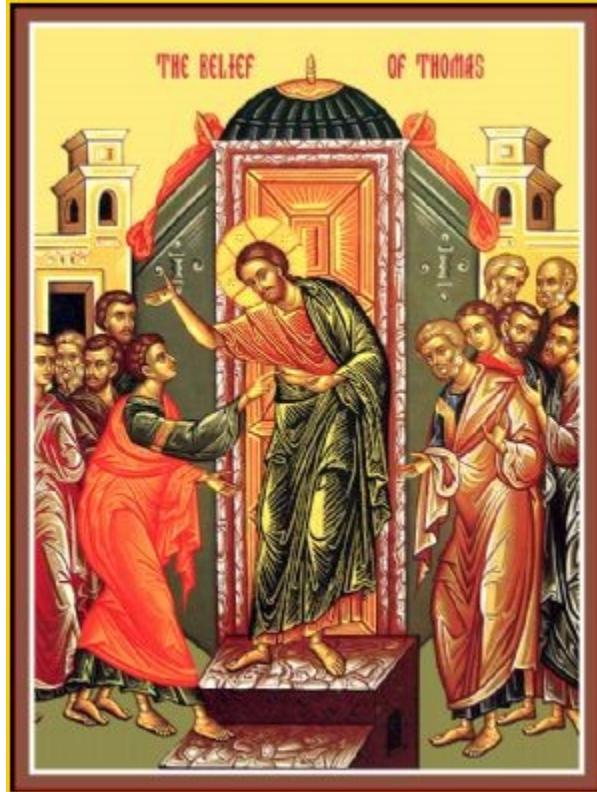


Weekly Schedule

Saturday Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions following Great Vespers

Sunday Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." The Slavonic inscription is, "The Belief of Thomas." When St Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts. This day is also known as "Antipascha." This does not mean "opposed to Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday is called "Resurrection" in Russian, and "the Lord's Day" in Greek.



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Troparion (Tone 7)

From the sealed tomb, You shone
forth, O Life! Through closed doors
You came to Your Disciples, O
Christ God. Renew in us, through
them, an upright spirit, //by the great-
ness of Your mercy, O Resurrection
of all!

Kontakion (Tone 8)

Thomas touched Your life-giving
side with an eager hand, O Christ
God, when You came to Your Apos-
tles through closed doors.
He cried out with all: "You are my
Lord and my God!"

April 11, 2010

ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday.

Prayers for The Faithful and Departed

McCartney family, Drimack family,
Alex, Burycaka family, Wanacheck fam-
ily, Rabik family, Witiak family. **May**
God Grant Them Many Years!

Joann, Peter, Joseph, Charles, John,
Anna, Soraoka family, Drimack family,
Anna, Mary, William, Joanne, Rocco,
Paul, Irene, Rabik family, John, Mary,
Albert. **May Their Memories Be Eter-**
nal!

Glory to God For All Things!

Epistle Reading

Acts 5:12-20

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.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

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.

Welcome to our Visitors!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Collection

Please bring any food you would like to donate to church. We, as a church, will offer food to one of the local food banks, Philabundance.

Church Telephone Number

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced here.

A Blessing

It has been a pleasure serving my first Pascha at Holy Assumption Church in Philly. With the joy and hope that accompanies the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I anticipate a growing sense of community at our parish, both among current parishioners and among those who have recently joined us in prayer. More concretely, we will soon be blessing the icon of St. Moses donated to our parish; moving into May's "Month of Evangelism," June's "Month of Youth," July's "Month of Stewardship;" and planning for an open house. Stay tuned!

Thank You

Many thanks once again to all who donated for flowers. Our church looks beautiful. Thank you also to the men and women who helped to set up for Holy Week services, and especially to Matthew for coordinating and leading these efforts.