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Sunday, April 23, 2017 | Second Sunday of Pascha

Tone 1 – Saint Thomas Sunday

Holy Glorious Great Martyr and Wonderworker George

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Blessing of Graves at Mount Moriah Cemetery
(For those that stay at the cemetery after the grave blessing, a Paschal picnic will be held near the Spack family gravesite) *(Weather Permitting!!!)*

Saturday: April 29 – Parish Hall Clean Up, Painting, and Minor Construction Work –
Beginning at 9:00AM! Please come out to assist and bring any family members or friends with construction work experience.
Thank You in advance for Helping out with this project request!!!!

Saturday: April 29 - Great Vespers at 5:00PM!

Sunday: April 30 – 3rd Sunday of Pascha!
Holy Myrrhbearing Women
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: April 30 - Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy. Topic: History of the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 7 – Pentecostarion)

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!

Troparion (Tone 4 – St. George)

As a martyr of Christ, Thou wast bound for good deeds, O George; / by faith thou didst conquer the torturer's godlessness. / Thou wast offered as a sacrifice pleasing to God, / thus receiving the crown of victory. // Through thine intercessions, forgiveness of sins is granted to all.

Kontakion (Tone 4 – St. George)

God raised thee as His own gardener, O George, / for thou hast gathered for thyself the sheaves of virtue. / Having sown in tears, thou dost now reap with joy; / thou hast shed thy blood in combat and won Christ as thy crown.// Through thine intercessions, forgiveness of sins is granted to all.

Kontakion (Tone 8 - Pentecostarion)

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!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! / His understanding is beyond measure!
v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

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. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)

- v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. Alleluia (3x's)

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.

Instead of "It is truly meet..." we sing the following

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: / "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, / Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! / With Himself He has raised all the dead." / Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord has shone on you. / Exult now, / and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, / O pure Theotokos, / in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia (3x's)

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements (cont.)

Open Wedding Invitation

Because you have shared in our lives by your friendship and love, we

*Janet Marie Neis
and
Daniel William Drobish*

lovingly invite you to witness as we are Crowned in the Sacrament of Marriage

Sunday, the seventh of May,
two-thousand and seventeen
at three o'clock in the afternoon

Saint Vladimir Orthodox Church
812 Grand Street
Trenton, NJ 08610

Cocktail Reception to follow at Daria Hall (next door to the church)

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RSVP Information

We are not going to tell you where you have to sit. Or when to eat. Or how long to stay. After the service, enter Daria Hall and simply enjoy...the food...the drinks...the dance...one another. If you can be with us on May 7th, the favor of a reply is requested so that we may plan appropriately for our guests. Call 267-777-5395 and leave a message or email at NeisDrobish@gmail.com Subject: May7

We hope that all of our musically-talented friends will assemble together, to lift their voices in joyful and harmonious songs of praise and thanksgiving to God, under the skillful direction of **Mr. Gregg Staples**. All Liturgical Singers and Chanters are welcome. Please contact Gregg at gregent@aol.com for the music and further information.

*[**Note:** Today's readings for Saint George are as follows:
Epistle – Acts 12:1-11 and Gospel - John 15:17-16:2]*

Please remember in your prayers those who perished and the injured in the senseless and brutal terrorist attack that occurred this past week on the Champs Elysees Boulevard in Paris, France.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Family and parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
Greg Lindsay offered by Nina Patterson
William Knodel offered by Pellack Family
Family offered by Jack Drimak
Family and parishioners offered by Kathy Renzetti
Family and parishioners offered by Pellack Family
Greg Lindsay offered by M/M Rick LeRoy
Paul and Mary Genn offered by Pablo Arroyo
All loved ones offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

John and Julia Drimak offered by Jack Drimak
David Baumgardner offered by Pellack Family
John and Anna Rabik offered by son Joseph Rabik
Andrews and Helen Gerasimoff offered by daughter Catherine Kavalkovich
Albert and Marion Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Anna Kapusnik offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Mary (Kapusnik) Caustin offered by Emily Gerasimoff
Paul and Irene Kavcsak offered by M/M Rick LeRoy
Michael Papelak offered by Mary Brodie
All Family members offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik
One of the Votive Light Crosses was Fully lit on Pascha in memory of Anna Sabato, Mary, John, John, and William Zuzulock offered by Renzetti Family
One of the Votive Light Crosses was Half lit on Pascha in memory of Mary McKinney, Renzetti Family, Joann Wanenchak offered by Renzetti Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers: Julia Makara (***newly departed***); Dave Albrecht Sr (on his recovery & rehabilitation); Emelie Albrecht (on her recovery & rehabilitation); Cantrell Family; Grace Corba; Robert Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Margaret Pellack; Helen Riley; Helen Wanenchak; Father Vincent Saverino; Father John Bohush and the parishioners of Saint Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church in Philadelphia; and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Sign up sheets for Coffee Hour, Cleaning and Epistle & Hours Reading. Sign up sheets for the above items are posted on the bulletin board in the church basement. Please be considerate and volunteer to assist with some of the parish responsibilities. Your time is very much appreciated!

Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon. In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Icon Fund (2016-17)
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (April)

	<u>Week of Apr 10 to Apr 16</u>	<u>April Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	85	60 (average)
<i>Pascha Vespers (4/16)</i>	<i>24</i>	
Funds In:	\$ 0.00 (Unavailable data)	\$ 5,463.00
Funds Out:	\$ 0.00 (Unavailable data)	\$ 3,632.75
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) :	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,830.25

Thank you all *for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!*

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see David Pellack to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

1st Sunday of each month – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Liturgy.

Sunday, April 23 - St Thomas Sunday – Blessing of Graves

After Divine Liturgy and if the weather cooperates with us, we will have our annual Blessing of the Graves at Mount Moriah Cemetery. For those that stay at the cemetery after the grave blessing, a Paschal picnic will be held near the Spack (Onufer & Julia) family gravesite. Please bring your favorite Pascha foods, beverages, and lawn chairs. Please dress appropriately for that day's weather (jackets, windbreakers, hats, sunscreen, etc...).

Saturday, April 29 - Parish Hall Clean Up, Painting, and Minor Work Construction Day starting at 9:00am to 4:30pm.

The Property Committee is asking parishioners to come out and volunteer to assist in painting, cleaning up and performing some light minor construction work in the parish Hall on Saturday morning, April 29 beginning at 9:00am!!! Please come out on this Saturday along with any family members or friends, especially if they have some type of construction work experience or painting experience.

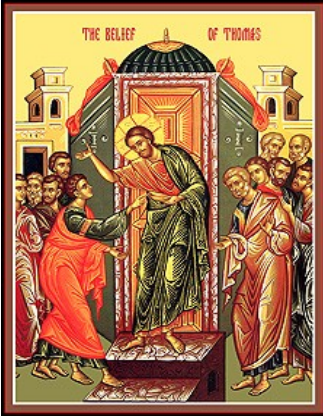
Vespers will be served at its normal time at 5:00pm. Please plan on staying for vespers especially since this is a Saturday during the Pascha season!

Sunday, May 7 - Holy Ghost Byzantine Church's Spring Fling Hawaiian Themed Fundraiser! [2310 South 24th St – Phila, PA]

Father Ed and the parishioners at Holy Ghost have invited our parish to their Spring Fling Fundraiser on May 7. Doors open at 11am and Lunch will be served at 12pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults 13 and older and \$7 for children 12 and under.
See the Flyers posted on our bulletin boards in the church and downstairs!

Bible Study – Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30pm in the church basement. The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and is reading the next book in the bible. They will continue reading and discussing the Book of Leviticus.

Spring General Parish Meeting to be held tentatively Sunday May 21 after Divine Liturgy in church basement. Discussions will include events since the Annual Parish Meeting, activities over the summer months, and the status on Property Committee and other committee reports.



**ANTIPASCHA:
Saint Thomas Sunday**
[April 23rd]

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching 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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Father Mark wishes to thank **ALL** of those who offered their talent during Lent and Holy Week with the cleaning of the church, the setting up and breaking down of the tomb and flower stands, and all of the Pascha preparations. To Anastasia Kavalkovich and Debbie Kavalkovich for this year’s flower selections. To Nina Patterson and the choir for the lovely singing all throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha. And finally, Matthew Andrews for all of the procession preparations last week!

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