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Sunday, April 19, 2026

Reader Hours: Edward Pierson
Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky



ANTIPASCHA! St. Thomas Sunday

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Christos Voskres! Voistnue Voskres!

We welcome all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall for fellowship. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. **Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through strict Fasting on the morning of the Liturgy, recent Confession and at peace with each other may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

A great big "Thank You" to everyone who prepared, served, cleaned up and attended the Agape Meal last Sunday.

Services

Saturday, April 18	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, April 19	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy (St. Thomas Sunday) Church School, Fellowship
Saturday, April 25	4:30 PM: Parastas: Jennie Harb offered by Jeanne & John Cannon
Saturday, April 25	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, April 19	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy (Holy Myrrhbearers)
Saturday, May 2	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, May 3	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, (Paralytic) Church School, Fellowship
Saturday, May 9	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, May 10	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, (Samaritan Woman) Church School, Fellowship
Saturday, May 16	5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, May 17	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, (Blind Man) Church School, Fellowship

Prayer List*:

Robert Boguski, Elizabeth Brennan, Bob Brunda, Jeanne Cannon, Todd Cleary, William Evetushick, Julia Forte, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy Macenka, Paul Macenka, Olga Martsyniv, Dave Mazaika, Tom McCarthy, Ron Pierce, Millie O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Altheia Rosahac Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Jolie Skelton, Amanda Skripnek, SD James Weremedic, Jr.

* Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days. You may request to have your name or the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Father James Weremedic at 570-764-4323.

Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call (570-764-4323) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Candles April 19

7/Day Vigils-Altar: In Health of Nancy King offered by Russel& Geri King

Altar Candles: In Memory of Marie Yurchak offered by niece Barb Teno

Eternal Lamp: In Memory of Martha Teno offered by family

7/Day Tetrapod: In Memory of Pauline Maholick offered by Julia Forte

April Birthdays: Paul Macenka, 10- Jacqueline Babinetz, 16- Mary Evetushick, 17- Anastasia Babinetz, Julie McHugh, 22- Thomas Terry, 24- Dennis Vavra, 25- Paul Macenka, Jr.

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King.

Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

Financials 4/12/2026: Envelopes \$ 1,494, Non-Envelope \$ 1,080, Holy Days \$ 1,488 , Candles \$ 273, Altar Candles \$ 70, Phosphora \$ 150, Paska Sales \$100, Building \$ 41, F.U.E.L.\$ 40, Donations \$ 130

How much is my tithe?!

Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10
\$750	\$75	\$38	\$30	\$15
\$1,000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20
\$1,500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40

We are not required to bring a tenth of our income to the Church; we can bring twenty, thirty, or even one-hundred percent, as did the poor widow (*Mark 12:42-43*). But we can start with a small step. We can at least bring as much as the Old Testament Hebrews, at least the ten percent that rightly belongs to God and not us. But if we don't have as much zeal for the temple of God as the Old Testament people had, then the Lord will accept and bless even seven or five percent or any other amount offered with a pure heart. **We must begin somewhere!**

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(pravmir.com)

Date	Hours	Epistle	Fellowship Hour
April 19	Edward Pierson	Michael Ropitsky	Mike Tatusko
April 26	Mat. Lisa	Edward Pierson	Sal Herbert
May 3	Gloria Bench	Chad Snyder	John Evetushick
May 10	Curtis Wetzel	Michael Ropitsky	Mother's Day

April 19, 2026 ANTIPASCHA. St. Thomas Sunday.

Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen..." (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Tone 7 Troparion (Pentecostarion)

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 greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

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

(The Trisagion is sung)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (from the Pentecostarion)

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!

Acts 5:12-20 (Epistle)

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."

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

V. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.

John 20:19-31 (*Gospel*)

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.

Antipascha: Saint Thomas Sunday

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 Saint 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.