

Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 Thomas Sunday » Matthew 28:16-20 » Acts 5:12-20 » John 20:19-31 »	16 2nd Monday after Pascha » Acts 3:19-26 » John 2:1-11 »	17 2nd Tuesday after Pascha » Acts 4:1-10 » John 3:16-21 »	18 2nd Wednesday after Pascha » Acts 4:13-22 » John 5:17-24 »	19 2nd Thursday after Pascha » Acts 4:23-31 » John 5:24-30 »	20 2nd Friday after Pascha » Acts 5:1-11 » John 5:30-47, 6:1-2 »	21 2nd Saturday after Pascha » Acts 5:21-32 » John 6:14-27 »
 Wine / Oil Allowed  Fish Allowed  Strict Fast  Cheese / Dairy Allowed						

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

- Gabrielle Kusmiak, for continued healing
- For Father Basil and his family as he embarks upon his new assignment, beginning April 22, on a part-time basis at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Tucson. Thank you Father for serving our community since August of last year, we wish you all the best in your new community!
- For Father Virgil Suci as he travels to and serves the spiritual needs of our church from April 22 until May 27, 2018.
- For Father Demetrios-Earl Cantos coming to Holy Cross on a part-time basis beginning June 3. Stay tuned for more detail in the coming weeks.

Save the Dates!

- 4/15 Morning Prayer 9:30a & Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Basil.
Church School begins 9:30a
- 4/22 Morning Prayer 9:30a & Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Virgil.
Church School begins 9:30a
Memorial Service for the soul of Demosthenis Andrews, beloved husband of Demetra (Mitzie) Andrews of Sedona.
- 4/29 Morning Prayer 9:30a & Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Virgil.
Church School begins 9:30a

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details.

Christos Anesti!

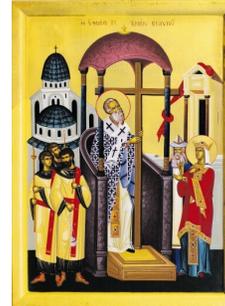
Christ is Risen!

Христос воскрес!

Hristos a înviat!

Truly He is Risen!

Almasih qam haqana qam!



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Divine Liturgy 10 AM on Sundays

9th hour Prayers 9:30 AM

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CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode

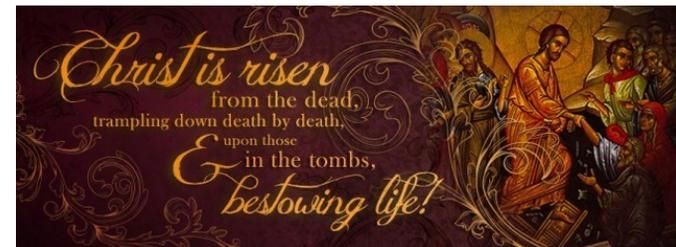
Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Apolytikion for Thomas Sunday in the Grave Mode

Whilst the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, didst shine forth from the grave, O Christ God; and whilst the doors were shut, Thou didst come unto Thy disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.



Epistle Reading

The Reading is from Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested 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 and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Gospel Reading

Thomas Sunday

The Reading is from John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them 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. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I 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; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the 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.

Saints and Feasts Commemorated

Thomas Sunday



Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Saviour wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29).

This day is called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

Crescens the Martyr



This Martyr was from Myra of Lycia, born of an illustrious family. Of his own accord he went amidst the idolaters and admonished them to leave off their futile religion and worship the only true God, Who is worshipped by the Christians; for this he was arrested. When asked by the ruler what his name and lineage were, the Saint would answer only that he was a Christian; counseled to offer sacrifice to the idols, he refused. For this, he was hung up and beaten, was scraped, and then was cast into fire, in which he gave up his holy soul into the hands of God, though not even the hair of his head was harmed by the flames.

Leonidas, Bishop of Athens, Michael the New Martyr of Smyrna