



# HOLY TRINITY EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Pascha

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## St. Thomas' Sunday

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!

**EPISTLE:** Acts 5:12-20

**GOSPEL:** John 20:19-31

## Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

## Troparion, Tone 7

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!

## Kontakion, Tone 8

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 are my Lord  
and my God!"

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**Prokeimenon** (Tone 3): Great is our Lord,  
and abundant in power! His  
understanding is beyond measure!

Verse: Praise the Lord! For it is good to  
sing praises to our God!

**Hymn to the Theotokos** (Instead of "It is  
truly meet..."):

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, all 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! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

The **Polikhronion** for the Diocese of New York and New Jersey: Our Lord and Father, the Most  
Blessed JONAH, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All-America and Canada, His

Grace MICHAEL, Bishop of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, our rector and the faithful of this Holy Temple, and all Orthodox Christians, O Lord, preserve them for many years!

### **ANNIVERSARY**

Sasha and Gregory Deieso – May 5

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Peter Detone – May 5

Natalie Redziniak – May 7

Dumitru Gheorghies – May 7

**Coffee Hour:** This week: Ada Tinescu and Mihal David  
Next week: Barbara Nafranowicz and Judy Lescarret

**Church Cleaning:** April 24 – May 7– Lydia Sklannik and Maria Sklannik

**Alaska Basket:** One dollar for the support of the Church of Alaska. Thank you!

**Tricky Tray** – save the date – Wednesday **May 18**. Please help sell our tickets. Also, the prizes in the attic need to be brought down today. We will meet starting on Tuesday at 10 A.M. to sort prizes. Call Cathy Dovidio (908-232-5780) for details. Please help with this fund-raiser!

## **Notes from Father James**

**Prayers and Soup:** Please spread the word that the Church is open every Wednesday from 12 noon to 3 PM for a hot lunch or to visit the sanctuary and pray. We had a success last week when 3 of our neighbors stopped by for a meal. If you know of anyone who is interested, please direct them to the church. Also, there is a need for someone to make a pot of soup or other Paschal treat for next Wednesday.

**Donations Needed:** An Orthodox parish needs many things to be self sufficient and proper. This week, our artophorion arrived, and we will bless it after liturgy. Also, we have recently purchased a book of Akathists and a book of the Psalter for the choir library. If you would like to donate the cost of any of these items, please see Fr James after services. Other things you may consider donating are fans (rapidi) for the altar, banners, larger vestments or sponsor several brochures explaining our Orthodox faith.

**Parish Council:** The parish council will be meeting on May 22 after the Divine Liturgy. Also, Bp Michael has scheduled a Parish Council Workshop and has asked that every member of each parish council make an attempt to attend one of the sessions. The meetings are as follows: June 4<sup>th</sup> in Paramus and June 25<sup>th</sup> in Trenton. Fr James will attend either of these with you and drive as needed. This is most crucial in maintaining the Orthodox spiritual growth of our parishes and diocese.

**Greeters:** Greeters are needed every week to meet people as they arrive. Please arrive by 9:10 and be ready to share a warm smile and greeting with all who enter. If the person is new or a visitor, offer them a Liturgy book and to sign the Guestbook. Speak with them about the Liturgy and invite them to stay afterwards and meet the entire community. There will be a sign up sheet available during coffee hour.

**Tricky Tray:** Everyone is strongly urged and encouraged to give as much help as possible to get the Tricky Tray. Please see Cathy Dovidio and offer as many hours of help as you are able. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. With many hands and much help we can make this a stress free and efficient process.

**Grave Blessings:** Today is the traditional day for blessing graves in the Orthodox tradition. Fr James is willing to go anywhere and everywhere to pray for the reposed of your families. Please see him right after the Liturgy to organize how this will work. If there is a customary way in which this is done, we will follow the former procedure.

**Thank you From Church School:** The Church School students would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support and donations for the 2011 Church School Pascha Basket Project. We were able to raise \$100 in cash and so much food and treats that our basket was over flowing! Thanks to your generosity, two Orthodox families in need were able to have a blessed Pascha. Thank You!

Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

Le Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité!

Tha Crìosd air èiridh! Gu dearbh, tha e air èiridh!

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Cristo e' Risorto! Veramente e' Risorto!

Hristus A Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!

Khristos Voskres! Voistinu Voskres!