

## April 15<sup>th</sup> : St. Thomas Sunday

### Tone 7 Troparion (from the 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 (from the 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!”

### Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Psalm 146:5,1)

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:** Acts 5:12-20

### Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 94:1,3)

*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.*

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)

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! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Priest: “In the fear of God ...”

Choir: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord ... “

Priest: “O Lord, save Your people ... “

Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead ... “ (sung once)

Priest: “Always, now and ever ...”

Choir: “Let our mouths be filled ...”

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to You, O Christ....,” and the choir sings “Christ is risen from the dead....” (*thrice*).

\*\*\* *Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service!* \*\*\*

## Upcoming Services

<b>Sunday</b>	4/15	9AM	Divine Liturgy, St. Thomas Sunday
<b>Saturday</b>	4/21	4PM	Parish Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	4/22	9AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	4/28	4PM	Parish Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	4/29	9AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	5/5	4PM	Great Vespers, Service of Repentance
<b>Sunday</b>	5/6	9AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	5/12	4PM	Parish Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	5/13	9AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/16	4PM	Parish Vigil of the Ascension
<b>Thursday</b>	5/17	10AM	Divine Liturgy of the Ascension
<b>Saturday</b>	5/19	4PM	Parish Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	5/20	9AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	5/26	4PM	Parish Vigil of Pentecost
<b>Sunday</b>	5/27	9AM	Divine Liturgy of Pentecost w/Kneeling Prayers
<b>Saturday</b>	6/2	4PM	Great Vespers, Service of Repentance
<b>Sunday</b>	6/3	9AM	Divine Liturgy

## Parish News and Events

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt TODAY after Divine Liturgy!

Our **St Mary's Seniors:** Hoagies are on 4/25. Next meeting is 11AM on 5/7 at the Flaming Grill & Supreme Buffet.

On the first Saturday of each month, we will be having the “Service of Forgiveness” at the end of Vespers (Vespers is shorter than the usual Vigil). This service is similar to the one service in Northampton and is designed to make confession more natural and less intimidating.

Our next **Parish Board Meeting:** Monday, 4/16 @ 6:30PM.

What's all that about Joshua and the Battle of Jericho? Find out as we resume our **Bible Study** series THIS TUESDAY at 7PM. You can catch up on previous lessons at orthoanalytika.org and at the OrthoAnalytika podcast on iTunes.

Our next **WINE TASTING** will be on 4/21 at 6PM. See John Maly for details.

**Something new!** We are starting a second Grief Support series that will meet on Monday mornings at 10AM starting on 4/16. The Tuesday evening sessions will continue at 6:30PM. See Joe Truchan for details.

**Reader Schedule:** 4/15 Nik Fartuch; 4/22 Rdr. James; 4/29 John Sokalsky

**Greeter Schedule:** 4/15 PM Tina Perkins; 4/22 Eleanor Fox; 4/29 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka;

Welcome to the God-loving and God-protected Orthodox Christian parish of *Pokrova* (“St. Mary Protection of the Holy Theotokos” or “St. Mary’s”)!

**It is a blessing to have you with us today and we encourage you to come back as often as you are able.** Like us, you may find that you have found your spiritual home here (and a wonderful home, it is)!

**We are a parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA under the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and our doors and hearts are open to you, your family, and your friends!**

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