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OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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Thomas Sunday

Second Sunday of Pascha. Thomas Sunday;
the Holy Priest-Martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamos in Asia

Christ is Risen! Христос воскрес!

Please keep healthy and safe. Let's not put each other at risk for Covid.

If you are't feeling well please stay home. Do not come to church.

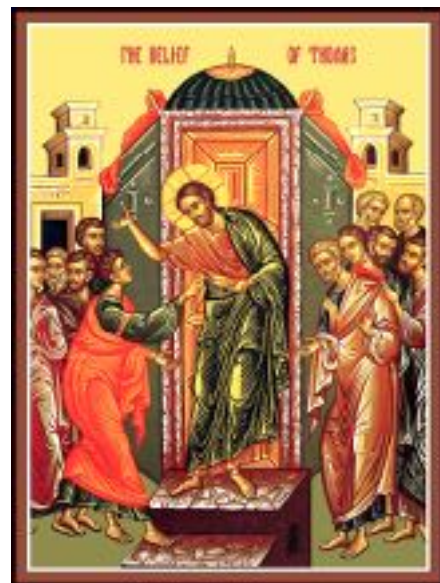
Also, our hall is closed until further notice.

Saint Thomas Sunday: Antipascha

by Fr. Thomas Hopko

Every day during the week of Easter, called Bright Week by the Church, the paschal services are celebrated in all their splendor. The Easter baptismal procession is repeated daily. The royal gates of the sanctuary remain open. The joy of the Resurrection and the gift of the Kingdom of eternal life continue to abound. Then, at the end of the week, on Saturday evening, the second Sunday after Easter is celebrated in remembrance of the appearance of Christ to the Apostle Thomas "after eight days" (Jn 20.26).

It is important to note that the number eight has symbolical significance in both Jewish and Christian spiritual tradition. It signifies more than completion and fullness; it signifies the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come since seven is the number of earthly time. The sabbath, the seventh day, is the blessed day of rest in this world, the final day of the week. The "first day of the week," the day "after Sabbath"; stressed in all of the gospels as the day of Christ's Resurrection (Mk 16.1, Mt 28.1, Lk 24.1, Jn 20.1, 19), is therefore also "the eighth day," the day beyond the confines of this world, the day which stands for the life of the world to come, the day of the eternal rest of the Kingdom of God (see Heb 4).



The Sunday after Easter, called the Second Sunday, is thus the eighth day of the paschal celebration, the last day of Bright Week. It is therefore called the Antipascha, and it was only on this day in the early church that the newly-baptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world.

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THOMAS SUNDAY, continued...

In the Church services the stress is on the Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ and the significance of the day comes to us in the words of the gospel:

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" (Jn 20.27-29).

We have not seen Christ with our physical eyes nor touched His risen body with our physical hands, yet in the Holy Spirit we have seen and touched and tasted the Word of Life (1 Jn 1.1-4), and so we believe.

At each of the daily services until Ascension Day we sing the Easter Troparion. At each of the Sunday services beginning with Antipascha, we sing the Easter canon and hymns, and repeat the celebration of the "first day of the week" on which Christ rose from the dead. At all of the liturgies the epistle readings are taken from the Book of Acts telling us of the first Christians who lived in communion with the Risen Lord. All of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Saint John, considered by many to be a gospel written particularly for those who are newly-baptized into the new life of the Kingdom of God through death and new birth in Christ, in the name of the Holy Trinity. The reason for this opinion is that all of the "signs"—as the miracles in Saint John's Gospel are called—deal with sacramental themes involving water: wine and bread. Thus, each of the Sundays after Thomas Sunday with the exception of the third, is dedicated to the memory of one of these "signs."

Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum and Disciple of Saint John the Theologian

The Hieromartyr Antipas, a disciple of the holy Apostle John the Theologian (September 26), was bishop of the Church of Pergamum during the reign of the emperor Nero (54-68).

During these times, everyone who would not offer sacrifice to the idols lived under threat of either exile or execution by order of the emperor. On the island of Patmos (in the Aegean Sea) the holy Apostle John the Theologian was imprisoned, he to whom the Lord revealed the future judgment of the world and of Holy Church.

"And to the angel of the Church of Pergamum write: the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. I know where you live, where the throne of Satan is, and you cleave unto My Name, and have not renounced My faith, even in those days when Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwells" (Rev 2:12-13).

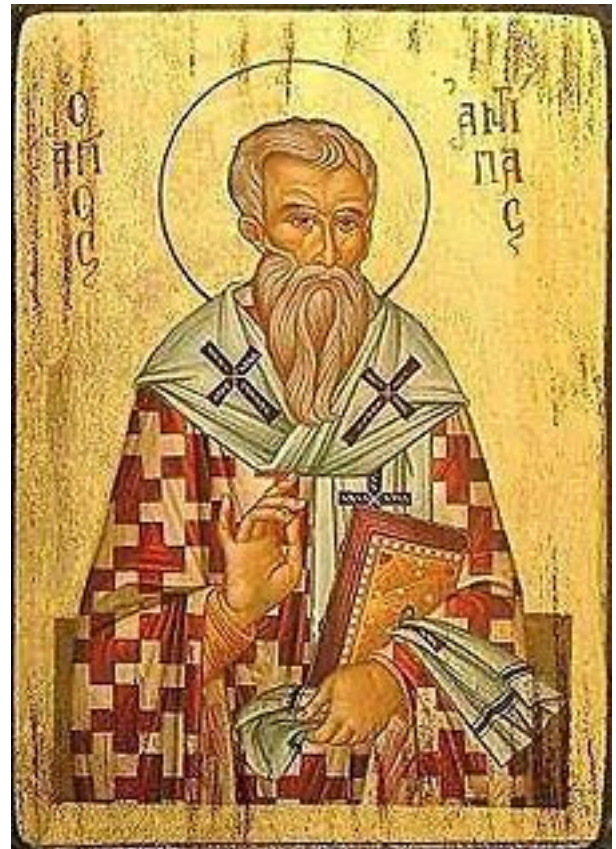
By his personal example, firm faith and constant preaching about Christ, Saint Antipas began to turn the people of Pergamum from offering sacrifice to idols. The pagan priests reproached the bishop for leading the people away from their ancestral gods, and they demanded that he stop preaching about Christ and offer sacrifice to the idols instead.

Saint Antipas calmly answered that he was not about to serve the demons that fled from him, a mere mortal. He said he worshiped the Lord Almighty, and he would continue to worship the Creator of all, with His Only-Begotten Son, and the Holy Spirit. The pagan priests retorted that their gods existed from of old, whereas Christ was not from of old but was crucified under Pontius Pilate as a criminal. The saint replied that the pagan gods were the work of human hands and that everything said about them was filled with iniquities and vices. He steadfastly confessed his faith in the Son of God, incarnate of the Most Holy Virgin.

The enraged pagan priests dragged the Hieromartyr Antipas to the temple of Artemis and threw him into a red-hot copper bull, where usually they put the sacrifices to the idols. In the red-hot furnace the martyr prayed loudly to God, imploring Him to receive his soul and to strengthen the faith of the Christians. He went to the Lord peacefully, as if he were going to sleep (+ ca. 68).

At night Christians took the body of the Hieromartyr Antipas, which was untouched by the fire. They buried him at Pergamum. The tomb of the hieromartyr became a font of miracles and of healings from various sicknesses.

We pray to the Hieromartyr Antipas for relief from toothache, and diseases of the teeth.



- Please pray for several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Katie, Jean, Edward, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann, Louis & Rosa Maria.
- Happy birthday to Catherine Bawol, Stella Benko, Jordan Schabel, Donald Kwas and Lilian Gregory who all celebrate their birthdays this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.

Dormition Parish Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>II</p> <p>Second Sunday after Pascha. Thomas Sunday; the Holy Priest-Martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamos in Asia (81-96);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 5:12-20; • John 20:19-31 <p>10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng</p> <p>Catherine Bawol's Birthday</p>	<p>I2</p> <p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parios (741-75);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 3:19-26; • John 2:1-11 <p>6 pm Youth Commission Meeting</p>	<p>I3</p> <p>The Holy Priest-Martyr Artemon and those with him (284-305);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 4:1-10; • John 3:16-21 <p>5 pm ? Camp Oselia Fundraiser Meeting</p> <p>Stella Benko's and Jordan Schabel's Birthdays</p>	<p>I4</p> <p>Our Holy Father Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655); the Newly Revealed Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius (1342);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 4:13-22; • John 5:17-24 <p>1 pm Baptismal Prep</p> <p>Donald Kwas's Birthday</p>	<p>I5</p> <p>The Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus (54-68);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 4:23-31; • John 5:24-30 <p>7 pm Camp Oselia Society AGM</p>	<p>I6 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Virgins and Martyrs Agapia, Irene and Chionia (284-305);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 5:1-11; • John 5:30-6:2 <p>4 pm Recording of the weekly Divine Liturgy</p> <p>7 pm Young Adults Meeting (Arabic)</p> <p>Lilian Gregory's Birthday</p>	<p>I7</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Simeon of Persia (341); the Venerable Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (431-50);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 5:21-33; • John 6:14-27 <p>Editing, Formatting, Publishing, and generally getting ready for Sunday.</p>
<p>I8</p> <p>Third Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Tone 2; our Venerable Father John, Disciple of Gregory the Decapollitan (c. 842);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 6:1-7; • Mark 15:43-16:8 <p>10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy bilingual Arabic / Eng</p>	<p>I9</p> <p>Our Venerable Father John the Ancient Hermit (c. 800);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60; • John 4:46-54 <p>Tasha Orysiuk's Birthday</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas; Holy Anastasius of Mt. Sinai (686);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 8:5-17; • John 6:27-33 <p>Nola Sokolowski's Birthday</p>	<p>21</p> <p>The Holy Priest-Martyr Januarius and Those with Him (305-11); the Holy Martyr Theodore of Pergia (138-61);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 8:18-25; • John 6:35-39 <p>10 am Clergy Conference</p> <p>1:30 pm Appointment</p> <p>7 pm PPC Meeting (Online)</p> <p>Julianna Bryson's Birthday</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Our Venerable Father Theodore of Syceum (613);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 8:26-39; • John 6:40-44 <p>1 pm Eparchial Youth Ministry Meeting</p> <p>Johnathan Sharek's and Iris Kitchner's Birthdays</p>	<p>23 🐟</p> <p>The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 8:40-9:19; • Acts 12:1-11; • John 6:48-54; • John 15:17-16:2 <p>4 pm Recording of the weekly Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6 pm Jr. Elementary Youth Meeting (Eng)</p> <p>7 pm Sr. Elementary Youth Meeting (Eng)</p> <p>8 pm Teen Youth Meeting (Eng)</p> <p>(speak to Fr. Bo or Rym for details)</p> <p>Simon Pryma's Birthday</p>	<p>24</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Sabbas Stratelates ("the General") (364-78);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 9:20-31; • John 15:17-16:2 <p>Editing, Formatting, Publishing, and generally getting ready for Sunday.</p>

Changeable Parts for Today's Divine Liturgy!

April II; Second Sunday of Pascha. Thomas Sunday; the Holy Priest-Martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamos in Asia (81-96)

Troparion: While the tomb was sealed, O Christ God, You dawned as life from the sepulchre, and while the doors were shut, You came to Your disciples, the Resurrection of all, renewing a right spirit in us through them, according to Your great mercy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

Prokeimenon, Tone 3

Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to our God.

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20 (NRSV)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life."

Alleluia verses:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God our Saviour.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 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."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 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 have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Hymn to the Mother of God

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.* Praise your God, O Sion.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling Death by death,
and to those in the tombs giving life!**

And to us he has granted life eternal;* we bow down before his resurrection on the third day.